

Reporting Meeting of June 11, 2018

Calendar of Events

Last Week: June 5: No meeting-parade and golf tournament

This Week: June 11: Work Night

Next Week: June 18: Club Changeover-guest night

Coming Up: June 25: Anchor Diamond Work Night

July 2: No meeting

Attendance: Rotarians: 25 Guests 3

Invocation: Dan Stec

Note: Regular meetings are held Monday Evenings at 6:00 PM in the William E. Sewell Memorial Room at the Ballston Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Upcoming work parties are scheduled at Anchor Diamond Park. Silas will email the details. The goal is to have the kiosk completed 6/25, prior to the archeological dig 6/30.
- No meeting July 2 due to Fourth of July holiday week.
- July 9: BOD meeting 5:00pm followed by club assembly.
- Bylaws and Constitution will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and then distributed to the club for review.
- The post of Sergeant-at-arms has not been filled in recent years. Mike Brewster was immediately nominated and elected by acclamation.
- Any nominations for Rotarian of the Year or Citizen of the year should go to Paul L. immediately.
- The club participated in the BH Community Flag Day Parade. Many thanks to Mike and his wife Doreen for decorating a beautiful float. Many thanks to the anonymous donor who paid for everyone's dinner at the Pig n Whistle after the parade.



- The Pennington Golf Tournament was held Saturday with perfect weather and a grand time was had by all. Preliminary profit is approximately \$1450.
- Per the wishes of long time member Bill McClary, no memorial tree will be planted. The Board of Directors has approved a \$500 donation to

SUNY Empire State College-Academy for Lifelong Learning in which

Bill was very active as education was his passion right up until his death. If anyone wishes to make a personal donation which will be added to the club donation may do so by making the check to BHBL Rotary. On 6/28 Gini will be meeting with Shirley McClary and a representative from the college.

- Beth attended the High School Senior Awards night and read the biographies of the students who were awarded the Jack and Mary Wolfe Scholarship, the Pennington Education Scholarship and the Rotary Citizenship Scholarship to the club members present.
- Laura announced that 10 students from Niekirk, the Netherlands, will be visiting Schenectady in the near future. Anyone interested in helping out please contact Laura.
- Happy Dollars were collected by Mike Brewster with his usual humor.

Clean Water for Haiti

Kathi Leigh from Ballston Spa Rotary and Courtney Moore and Jim Hurley from Schenectady Rotary spoke about their recent trip to Haiti to provide 100 "stand water cleaning systems", each serving 35-40 people. In addition they began making arrangements for the construction of permanent water pumping/chlorination plant that will serve the 30,000 people living in a town built on a dirt-covered garbage dump.

A brief history of Haiti was given, from colonization wiping out the native population to recent anarchy due to politics and the devastation of the 2010 earthquake. There is little healthcare and a high infant mortality rate. Water borne illnesses are rampant. The Haitian people are proud, industrious, and value education. In the rural areas they have small farms and home based work.

Schenectady Rotary has been bringing "stand water filters" to Haiti for fifteen years and the setups have brought clean water to 24,000 people. A larger project has been proposed, using solar power as well as the limited available electricity to power a water pumping/chlorinating station at a natural well. The well is currently contaminated with bacteria although the people use it for washing, bathing and if needed, drinking. During their stay the contingent met with local authorities and community leaders. They reached out to local Haitian Rotary clubs to begin planning and making contacts with those who will help construct the plant. Ongoing fundraising and grant writing will fund the project.



Reported by Beth Brownell

Serve with us. The world is waiting.

June Set Up: Paul L., Bob Y., Tom B.

Clean Up: Gregg S., Mike B., Mary A., Jon C.

Greeter: our new Sargant at Arms, Mike B.