

Reporting Meeting of July 9, 2018

Calendar of Events

Last Week: No meeting – July 4th week
This Week: Recap of Rotary International Convention
Next Week: Colleen Smith, Director BL Community Library
Coming Up: 7/23 Member vote on Constitution and Bylaws
7/30 Picnic at Charlton School (guest night)
Attendance: Rotarians: 22 Guests: 0
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.
Please give suggestions for future programs to Silas Schrader

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Beth Brownell called her first meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Y. led us in America the Beautiful.
- News from the Board: The Board approved the budget; a Corporate Membership Program; and the Constitution/Bylaws revision. Jon will email the revisions for a 7/23 vote.
- President Elect Silas noted that kiosk work at Anchor Diamond Park at Hawkwood was complete. See Gini's photo collage.
- Darlene asked for volunteers for the Thanksgiving Centerpiece fundraiser, to meet at 5:15 on 7/16.
- President Beth advised the Holiday Giving donation has been disbursed to students and families identified by BH-BL Schools.
- Thank you notes received: Ben Brousseau, recipient of the Wolfe Scholarship; Doreen Brewster, for flowers sent.
- The Board tentatively agreed to a Chicken BBQ fundraiser to take place 9/22. Silas and Gregg are coordinating.
- Dues are due!



- Happy Dollars were collected by Past-President Jon.
- Peter Parker announced \$1650 was collected for the Empire State Foundation in honor of Bill McClary.
- President Beth presented Dan Stec with Paul Harris Fellow #8. Beth received her first Paul Harris Fellow, gifted by her husband Tom.
- President Beth attended the District changeover brunch. DG Tammy Heckenberg's motto is "Be the Inspiration", asking members to have an attitude of gratitude and conduct a service project helping the elderly.

Program: Rotary International Convention Toronto, ON, Canada

President Beth and Tom Brownell and Dan Stec attended the RI Convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Morning events included general sessions, speakers such as Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau, Laura Bush and fellow Rotarians, various ceremonies, and discussions about projects large and small. The House of Friendship housed numerous booths, for RAGS and Fellowships. RAGS are Rotary Action Groups, comprised of Rotarians and non-Rotarians working on a specific problem and available to us as needed. The Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotarians focusing on fun topics such as golf, yachting, stamp collecting, RVing, and more.

Afternoons consisted of break-out sessions focusing on membership, public image, grants, club flexibility, financial topics, 6 areas of focus.

Evenings presented opportunities for social events and connecting with peers. The World Cup was televised on a large screen and it was interesting and enjoyable to see so many cultures watching and cheering. District 7190 hosted an evening at a Toronto pub, Elephant and Castle, attended by nearly 100 people from the district.



Short-term Goals of the BH-BL Rotary Club by Pres. Beth

- Corporate Membership Pilot Program – let's start talking with local businesses and organizations to drive membership for the good of the club and community.
- Conduct a Community Needs Assessment to establish an ongoing service project (monthly or weekly). Tom and Beth are seeking volunteers to help.
- Support our new fundraising initiatives.
- Evaluate our existing fundraisers and determine how we make them better.
- Create a working group for the Apple Pie Festival to determine how we attract a spectrum of guests more representative of the community, and collect OPM (other people's money). The two obstacles to this are the date (school night) and location (non-polling place.) Please see Gregg if you wish to help.
 - Remember that change is inevitable and necessary. Let's have a fun and productive Rotary year!

Service above self



Reported by Darlene Bower

July Set up: Ken Crotty, Bill Lonergan, Pete Parker - Clean Up: Darleen Bower, Suzette Stewart, Fred Baily, Steve Caine - Greeter - Mike Brewster, Sargent at Arms