

Reporting Meeting of Aug 27, 2018

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 8/27 Crossroads Center for Children-Vicki Ramotar

This Week: 9/3 Labor Day, No Meeting

Next Week: 9/10 BOD Meeting, Club Assembly

Coming Up: 9/22 Chicken BBQ

Arttendees: 23 Rotarians, 7 Guests

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 led the Pledge, we sang America the Beautiful, recited the Four Way Test and Dan gave a thoughtful invocation.



- Paul L. provided an update on the Apple Run and requested Rotarians post and distribute posters and applications
- Ken needs 20 + volunteers for 5K road monitors
- Gregg S. addressed the Sep 22 Chicken BBQ at Jenkins Park. It will run 3:00-5:00. "We need all the volunteers we can get". Gregg was praised for his initiative in developing this new fund raiser.

- There were numerous expressions of gratitude to the Whetten's for the annual picnic at their home.



- Pres. Beth encouraged the membership to help send off the doctor we helped sponsor to go to Bangladesh. If you can, please show up at the Rensselaer Train Station before 11:30, Fri., Oct 12.
- Mike Brewster cheerfully collected Happy Dollars.

- Mike B. introduced our new Rotarian, Emily Hollister - welcome!

Cross Roads Center for Children Vicki Ramotar

Vicki gave us an extremely informative presentation on the mission, vision, philosophy and history of Cross Roads. It included and extensive description of Autism, "Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)" and positive behavior supports.

The first portion of the presentation showed the positive, happy, and normal development of Vicki's and Darlene's boys, which provided a graphic backdrop of the differences between normal, and less fortunate children that are within the Autism spectrum.

Cross Roads deals with special needs children between the ages of 2-12 years. It draws it students from throughout the region, and is the only local organization of its type that uses the scientific ABA approach, which is based on significant data collection and analysis in order to tailor the latest individualized interventions. The ABA programs and services provided are administered by licensed professionals, and cover every imaginable discreet element that make up a child's emotional, intellectual and behavioral skill sets.

Cross Roads gets some of its funding from the State Education Department. School Districts pay tuition for children sent there because of special needs that cannot be handled in a public school. Day care and the Nursery school are on a parent pay for service basis. With all that said, there is not enough money to keep the program going without fund raising.

A lively Q&A followed Vicki's presentation!

Unfortunately, there is not enough room on these pages to adequately describe this wonderful, comprehensive program. For further information please go to www.crossroadcenter.org. We thank Vicki for an outstanding presentation!!



("Mug" shot of Pres. Beth and Vicki)

Serve With Us the World Is Waiting

Reporting by Steve Caine

September Set Up: Paul L., Bob Y., Tom B. Clean up: Gregg S., Mary A., Jon C. Greeter: Mike B.