

## Reporting Meeting of October 15, 2018

### Calendar of Events

**Last Week:** Oct 8: No meeting Columbus Day  
**This Week:** Oct 15: Patrick McGrath, upcoming bond vote  
**Next Week:** Oct 22: DG Tammy Heckenberg  
**Coming Up:** Nov 6: Apple Pie Festival O'Rourke Middle School  
**Attendance:** Rotarians: 19 Guests: 0  
**Invocation:** Dan Stec offered the invocation

**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

- Gregg gave an update of the Apple Pie Festival: tickets will be available soon; door prize request letters will be mailed to businesses not visited by club members, sign up sheet was circulated; Chris Nyhan will be asked to emcee; Beth and Gregg will visit the MS kitchen to determine set up; big road sign will be modified and a new location found for it, as the traditional spot is not available; Marigold Accessories will be selling gifts, i.e.- hats, gloves jewelry etc-20\$ of sales go to the club; Women's Club will be selling cookbooks.
- Our newest member, Lisa Rice was introduced. We welcome you and look forward to working together!
- Roadside cleanup, originally scheduled for Sat Oct 20 is postponed. Jon will update.
- Thanksgiving centerpiece orders are coming in. Darlene will visit the Glenville Rotary club this Friday.
- DG Tammy will be meeting with the BOD next Monday at 5:30pm ahead of the regular meeting.
- Mike collected Happy Dollars with his usual good humor.

Serve with us. The world is waiting.



### Patrick McGrath, Superintendent BHBL CSD

Patrick McGrath presented an overview of the items on the bond issue being voted on Tuesday 10/23 at the high school. Newsletters had been sent to district residents detailing the 'Building Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Century II' plans and a forum was held outlining the details. This forum was streamed live and is available for viewing on the district website. The review committee, all stakeholders in the community, spent a year touring spaces and hearing from staff before prioritizing projects. Median tax increase will be \$68, phased in over 5 years. This does not include STAR adjustments and the sale of the Jenkins Rd. property will be put toward the cost. NYS will pay for a big part as well. School taxes have been pacing with or have been just below inflation, even with all the projects from the 2013 bond issue.

There are four areas of work proposed:

1. Continuing to update classrooms to 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. Currently 1/3 of the classrooms are completed. Projects include removing asbestos, replacing heating units, installing efficient lighting as well as technology upgrades.
2. MS safety/security-create secure vestibule/entry, classroom up-grades, update tech/shop/consumer science areas, which are 50 years old.
3. HS auditorium, which is used by all students in the district for concerts, plays, assemblies, and by outside groups as well. Increase stage size, replacing sound dispersion materials, stage curtain, sound and lighting equipment and building a balcony so that all high school students can sit in the auditorium at one time.
4. Critical infrastructure needs- especially the bus garage which was put to use in 1957. Busses are inspected monthly and the building is too small to handle the bus size and number of busses. Students will also be able to learn diesel mechanics.

Reported by Beth Brownell

October Set Up: Ken Crotty, Bill Lonergan, Pete Parker Clean Up: Darlene Bower, Suzette Stewart, Fred Bailly GREETER: Sarg at Arms Mike & Garry M.