

## Reporting Meeting of November 19, 2018

### **Calendar of Events**

**Last Week:** Nov 12: Club Assembly

**This Week:** Nov 19: Kelly Stewart Town of Ballston Council

**Next Week:** Nov 26: TBD; Rotary Festival of Trees Up!

**Coming Up:** Dec 3: No meeting-Tree lighting/Concert Dec 4

**Attendance:** Rotarians: 24 Guests: 2

**Invocation:** Beth Brownell 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**

- Guests: PDG Anne Cargile, Joseph Denning DDS
- Dan has 'Be the Inspiration' pins, motto for this year, brought by DG Tammy. If you would like one, see Dan.
- Contact Gregg if you would like to participate in the Wreaths Across America 12/7 at Saratoga National Cemetery.
- Contact Gregg if you would like to help BS Rotary at their annual Christmas tree sale at Curtis Lumber. They are open daily 10-8 and they need weekend help.
- Holiday party 12/10 at 6pm, dinner at 7pm; \$45 per person. See email Silas sent on 11/13 for menu choices. Email Silas with menu choices and dietary restrictions. We need a minimum of 40 people so feel free to bring guests.
- The nominating committee is recruiting candidates for next year. If you are interested in serving on the board, become an officer, or would like to nominate someone, contact Jon, Dan, or Mike.
- Bob/Ken reviewed arrangements for the tree lighting and concert 12/4. 6-6:30p arrive at the Library to keep parking spots open in front of the tree and crowd control. Library will raffle a quilt. Mike will escort Santa. Pete and Mary will be the orchestra contacts and hand out programs at the high school for the 7:30 concert.
- Please contribute to the Holiday Giving-donations to Steve Geene. Funds are used all year to aid those in need who are identified by the school district.
- Anyone wishing to help on the finance committee getting underway after Jan 1, contact Gregg.

- Mary gave updates on Linda, who is in Mexico helping her father who had a stroke, followed by pneumonia, Garry who is making slow improvement and she asked that we keep Dick O'Rourke, Len Porter and Shirley McClary in our thoughts.

### **Kelly Stewart, Town of Ballston Council**

Kelly presented information on the town acquisition of Fireman's Grove. Copies of the Long Range Master Plan for Town parks were available for review. Jenkins Park, which now has its own taxing district, which limits it's funds, may come under the town. Last spring the town bought Fireman's Grove from the Ballston Lake Fire Department, funded by parks and rec fees collected when town land is developed.

Potential plans include a splash pad, funding for a new pavilion as the old one was torn down, refurbishment of the kitchen/bathrooms, clearing the pond so in the winter it can be used for skating, installation of a play yard near the pavilion. The field will be left mostly open. Perhaps a baseball diamond will be installed. It will not be turned into multiple athletic fields. The field needs to be leveled and groomed. Installation of an amphitheater in the hillside on the far side of the park is another idea. There will be coordination with the school district for bike/walking/running paths to connect to Stevens School. It will improve safety for those who are now running alongside Lakehill Rd and Rt146A on their way to the bike path next to Carneys.

What projects are done, and what order, depends on the affordability and will be phased in. The process is in the early stages with landscape architects currently working on it. Once costs are firmed up and funding sources identified, there will be grant opportunities using municipal matching funds.

There are also opportunities for community groups like Rotary, Eagle Scout candidates etc. to participate in smaller projects. BOCES students may become involved by aiding in construction. The park will be open eit is rented. Security cameras will be installed.

The Planning Board is also working with owners of undeveloped parcels in the town to ensure future open space.

*Reported by Beth Brownell*

**Serve with us. The world is waiting.**

December setup: Paul Lewandowski, Bob Youmans, Tom Brownell Clean up: Gregg Schorr, Mke Brewster, Mary Anderson, Jon Costolo; Greeter - Mike