

Reporting Meeting of May 6, 2019

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 5/6 Seeds for Peace-Sue Johnson

This Week: 5/13 School District Budget-Dr. McGrath

Next Week: 5/20 5:30 Town in Bloom Work Parties – see Mary A.

Coming Up: 5/11 Saratoga 4H Walk a Thon 10:15 Saratoga Park
5/27 Memorial Day, No Meeting
6/8 Golf Tournament

Attendance: Rotarians: 23; Guests: 2

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Beth Brownell led the Pledge. Bob Youmans led us in singing America the Beautiful. Dan...the invocation
- Welcome new member Joe Denning!
- Kudos were provided to workers on the Community Breakfast. A committee is being formed to make the breakfast even better.
- Contact Laura or Silas for more info on the Walk a Thon.
- District Changeover, Maybe Farm, June 22, 11:00-2:00
- The BOD contributed to Amsterdam's Club 100th Anniversary event. Money raised will go to the Foundation.
- Thanks went to the crew who worked on Women's Club event.
- Tom B. noted that so far only half the club has contributed to the Foundation. We have for many years been lauded for 100% participation. It's not too late!
- Dan S. and Tom B. showed us our new Rotary banner.
- Change-over night - July 1.
- Lisa Rice is still recovering. Not too late to send a card...
- Cheryl Bach is fully recovered and is back at work.
- Mike Brewster cheerfully collected Happy Dollars.



Seeds for Peace Sue Johnson

Sue gave us an informative and inspiring presentation; one that showed what one person with a great, compassionate idea and a lot of energy can do to positively effect literally thousands of lives! We heard a very detailed description of where her seeds went, who and how they helped recipients and how her seed acquisition, distribution and marketing system worked.

Sue's journey, which led to her establishing the Non-Profit "Seeds for Peace," started when in 1998 she read about post-war Bosnians who could no longer use their home gardens for food. She decided to send them seeds, and thus this great initiative was "germinated."

Today, Sue sends seeds to 18 countries, many of them in Africa. Her donated seeds, as well as garden tools help the down trodden – orphans, refugees, widows, and survivors of domestic violence and war– to feed themselves, and to regain their human dignity. Sue has accomplished this monumental task through establishing trusted worldwide relationships through various means of communication. If there is a justifiable need, she sends seeds. Feedback is required from her on-site partners. Her seeds are donated from Lake Valley Seed, in Colorado, and Berlin Seeds in Ohio. Money for supplies and postage comes solely from donations.

With the expanding scale of her project, Sue has enlisted Linda LT.'s help and she is establishing BODs for the Non-Profit. Our own Peter Parker is going to be Treasurer. For more information on this inspiring, worthy project please check out www.seedsforpeace.org



Serve With Us the World Is Waiting

Reporting by Steve Caine

MAY Set up: Silas Schrader, Dan, Bill Wherle., Clean up: Pete Sawyer., Alec Davis, Steve Geene Greeters – The Whettens