



Calendar of Events

- Last Week:** 2/17 No Meeting – President’s Day
- This Week:** 2/24 Chad Currin – BioSoil; Hemp Farming
- Next Week:** 3/02 Service Night/ Club Assembly
- Coming Up:** 3/09: Eric McDowell - Capital District Sports Women of the Year
- 3/16 Eric Connolly – Town of Ballston Supervisor
- 3/23 Membership Team Building Event
- 3/28 BHBL Special Ed PTA 200 Special Needs Resource Expo
- 3/30 Judge Richard Sise – Court Consolidation Proposal

Meetings are held at the Ballston Town Hall at 6:15 PM
Check us out at bhblrotary.org and on Facebook

Pres. Elect Gregg opened the meeting ringing the Rotary Bell and leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Youmans led us in singing America the Beautiful, Gregg led us in reciting the 4(5) Way Test and Dan led us with the invocation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3/23 Club Membership Team Building Event. Be sure to send in your “the thing you’d be surprised to know about me” to Mary Anderson.

3/26 Rotary District 7190 Foundation Dinner @ 6 pm at the Glenn Sanders Mansion. Ticket prices: Dinner only - \$80 p/p.
“Making a Difference” ticket - \$150 p/p with \$75 going to Rotary Foundation
“Be the Inspiration” ticket - \$400 for 2 persons with \$250 to the Foundation
(Tickets available at www.Rotary7190)
All clubs are expected to donate a “gift basket”. Linda LeTendre is in charge. She plans to use products that are all locally produced. Gini is helping.

4/25 The BHBL Free Senior Citizen Prom from 5:30 – 7:30 pm in the Senior High School Cafeteria. A buffet dinner will be followed by music and dancing.

Rotary Service Committee Linda LeTendre has initiated a new program for our club that she is calling Books for Troops. She will have a carton at each of the next several meetings where we can donate paperback books, CDs and magazines for our men and women in the Services. She will deliver the filled carton(s) to a collection point in Latham. She asked Gini to create a poster to decorate the Rotary Book carton(s). The shipping cost per carton of books will be \$15.

Jon Costolo has been selected by the district to serve as District 7190 Administrative Consultant for Membership Congratulations, Jon.

Service above self.

Gregg Schorr introduced our guest speaker this week, Chad Currin, the owner of a local hemp growing company BioSoil Farm. Chad’s work history included multiple jobs in the entertainment industry and it showed in his enthusiasm and presentation. His family history also includes tobacco farming which he was able to bring his farming knowledge to the biofarming and hemp growing business to the capital region.



They started as a worm farm committed to making the best quality worm castings available anywhere in the world. They sell their premium worm castings (see photo above) to clients all over the United States. Chad even went to the one and only “Worm” school in Wisconsin and learned about how to raise worms that clean and give back the proper nitrates to the soil through their casting. These castings are the purest and best fertilizer for natural growing of plants/crops.

While they still manufacture Worm Castings and Encapsulated Worm Castings, they evolved into a controlled-environment soil based hemp farm. When New York State opened up R&D partnerships to grow hemp in New York, BioSoil Farm quickly saw the benefit and became one of the earliest Hemp R&D Companies in New York State. We at BioSoil Farm spent more than a year studying different strains of hemp for CBD, different soil structures, and nutrient systems, all in an effort to grow the highest quality organic, sustainable hemp.

Chad went on to talk about some of the benefits of CBD from hemp plants and how they grow for only CBD and not for THC. They manufacture CBD in multiple products including a powder and in tea form. They will be partnering with the Whistling Kettle in Ballston Spa to offer a few different custom flavors of tea very shortly. More info about this company can be found at www.biosoil.farm

Chad receives the coveted honorary Rotary Speakers Mug...which he can use to drink the Whistling Kettle’s new CBD teas.



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