

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Next Week 5/25 Memorial Day – No meeting
Coming Up 6/1 Bill Byrns – Shelters in Saratoga
6/8 Pat McGrath – School Budget
6/15 Scholarship winners (tentative)
6/22 tbd,
6/29 changeover

ZOOM Meetings are held 6:00 pm until further notice.
Watch your email on Monday morning for the ZOOM meeting number and password. You can use them to sign on before the meeting time to prepare to participate.

Check us out at bhblrotary.org and on Facebook

After Harper rang the bell, Silas opened our ZOOM meeting with:

“Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves” which was followed by a thoughtful and meaningful invocation by Dan Stec.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP – Mike Brewster said that he would be contacting members to let them know the total of their Happy Dollar contributions. This needs to be paid by June first.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Beth told us about the several items she has posted on Facebook, including the Rotary “code of conduct” which she recited for us.

FOUNDATION – Tom announced that 34 members have given over \$12,000 to the Rotary Foundation, a record for the club. New contributions are still coming in.



TOWN IN BLOOM – Mary reported that all of the five Town in Bloom Gardens were planted today by:

Mary Anderson, Beth and Tom Brownell Ken Crotty, Alec Davis, Steven Geene, Bill Lonergan, Dan Stec, Bill Wehrle, Gini and Rey Whetten.

Service Above Self

PROGRAM

SCENECTADY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Stacy McIlduff CFRE

President Silas read a letter from Stacy McIlduff, Vice President of Development and External Affairs at SCCC. You can read her letter on Silas’ e-mail announcing the program. In it, Stacy said that she wished we could all together enjoying a lovely dinner put on by the Culinary School students in the beautiful dining room at the college. Due to COVID-19 this had to be postponed. She stated that SCCC opened on Sept. 17, 1969 in the converted Van Curler Hotel. An award-winning video was shown, and it can be accessed in the above mentioned e-mail Silas sent out. We watched it without sound. You are urged to watch it with sound and music on line using the link in Silas’s e-mail. It is inspiring to see the progress and development of the college over 50 years. Afterward, Walt Grattidge mentioned the Rotary/SCCC Mel Bartlett Fire Science Scholarship which Walt initiated and which has been given for about 25 years. The award is named for Mel Bartlett who was our president in 1982 and who died in office.

Following the SCCC presentation, Mike Brewster happily collected Happy Dollars...with a new wrinkle. He explained that Dick Arthur had suggested instead or in addition to members telling what they are happy about, that to make things more interesting there could occasionally be a theme, such as people mentioning their favorite restaurant. There ensued a lively listing of restaurants both local and distant. Locally, those mentioned the most often were The Charlton Tavern in Charlton, Lake Ridge Restaurant in Round Lake, Marcella’s on Rt. 50, Stella’s on Lake Hill Rd. Villago’s on Lake Road and Jack’s Oyster House in Albany. Restaurants in Lake Luzern and Saratoga, along with Florida, Maine and Mexico were included in the mix. The Charlton Tavern seemed to take the honors for the restaurant mentioned most often.

Beth and Tom told us that their moving day is June 11. Together they have contributed their energies and talents on behalf of our club in countless ways, and we will miss them. *Our best wishes go with them as they begin new lives in their new home.*

Reported by Inky Fingers with photos by Dick Arthur