

### Calendar of Events

**Last Week:** 06/01 Patrick McGrath – BHBL School Budget  
**This Week:** 06/08 Bill Burns - Shelters of Saratoga  
**Next Week:** 06/15 BHBL Scholarship Awards Recognitions  
**Coming Up:** 06/22 Tovah Lisky – Junior Achievement of North Eastern NY  
06/29 Crossover Night  
07/06 District Governor Rich Griesche

**Note:** Regular ZOOM meetings are held Monday Evenings at 6:00 pm. Check your e-mail box the day of the meeting for the computer ZOOM ID# and Password, as well as the phone number you can use to phone in if using your cell phone to participate.

*Please give suggestions for future programs to Gregg Schorr*

*Find us 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”.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FOUNDATION** – Tom reported that he will update the Rotary database with their new address in Florida. He also told us that the Foundation Giving has reached an amazing \$13,985, a record breaking sum that the club can be very proud of...*and note - giving for this year is not over till the end of June!*

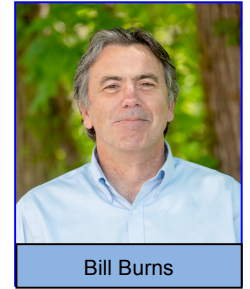
**PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Darlene spoke about the Car Parade that was held on Saturday to honor Beth and Tom, and what a great event it turned out to be...both during the parade but especially beforehand when members could actually meet and visit (with social distancing). Beth reported that she will continue to post our events on Facebook from Florida until they find a new Rotary “home”.

**HAPPY DOLLARS** – Mike led off with happy dollars following the presentation. It must be said that most of the Happy Dollars were for Tom and Beth, known as the Dynamic Duo. They were thanked for their 5 years of service to our club and for the many contributions they made during that time, especially Tom improving our web site, several foundation grants and Beth getting us a presence on Face Book among many other innovations.

Walt Grattidge mentioned he hoped they would find another club to improve.

### Program Presentation Ending Homelessness in Saratoga County Bill Burns, Deputy Executive Director Shelters of Saratoga

Bill Burns grew up in Charlton. He is a graduate of BH-BL and remembers receiving one of our Rotary Scholarships. He served in the Peace Corps and returned to our country to work in several states with the homeless. He has been working in Saratoga County since March.



He discussed the factors that lead to homelessness. Events in childhood are a big predictor. If the family is homeless, children seldom escape that trauma. Children in a homeless family lack social bonds and suffer social isolation. With limited resources, children have more events and conditions in their lives that cause lasting health issues. Once homeless, finding housing becomes a lasting problem.

In Saratoga County it is hard to find affordable housing for people with low incomes. To afford to rent in Saratoga Springs, you need to have to be earning \$25/hour. People move to an area to find work like the Track. When people lose work and cannot pay for housing there is no money for food to eat.

To manage change for a homeless person, housing is the priority. Having the use of the Holiday Inn during the COVID pandemic was a lifesaving venture. Recently a motel has been purchased with 9 units. More of this kind of action could be significant.

The power point presentation for this talk which has been sent out to the membership provides these facts in greater detail. Bill Burns ended his talk by showing and telling about Rhonda. At age 59 she had been homeless and sleeping on the porch of a local church. She had the health of a 79-year-old. By working with her and finding her housing she is now able to live enough better that she can manage her heart conditions and diabetes.

Other facts that were mentioned include last year there were 202 people in shelters and 14 unsheltered. Families are the fastest growing homeless population and accurate data is hard to collect. There are fewer homeless Veterans because government programs have been effective in helping them.

*Reported by Mary Anderson*

Serve with us. The world is waiting.