

Reporting Meeting of 15 November 2021

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 11/8 Moxxi Women's Foundation with Executive Director Leslie Swedish
This Week: 11/15 Nemece Designs with Artisan Jason Nemece
Next Week: 11/22 Saratoga Soul Brandtville Blues – Carol Daggs
Coming Up: 11/29 No Monday Meeting
11/30 **Tues.** Community Holiday Parade @ BHBL HS
12/4 **Sat.** 9 AM *Things Of My Very Own*,
Work at 249 Green Street Schenectady
12/6 Wellspring with Maggie Fronk
12/13 Holiday Party - Virtual
12/20 Ice at the North Pole with Tom Day

Note: Regular Zoom Meetings are held Mondays at 6:00 pm. Check your e-mail inbox 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 Darlene Bower and Dan Stec.

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Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves

JASON NEMEC OF NEMEC DESIGN

Jason recently purchased the old Charlton Firehouse at 786 Charlton Road. We had the joy of hearing about Jason's vision and plans for developing an artisan woodworking studio. Jason and his wife, Dana, are working to give the property new life, worthy of the history and memories of this local space.

Jason worked as a software designer for the past 13 years but during that time he was a woodworker/ furniture maker/ sculptor at night and on week ends. Working with our own Darlene Bower, Jason was able to purchase the firehouse. Jason and Dana's vision for the firehouse is to build an artisan woodworking studio, where things are made one-at-a-time, by hand, out of local/reclaimed materials whenever possible.

Jason showed us some of the products he is currently creating. First, a tack box, researched to be light weight, made of Eastern pine and sized with use in mind. Next we saw a chair designed from a traditional, historic English/Welch model. Jason showed us a Kinara or candle holder used in kwansaa ceremonies and requested by Jason's Attorney.

We had a virtual tour with Jason describing the work in progress. We saw a floor plan which will include a teaching space. There was intrigue about the old fire siren. Jason told about receiving not just the key to the property but a box of keys that volunteer firemen are still turning in. He said the siren has been turned off but just maybe when they officially open we will hear the siren.

There were many positive remarks made and comments about relationships of mutual connections. Rey and Gini learned that the Nemececs are living in the home of wonderful old friends. Maryellen and Mary suggested the potential relationship to be made with teachers teaching woodworking and design. Dan plans to introduce Jason to Harry Cargile, District Rotarian Anne's husband. We look forward the success of this new community venture. Thank you, Jason and Dana for your presentation.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Maryellen thanked Rey and Gini for the many, regular deliveries they have made to Galway for Operation Hunger. Darlene volunteered to take the food this week. With the Whetten's Winter departure, future volunteers will be needed.
- November 18 will be the Rotary Foundation Dinner. Our club will be well represented. Thank you to Silas and Schrader Co. for assembling a basket for the silent auction at the event.
- See the upcoming schedule listed on at the beginning. Great programs are scheduled. It was announced that the Dec.13 Holiday Party will be virtual again this year. Santa's helper, Linda, will be sending an email to the membership with party details.
- Don't forget the walking tour of Anchor-Diamond Preserve led by Rick Reynolds this Saturday, Nov. 20.
- Sign up to work at the Things of My Very Own on Saturday, Dec. 4.
- Plan to be present on Tuesday, Nov. 30, when we will join with the BPA to hold the second annual Holiday Drive Through at BH-BL High School. Mike discussed our role and requested help from club members with set up starting at 4 PM.
- A summary of the discussion at the November Club Assemblies has been emailed to the membership.
- The Interact Club has sent a report of accomplishments to date which includes successes like raising \$5057 for families in need. They circulated a petition asking for a crosswalk on Kingsley Rd. and Lakehill. We could help with that idea.

Reported by Mary Anderson