

## Reporting Meeting of 14 February 2022

### Calendar of Events

**Last Week:** 2/7 Rotary Alive with DG 6990, Joe Schumacker

**This Week:** 2/14 Paws in Paradise, Alice Berke

**Next Week:** 2/21 Presidents' Day – No Meeting

**Coming Up:** 2/28 Metrofix, Combative Comeback of a Company Town, William Patrick

**Note: Regular Zoom Meetings are held Mondays at 6:30 pm, effective 1/1/2022.** 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 & Dan Stec.  
Find us at bhblrotary.org and on Facebook*

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

### Paws in Paradise - Alice Berke

Alice Berke has started an organization to save old dogs and cats, animals that may have been abused, animals that have a serious health issue. She is passionate about saving these animals from being euthanized. She spoke about how her first foster dog who was blind, deaf, had just delivered a litter of puppies and was ill with an infection... provided her with joy as she saw the dog show happiness for the care Alice provided.

Alice recently retired as a lawyer and after caring for this first foster animal, she has created this not-for-profit organization. She currently has 7 dogs and 2 cats and would plan on taking up to 10. The dogs need to be under 40 lbs. They are not put in kennels but given space in her home. They are named and fed in a systematic manner.

She is on Facebook and a part of a network of caring humans.

She would accept donations and volunteer help.

Happy Valentine's Day!

### CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

- District Governor Bruce McConnelee and his wife, Lorraine were present at our meeting as guests. Bruce announced that our **Gregg Schorr** has been chosen by the District Nominating Committee as the next District Governor Nominee! We enjoyed congratulating Gregg and wishing him the best and all of our support.
- *As an aside, we learned that magical things happen in Gil's parking lot.*
- **Operation Hunger** - keep food donations coming. Ray Callanan has become the designated delivery boy.
- Work at **Stomping Grounds Camp** – Saturday, Pete Sawyer, Pete Parker, Mary, Cindy and Dan worked with Laura Keirgel, Co-Founder and Executive Director, to mail T Shirts to the campers enrolled in this summer's program. The motto for the camp program is "Inspiring Radical Empathy".
- We will be doing some additional projects at the camp this Spring.
- Darlene presented a new "**Membership Subsidy**" program. It is open to prospective and existing members who find the cost of membership a barrier to joining or remaining in the club. It is on record as clearly defined. Contact Membership Chair for more details.
- At President Dan's request, Mary prepared a summary of our accomplishments year-to-date for the District Historian. Darlene will include the report in her weekly email. We have accomplished a lot!
- It was announced that Melissa Ward, District Rotarian and website guru, has been contacted to work with us on updating our website.
- A committee has started work with the Town of Ballston on the northeast corner of Rt. 50 and Lakehill Road. They will be working on a potential grant that could provide funding for the improvements there.
- Best Buddies Walk Friendship Walk – April 10 at Crossgates Mall. Darlene is leading a team of our members.
- Drive Thru Dinner Date – May 18. Our next fund raiser.
- Dues are Due! Follow up with Treasurer Steve.

*Reported by Mary Anderson*