

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 7/6 District Governor Visit – Rich Griesche
This Week: 7/13 Club Assembly – Fund Raising
Next Week: 7/20 Hallie McKinnon – Black Lives Matter
Coming Up: 7/27 Walter Thorne – Black Lives Matter
8/3 Maria/Alex – Saratoga PLAN
8/29 Golf Tournament, Holland Meadows

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, meetings are currently virtual, held on Zoom at 6 PM; link provided by email that day.

*Please give suggestions for future programs to Dan Stec
Find us at bhblrotary.org and on Facebook*

Announcements

President Gregg opened the meeting with a welcome and a statement of Rotary's Vision, "*Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.*"

Due to a schedule change there was no outside speaker. The opportunity was taken to use the meeting as a Club Assembly focusing on the important topic of fund raising to support the club's charitable activities.

Participants were reminded that semi-annual dues of \$80 became due on 1 July. They can be mailed to Treasurer Steve Geene or dropped off at Mike Brewster's office at Gil's Garage.

The Four-Way Test was recited.

Mike Brewster collected Happy Dollars with his usual amusement and enthusiasm, mentioning that he has emailed out Happy Dollar statements covering recent meetings.

Dick Arthur said that he has concerns about the hydrocodone given him in advance of hand surgery. There was general agreement that it is good to avoid the stuff if possible.

Serve with us. The world is waiting.

Fund-Raising Brain-Storming Session

The club's fund raisers provide the money needed for our support of charitable organizations in our community. In addition, they benefit the club through cooperation, fellowship and personal satisfaction. The Covid-19 pandemic has increased the community need while reducing our ability to raise funds. Our pre-Covid events involved food service, large groups and close proximity of people. Ideas for Covid-compatible events were presented by President Gregg and discussed by the group. Gregg and his committee will review and come back to the club with more specific proposals.

Bottle Collection. Return of deposit bottles provides no-cost income. Concern was expressed about taking an income source away from other groups who may have established programs.

The Chicken Barbecue was introduced last year as a successor to the Rotary Breakfast. Spartan Catering has expressed interest in continuing. Details for pre-ordering, curbside pickup and cashless payment would need to be worked out. Excess inventory could be a major issue! Time of the week and year and location would need to be worked out.

The Golf Tournament is in planning now for 29 August with a rain date of 12 September. Steve Caine is at the helm.

Jon Costolo is working on the conversion of the Apple Run from a controlled to virtual event. Participants could register with Rotary, run (or walk) at their convenience, report to the club, turn in their pledges, receiving a tee shirt and completion certificate in return. There was considerable discussion regarding tee shirt procurement while avoiding overstock.

Gregg suggested a "Run 5, Donate 5, Nominate 5" event, involving no cost, no shirts and all profit.

Can the Apple Pie Festival be reinvented to be suitable for Covid?

The District has raised money with a Barrow of Booze event. The booze is donated, tickets are sold and the barrow load goes to the winner of a drawing. Might our club adapt this?

Steve Caine suggested having a Chili Cookout as practiced by his Florida club. Tickets are sold, restaurants provide their chili, the proceeds stay with the sponsoring club.

Tickets sold for a 50/50 Raffle.

Competition for the time and date the ice goes out of Ballston Lake.