

Reporting Meeting of 14 September 2020

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 9/07	Labor Day Holiday – No Meeting
This Week: 9/14	Creating-Change Redemption Center - Jesse Leffler
Next Week: 9/21	Seven Months of SARs-what we know about Covid-19 Dr. Eric Yager
Coming Up: 9/16.	Scavenger Hunt Planning Meeting Jenkins Park at 3:00 (Wednesday)
9/17.	Pints for Polio – Wolfe Hollow Brewing (Thursday)
9/28	TBD

Note: Regular ZOOM meetings are held Monday Evenings at 6:00 pm. Check your e-mail for 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 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”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The meeting opened with “The Four Way Test”.
- President Gregg reported he is going to submit the annual budget to the BOD for approval.
- He also said we netted \$2,500 from the BBQ, and that we are going to hold another one in the Spring.
- Silas reminded us about Pints for Polio this Thursday from 4:00-8:00, and noted there should be enough chairs.
- Darlene spoke about a scavenger hunt idea (virtual or in person) that she, Mary, Carolyn, and Suzette are developing that could build increased awareness of local history and businesses. It would be free to participants. The group is going to meet Wednesday, Sep 15 in Jenkins Part at 3:00 to further discuss this idea. All are welcome.
- Gini described the Books for Troops program. Paperback books and magazines are solicited; no hardcovered books. There is a drop off bin at Gil’s Garage.
- The results of the Sep 13 Golf Tourney were described. Kudos to Paul, who did an extraordinary job, Mary, Peter S., Mike, Linda, Ken and Steve for their successful contributions. ...very preliminary net result is \$3,590.

- Pres. Gregg reported we are going to participate in the Nursing Home Card Project by supporting the old Maplewood Manor and the Glendale Home. An email will follow with specifics.
- The BOD has cancelled the Apple Pie Festival for this year only.
- Dan reported that we have the second Monday in December blocked at the Charlton Tavern for the Christmas Party. The limit is 50 people. Dan will send an email asking whether you are a Yes, No or Maybe for attendance.
- Mike Brewster opened Happy Dollars with a discussion on why the limit for HD Zoom giving is now \$2.00. It is still possible when you send in your check to give more privately, if you would like. As usual, it was good to hear why people were happy.

Creating-Change Redemption Center Jesse Leffler

Jesse gave an animated talk on his company’s operations; what they do and how it works. He also talked about their “bottle-drive service.” Jesse and a partner started the business eight years ago. As well as the local operation, they have one in Rotterdam named Green-Bottle Redemption Center. Unlike most local supermarket chains, Jesse’s company redeems all five cent items covered in the NYS redemption law. NY is one of ten states that have such a law. A lot of stores just redeem bottles or cans that were acquired in their establishment. Jesse’s company gets paid for their service by product distributors.

Unlike machine redemption operations, Creating-Change personnel sort bottles and cans manually on a table, which is a lot faster, cleaner and efficient operation for the customer. They ask that all items be empty. It has been reported that is fun to bring your stuff to Creating Change and it’s nice to tip the workers.

Jesse noted that they have a Bottle-Drive Service that helps support nonprofits, teams, churches etc. An organization needs to be registered with them; they create a file and post your organization’s name on a wall so potential donors can see what organizations they might contribute to. Creating Change will hold donations made to your organization, and will notify you if your account has grown to \$500 or more. Organizations are also welcome to stop by periodically to check on the level of their account. Jesse encourage bottle drives. Members of our club suggested we set up something where we get monthly readouts of our account holdings and try to increase our bottle contributions and the level of money accumulated each month.

Overall, it was a very interesting presentation and it certainly was enthusiastically received by club members.

Reported by Steve Caine