

## Reporting Meeting of 12 October 2020

### **Calendar of Events**

**Last Week:** 10/05 Alex Capo – The Charlton School  
**This Week:** 10/12 Review of Recent BOD meeting  
**Next Week:** 10/19 Angie Silipigno – Exec. Director – Ballsfest  
**Coming Up:** 10/26 TBA;  
11/02 Alice Marcus/Lon Penna – Amazing Alice’s Story;  
11/09 Jere Blackwelder – Brookside Museum;  
11/16 Mike Saccoci - City Mission;  
11/23, 11/30 TBA;  
12/01 (Tuesday) Tree Lighting;  
12/07 TBA;  
12/14 Holiday Party (date tentative)

**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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We opened the meeting reciting **“The Five Way Test.”**

### **REVIEW OF THE MOST RECENT BOARD MEETING**

**Finance:** The 2020/2021 budget was voted on and approved.

**Mike – Membership:** Mike reported on the campaign to reach out to members who are not attending zoom meetings. The YMCA corporate membership has been discontinued. Rey mentioned speaking with Dr. Joe who says loves Rotary but that he is overwhelmed with high numbers at the dentistry and two children being schooled virtually at home. Mike noted that we must recognize that as club demographics change our service and fundraising may need to change as well.

**Darleen – Fundraising:** The district is offering “EVENT GROOVE” as a fundraising platform that will allow us to manage our fundraisers and increase success by giving electronic support to all events with ticket purchasing and much more. It

opens up the reach beyond our immediate community.

**Jon – Fundraising: The Fall Apple Walk/Run Update:** The start and finish dates will be announced soon. Members will walk/run and keep a tally of their total millage on their own. T-shirts are designed. He will order them only for those who actually register for the event, with a 2-week delay for delivery. Zippy online registration will go live this week. The cost to participate will be about \$23 and includes a neat, new Apple Run T-shirt.

**Mike – Fundraising: Polar Plunge:** Who and where? Many ideas have been discussed. Decisions are yet to be made.

**Mary – Town in Bloom fall cleanup Sat. Oct. 17 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the North sign and at 9 a.m. at the Barrels – ALL HANDS ON DECK!** Ken, Bill W. and others will remove the plants in the barrels. They and others will also remove about half of the soil in each of the 7 barrels. Bring buckets. Gregg will bring a quantity of buckets. That soil will be transported to the South Sign, added there and spread out. Bring shovels and rakes. Meanwhile, Mike, with a dump truck, will get 2 yards of compost from Agway in Ballston Spa. He will go to the barrels where workers will add compost to each barrel. Then he will take the rest to the South Sign to shovel off and fill the area. Additionally, the following TIB garden point persons need to remove the annuals.

**1.) Town Hall** – Dan and Pete. (Bring buckets to take some compost to add to planter.)

**2.) North Sign** – Mary, Steve G. and Alec remove annuals, add compost, bring buckets.

**3.) Library:** Gini and Rey will do at first frost. **Please decide if you will come to the Barrels (corner of Lake Hill and Kingsley) OR to the South Sign (on Rt. 50 just past the Tae Kwan Do, before the old Grand Union strip mall). We need everyone!** Interact and Friends of Rotary have been invited to participate. Members are urged to wear Rotary yellow T-shirts – over warm clothing. Dick A. and Gini will take photos.

**Beth/Mike - Christmas Tree Lighting and Concert:** Gregg says, “This will be a reimagined event. We need to provide some normalcy for Children.” Please read Beth’s detailed e-mail on the subject on the second page of this newsletter. She has reviewed in excellent fashion all of the moving parts of a potential tree-lighting event. Suggestions and questions from the club have been added. A lively discussion ensued. A suggestion was made that the event (with tree, Santa and music) be relocated to the High School parking lot and be handled the way

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we did the BBQ. Darlene suggested including a Food Collection for the Galway Food Pantry at Gill's Garage and the Town of Ballston Town Hall. Walter suggested adding another collection site at the Charlton Town Hall. It was decided that these collection sites will be set up. This is an event with many moving parts which will need more thought and discussion. Mike is discussing assistance from BPA. A person willing to coordinate is needed. Walter suggested engaging the INTERACT students... *elves with candy canes/gifts/candles?*

**2020 Holiday Party:** Mike and Linda will host a virtual event. It was suggested that members pick up take-out dinners from Charlton Tavern. Since the Tavern is closed on Mondays, we would need to change the date if we decided to do that. More details to come.

### **Nursing Home Card Project - Ready to Launch!**

**Gifts:** Forty-five patients have been identified to receive cards/gifts at Maplewood in Ballston Spa. Mary will deliver Marie Mosier's hand-crafted work as soon as she can make arrangements with one of the administrators.

**Care Cards:** Gini will soon have a Care Card Collection Box at Gill's Garage to collect Care Cards. Gini, Darlene and Beth have cards ready to go. As soon as we have 45 cards, we will make the first delivery. Gini will e-mail everyone when the collection box is ready for cards.

**Books for Troops:** The book bin at Gill's Garage is filled. Gini and Rey picked up the books to deliver to the collection site in Latham *only to discover that they have gone out of business!* A lively discussion ensued about where the books might go: Steve agreed to investigate how to keep the program viable. See his email of this morning. Silas told us about the Book Warehouse in Rotterdam. Laura gave information about the Schenectady Library which is accepting book donations for their book sale. The books now in the back of the Whetten car will not go into the land fill! The book bin at Gil's Garage could be exchanged for a Galway Food Collection Bin. Details to come. Stay tuned!

### **Melvin E. Bartlett, Sr. Memorial Scholarship, SUNY Schenectady:**

Walter reported that because the Fire Science course at the college has been discontinued, the scholarship is discontinued. Reimagining the scholarship, the BOD has decided to make an additional contribution of \$150 to the scholarship fund, bringing the total to \$1,000. This will be used to create two \$500 new scholarships to be given to students with associations with fire departments in Schenectady or Saratoga Counties.

### **Charlton School Donation:**

Mike will coordinate the presentation using the very long poster check which has been used in the past. This should be a nice photo op with Gregg and Alex that can be shared on Facebook.

### **INTERACT updates:**

Mary reported that Interact has donated \$500 to a local family whose mother died of cancer as they needed money for funeral expenses. Interact is also working on a campaign to raise money and collect Walmart gift cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas this year instead of having a food drive. In addition, Interact is working on donating craft supplies to Albany Medical Center's Children's Unit.

### **INDIAN MEADOWS PAVILLION:**

Silas reported that he is working on getting younger folks involved... "*workforce*" kids. The Town of Glenville will be grading the site during the next two weeks. Silas is looking for volunteers to help build the structure in November with Rotarians from the Glenville and Scotia clubs. More details will follow as they develop.

### **Beth's report re: Tree Lighting**

Someone will have to step forward to drive this event forward. The club was notified that the Music Company Orchestra would not be having their Dec. 2020 concert at the high school. They offered to supply a small group to provide music if we have an event. The Library will not be having the Santa inside portion of the event. The club BOD indicated that they would like to create a modified 2020 version of the event and brainstormed a few ideas. Beth met with the Friends of the Library and representatives of the BPA and the Library management and shared the ideas. More ideas were generated and are outlined below. None of them are complicated but require coordination between those involved.

1. Hang the lights on the tree and light the night of the event – usually Ray C. arranges.
2. Have a drive through event. Santa would be there and elves (club members, members of Friends) would bring candy canes, maybe letters from Santa etc. to passenger side of the car. Walter suggested giving out candles.
3. Santa (Jim Schultz) would have to be outside for the duration of the event. Bob Y is the contact w/Jim.
4. The Friends have offered to provide holiday decorations for the area.
5. Could local businesses be solicited to provide items to give out?

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6. Rebecca Darling, Library staff member, would present the idea to the Trustees who may need to sign off on the use of the parking lot.

7. Is traffic control needed? Traffic would enter the parking lot through the entrance, drive around the building and exit out the back. Impact of traffic on Lakehill?

8. **Publicity:** Bob Y. works with the school district on flyers to be sent home with elementary school students. New flyer would need to be created. Not all students are in school. Publicize event on the school district website?

Coordinate with the Library Facebook page as usual. Glenville Weekly, Toolbox, The usual other publicity avenues.

**Question:** does the club want to put on a simplified-drive through event that is safe for all concerned?

One or two people are needed to take on the project and work with Suzette on publicity.

Ray and Bob for their usual contributions and Mary to coordinate with the orchestra. Also to work with the Friends as outlined above.

**HAPPY DOLLARS:** collected by Mike in his own cheerful way, making this part of the meeting happy indeed, with Steve Caine (and canine pal – Winston) declaring: *“This is the little club that could.”*

*Reported by Gini Whetten with photo by Dick Arthur*



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