

Reporting ZOOM Meeting of 19 July 2021

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 7/13 Social Meet up/Tom Brownell

This Week: 7/19 Bella Wheeler – Climate Change;
Ammon Smith – Citizenship Scholar Awardee

Next Week: 7/26 Service Project night /TBD

Coming Up:

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*

Ammon Smith – Citizen Scholar Awardee

Bella Wheeler- Climate Change

We had the pleasure of hearing from two very bright young students who have recently graduated from the BHBL High School: Ammon Smith and Bella Wheeler.

Ammon was the recipient of our Citizenship Scholar Award scholarship. He was very thankful to our club and the scholarship committee for selecting him as the awardee. He gives credit to his great parents who have guided and supported him throughout his life. He is an individual who loves to serve and give back to his community. He is currently working on a project at the Hillside Cemetery where his group is cataloging the gravestones and burials into a spreadsheet for historical record keeping. He will be attending Brigham Young University in the fall and studying Industrial Design.

Ammon was a pleasure to hear from and extremely thankful to our club. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors and studies and asked him to keep us updated.

Next, we heard from Bella Wheeler who is the granddaughter of Louis Mills from the Niskayuna Rotary Club. Bella is an extremely

enthusiastic and kind-hearted individual who has a passion for the environment and combatting climate change. She talked about how we all can make a difference, even at the smallest level.

She talked about a number of climate change effects and about how the world's average temperature has increased and that the world population has become unsustainable for the earth. These changes are happening very fast in the past recent years. We are seeing more and more ecological changes in the world such as the world's oceans becoming hotter leading to coral reefs dying, migration issues for birds/animals, and even complete deaths of animals/insects as they could not adapt to rapidly changing world.

She talked about ways that we can make changes to help stop or reverse some of the damage. Most notably how we get our energy, switching from coal to more sustainable options like nuclear, wind, and solar options. She will be attending SUNY ESF and studying Environmental Biology. We wish her success as well and that we can all do our part to live more sustainably for the future generations.

List of References/Movies in presentation:

www.footprintcalculator.org - For calculating your ecological footprint/impact on the world.

Switch- Discover the Future of Energy – YouTube video on future energy options <https://youtu.be/RvaE0PFna84>

Ecosia Search browser- www.ecosia.org A search browser that plants trees with your searches.

Netflix- A Life on Our Planet- Movie on Netflix

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dan Stec, our President for the 2021-2022 year, opened our first Zoom meeting of the new year.
- Three guests were welcomed: Ammon Smith, Bella Wheeler and Louis Mills
- Linda LeTendre announced there will be a concert hosted at her house to raise funds for Seeds for Peace. There will be two local musicians performing. Cost will be \$15 per person. Date Aug 18th. See email sent out by Gregg Schorr/Linda LeTendre for full details.
- Mike Brewster moderated the expressions of happiness by each member during the Happy-Dollar portion of the meeting.

Serve with us – the world is waiting

Reported by Jonathan Costolo