

Reporting Hybrid Meeting of 13 September 2021

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 9/6 No meeting – Labor Day

This Week: 9/13 Ann Fantauzzi – Giving Circle - Africa

Next Week: 9/20 Charlton School – Alex Capo

Coming Up: 9/22 Drive Through Dinner – BHBL High School
10/4 Club Assembly – Respond to Gregg's email

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.*

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*

Ann Fantauzzi – The Giving Circle, Inc

The hybrid meeting was held both on Zoom and in person at Jenkins Park. Ann Fantauzzi of the Giving Circle spoke about the all-volunteer non-profit organization. The Giving Circle works locally with underserved families in Saratoga County. It partners with the City of Saratoga Springs to found and operate Code Blue (emergency homeless shelter). The Giving Circle works nationally by continuing rehabilitation efforts in the Gulf Coast and NYC area. Internationally, they work through The Giving Circle Africa.

Ann spoke about the work being done in Uganda to develop self-sustaining programs. Ann shared her work with helping to develop two schools in the poorest areas of Uganda. In her role as development of educational programs for the 2 village schools, she has developed a chess program. She described the significance of learning to play chess for all the children including the hearing impaired. She showed pictures of children playing inside the school and outside the school, all over their village. Competing in national contests has changed lives and given the children a chance to learn about life outside their village.

To learn more about this Local, National, International program look at: www.thegivingcircle.org. Meeting and hearing Ann's enthusiasm makes knowing more about The Giving Circle, worth consideration.

Club Announcements

- The Community Drive-Through Dinner is next Wednesday, September 22. Club members have received the dinner order form to promote with friends and neighbors. There is an opportunity to order for a hungry family. It is pre-order so get your orders made by noon, Monday, September 20. Returnable bottles and cans as well as non-perishable food items for Operation Hunger will be a part of the community dinner. Club members to help are still needed. RSVP to Darlene.
- The night of the dinner you can pick up an 8-inch mum as a part of a club project. Schenectady ARC has offered us a chance to support their program that builds marketable skills in their participants by selling or gifting a mum to family or friends. You have received an order form. However, Mary will accept your email message with number you will buy. You can pay when you pick them up at the dinner.
- The Holland Meadows Golf Benefit will be Oct. 9. Paul reports the need for more teams. Steve and Paul are leading this project.
- The Apple Run will be virtual again this year with information for follow from Jon C.
- The Charlton Road Clean-up will be held Saturday, Oct. 2 with leadership by Ken C.
- The Peace Pole project has received funding from the District and a grant from Stewarts. Plans continue. Speak with Linda to help.
- A letter of intent has been sent offering Rotary assistance with future plans for the Rt.50 Lake Hill corner.
- Town in Bloom Clean Up plans for Oct. 18 are underway.
- Remember to take Operation Hunger food donations to Gil's by Thursday noon.

Reported by Mary Anderson