#### Reporting Meeting of 21 March 2022

### **Calendar of Events**

 Last Week: 3/14 Club Assembly Hybrid via zoom and in person at Pizza Works in Burnt Hills
This Week: 3/21 ShelterBox with Larry Jones Hybrid: in person Pizza Works & on Zoom
Next Week: 3/28 Author and Veteran J.B. Stevens
Coming Up: 4/4 Attorney Pam Starsia – Estate Planning

#### **Note: Regular Zoom Meetings are held Mondays at 6:30 pm.** Check your e-mail inbox the day of the meeting for the computer Zoom link 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 & 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

# SHELTER BOX

### Larry Jones

Larry Jones introduced Shelter Box by indicating that its primary purpose is to assist families & individuals in disaster and refugee

situations. Originally Shelter Box founded in England in 2000, a partner of Rotary International, aimed at disaster relief but the world situation has changed. Now there is a significant need for immediate relief in refugee situations such as in Poland today with the Ukraine refugees.



The shelter boxes are manufactured in England and staged around the world for deployment. Their content is tailored to meet local climate conditions. A shelter box provides the necessary equipment for a family to stay together in disaster situations where shelter is needed. The tub or box contains a family tent, cooking set, water filtration container, a solar light with a USB outlet to charge a cell phone, soap & hand washing basin, shelter kit and a tool kit to repair or rebuild homes. Not only do they supply the equipment but send volunteers to help set up the tents and teach survivors how to use the equipment. The tub which contains all the equipment obviously has many uses after it is emptied. In addition, Shelter Box brings in supplies to rebuild homes. They tailor the type of aid to the situation. For example, they do not send the "shelter box" to Poland for the Ukrainian refugees. They are sending mattresses and bedding materials which is what is needed.

## **CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Dan Stec: The District Conference will be held on 29 April.
- Peter Sawyer: wood cutting project on Saturday 3/26 at Camp Stomping Grounds – 1:00 PM start
- Dan: Wine and Whiskey Sampling at Galway Rock Winery on 26 March at 6 PM. Heavy hors d'oeuvres to be served; benefits Rotary Polio program; registration \$75/person.
- Dan Stec: On 4/2 there will be a District Training Assembly which will include grant training. Two from our club must attend so we can submit grant requests.
- Shrader Construction Showcase, Wed. 4/6 @ 4:30 PM
- Darlene Bower: 4/25 Pints for Polio/Social/Guest Night @ Frog Alley Brewing in Schenectady
- Darlene: 4/10 Best Buddies walk: please join her!
- Our Community BBQ at the High School through Spartan Catering is set for May 18<sup>th.</sup>
- Mary said that the BHBL Interact club is working with a connection that can get requested medical supplies to where they are needed in Ukraine. Stand by for more info by email.

Reported by Pete Parker