

Reporting Meeting of 28 March 2022

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 3/21 ShelterBox with Larry Jones
Hybrid: in person Pizza Works & on Zoom

This Week: 3/28 Author and Veteran J.B. Stevens

Next Week: 4/4 Attorney Pam Starsia – Estate Planning

Coming Up: 4/10 Best Buddies Friendship Walk
4/11 Virologist Eric Yager
4/18 Dr. Sam Jackson from SUNY Albany

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

JB STEVENS, AUTHOR AND VETERAN

JB Stevens grew up in Atlanta, GA, and was an avid reader ever since he was a young boy. He is a graduate of The Citadel, after which he joined the Army Infantry in 2004, and was then deployed to Iraq for 15 months.



It was while he was serving in Iraq that he found out about Books for Troops. Books for Troops is an organization that collects and sends books to recovering veterans in hospitals and rehab centers all over the U.S. and abroad. When in 2020 a local chapter had to shut down, our own Rotary Club decided to step in and take over and continue the program.

When JB received a book from the BHBL Rotary Club while serving overseas, he was so grateful that he wrote to thank us. He

wanted us to know how powerful a book can be that it can take a man away from a place of pain to another place in his imagination; away from war and hospitals and the struggles of rehab. He said that the books even inspired him to want to become a writer himself. So, at the age of 38, JB began his first writings. While he describes his initial writing as “bad”, eventually his work began to get published. He writes fiction, non-fiction and poetry, weaving comedy into some of it. JB’s main writing focus now is on crime, and his goal is to be a mystery novelist. Some of his work reflects his own day-to-day life now as a U.S. Marshall.

Busy with his career and family life, JB finds little time to write, and has to be creative in carving out slices of time on his lunch hour and later in the evening. You can find out more about him and his work on his website: JB-Stevens.com.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dan Stec: The District Conference will be held on 29 April.
- Peter Sawyer: Cubbie assembly project on Saturday 4/2 at Camp Stomping Grounds – 1:00-4:00pm
- Melissa Ward continues to work on redesigning our website. Coming along great.
- Dan: Wine and Whiskey Sampling at Galway Rock Winery was well attended, with 40 to 50 people from the district.
- District Gov. Bruce McConnelee is leading workdays at STEP in Glenville: 3/30, 4/1 and 4/3
- 4/23 Charlton clean-up day. 9am till noon
- Operation Hunger is in need of donations, even small ones.
- Shrader Construction Showcase, Wed. 4/6 @ 4:30 PM in Amsterdam. Scotia Rotary is also hosting a BBQ that eve.
- Darlene Bower: 4/25 Pints for Polio/Social/Guest Night @ Frog Alley Brewing in Schenectady.
- 4/11 Interclub Dinner at The Turf.
- Darlene: 4/10 Best Buddies walk: please join her!
- Our Community BBQ at the High School through Spartan Catering is set for May 18th.
- Ended with a round of Happy Dollars

Reported by Cindy Peterson