

Reporting Hybrid Meeting of 6 February 2023

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 1/30 Social meeting at the Speckled Pig, Ballston Spa

This Week: 2/6 Jennifer Frame, Stewarts Corporation
Hybrid Ballston Town Hall and Zoom

Next Week: 2/13 Dinner & social meeting at Camp Stomping Ground

Coming Up: 2/20 Presidents' Day, no meeting

Note: Regular 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.

Note: Many Meetings are hybrid with an in-person option.

Please give suggestions for future programs to Darlene Bower & Peter Sawyer.

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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

Stewart's Giving – Jennifer Frame

Stewart's Shops is an American chain of 350+ convenience stores located primarily in eastern upstate New York and southwestern Vermont, owned by the Dake family and the employees through an employee stock ownership plan. Our speaker, Jennifer Frame (to right) is the firm's Director of Corporate Philanthropy.

In 2022, Stewart's Shops/Dake Family had a goal to donate \$9 million. Stewart's Shops and the two related family foundations to each donate \$3 million to thousands of local charities. The total includes the Holiday Match Program in which Stewart's matches all customer donations made in its shops from Thanksgiving Day through Christmas Day. The 2022-2023 match raised over \$2 million for local children's organizations. Stewart's customers impressively donated over \$1 million to the program. Each individual donation was matched penny for penny by Stewart's Shops. There are no administrative costs and 100% of the funds benefit local, non-profit children's organizations.



Stewart's supports organizations within its market area that focus on meeting the changing needs of recipients rather than perpetuating the status quo. They have an interest in the area of kids, their recreation and education. They do not support adult recreation groups. They value extensive volunteer support and minimum fund-raising costs, avoiding organizations that are already tax supported or have a large amount of overhead. They avoid cause-related and religious organizations, as they feel these are a matter for an individual's preference and conscience. Supported communities have more than enough specific needs, so Stewart's give to those providing a service, as opposed to those supporting a cause, contributing dollars for people rather than animals. They support local organizations that may not have as broad a base of funding or have the wide-spread emotional appeal of national health organizations. They refrain from secondary giving in which funds are given to someone, so they can in-turn give to someone else. Donations are not made directly to individuals.

On her departure, Jennifer distributed Stewart's Single-Scoop ice-

Announcements

cream gift certificates to those attending in person.

- **Successful 4 Season 4K**
- **Speckled Pig Social last week** — 18 people attended from club - thanks Peter Sawyer
- **Sleep in Heavenly Peace last week** – thanks Gregg – Cindy, Bill Wehrle, Dan, Gregg, Darlene participated.
- **Muchila Humanitarian Project & Global Grant – Steve Caine** - Donations are coming in! Ambassadors from BHBL Rotary have begun visiting other Rotary Clubs to present information about the Muchila Humanitarian Project and our global grant.
- **Ugandan Sustainable Farming Global Grant (aka Seeds for Peace)** Linda LeTendre has secured a very generous donation from the Presbyterian United Church of Christ in Saratoga. We're forming a committee to apply for a Global Grant & plan to raise the rest of the money needed to nourish Ugandans and save lives.
- **Mini Golf Tournament – Friday February 24** – Friends of the Library mini golf tournament – need players
- **Green the Grid – community event Feb. 27** – need help with PR
- **Operation Hunger** – Thanks to Ray Callanan for making the run to the Galway Food Pantry each week. Please consider dropping off a food donation to our collection bin at Gil's Garage.

