

Reporting Meeting of 18 September 2023

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 9/11 Charlton School & Scholarship
This Week: 9/18 District Governor, Whitney Pangburn Visitation & Club Assembly, Dinner at Town Hall
Next Week: 9/25 Speaker and Dinner at Town Hall
Dr. McGrath – School District Capital Vote
9/30 Octoberfest @ Maalwyck Park
10/2 Town in Bloom Viewing 5:30 – 6:30 (then Social)
10/9 4K Fun Run @ Camp Stomping Grounds 10-3PM
10/14 Town in Bloom Clean 9-12PM
10/18 Drive-Thru Dinner 4-6 PM
10/24 Pints for Polio in Saratoga Area
11/7 Election Day – Apple Pie

Note: Regular Meetings are held Mondays at 6:00 pm. Dinner at 6:00. 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: Fewer meetings will be hybrid or on Zoom going forward.

*Please give suggestions for future programs to Linda LeTendre
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lasting change - across the globe, in our communities and in
ourselves*

District Governor Whitney Pangburn & Club Assembly

President Peter opened the meeting with the traditional tap of the Rotary bell followed by the Pledge of Alliance, an invocation, and recitation of the Four-Way Test. 15 members and one guest were present.

After dinner, Peter introduced our District Governor, Whitney Pangburn (*to right*), who discussed the reorganization of the three districts into the Central New York (CNY) Region. The major reason for the reorganization was the lower membership in



the three districts. The new region will become effective in 2025 and it will have a President rather than a Governor.

Whitney passed out a card with District 7190 events for 2023 & 2024 as well as her business card so all members could contact her directly.

Peter then began our Club Assembly by handing out a summary of the discussion points that he plans to have us discuss in our upcoming assemblies. He stated that our meetings have a set schedule and the evening meetings at the Town Hall are a plus except for the set up & clean up. He then discussed membership and asked us to move in to small groups to discuss the following questions.

- How can we retain membership?
- What are the needs of our members & how have they changed?
- How can we get members to attend our meetings, work projects & initiatives?
- What would be the ideal size for our Club.
- What are the barriers to retaining and/or increasing membership: cost of dues, time, young families?
- How do we address these barriers?

At the end of the discussion period, we handed in our notes on points of our discussions for review at the next Club Assembly.

Peter will continue his weekly informational email with input as appropriate from the committee chairs and members.

Peter will continue to maintain a Goggle-Doc tentative calendar for the year which can be consulted at:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s5NEGkLJNFEIYoDKU8HdgGMjpnGSvvGcbAV-flYM/edit> Potential training using Google Docs is under consideration.

Peter encouraged members to communicate with him with ideas about things they are interested in learning and doing.

Reported by Pete Parker