

Reporting Meeting of 4 December 2023

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 11/27 No Meeting; 11/28 Holiday Drive-Through

This Week: 12/04 Club Assembly
12/10 BH-BL Giving-Tree Holiday-Movie Event

Next Week: 12/11 Rotary Holiday Party (Town Hall)
12/16 Wreaths Across America

Coming Up: 12/18 Ballston Spa Rotary Christmas-Tree Sale
1/8 Next Meeting; Location TBD

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 are hybrid or on Zoom going forward.

Please give suggestions for future programs to Linda LeTendre

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General Meeting & Paul Harris Recognition

Peter Sawyer began the meeting and led members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Dan Stec provided an invocation, and Bretton led us in reading of the Rotary Four-Way Test. Gregg Schorr distributed 18 Holiday Cards at each table and members decorated the cards during the meeting. Cards will be delivered to a local nursing home.

The Holiday Drive-Through was last Tuesday. Members of the club and community braved the cold weather to set up a magical display to be enjoyed by attendees. Gregg thanked Mike Brewster, Chris and Tim Newell (BH-BL BPA), and Kirby Loukes who organized the event. Rotary members who attended were also thanked. Peter thanked members of the club that helped during the week with the Festival of Trees set up and take down.

Peter announced another Paul Harris award winner—Mary Anderson! Mary was recognized for her service above self and for receiving the Paul Harris *plus Five* medal. The “Plus Five” means that Mary has been recognized as a Paul Harris recipient five times! Mary shared that she is a proud Rotarian!

Linda shared an update about the upcoming holiday party. The party is being catered and held at the Town Hall on Monday, December 11,

6:00 pm. The cost is \$40, casual holiday attire. Those attending may bring alcohol for personal consumption. If participating in the gift exchange (\$15 limit), remember to shop local.

Club Assembly Peter Sawyer – Fundraising Committee

President Peter continues to lead the club without a President Elect and President Nominee in place. It has been a demanding job. The club assembly focused on Peter sharing that club fundraising would be discussed. Current fundraising activities reviewed include the Apple Pie Festival, Fall and Spring Dinner Drive Through Events, and the Golf Tournament. Members shared ideas for fundraising in two small groups and then one large group. Discussion focused on adding a new “**Fall Fling**” event at Fireman’s Grove, A group will need to assess the facilities and what is available. Food, music, a farmer’s market, face-painting, were some suggested activities to include at the event. Peter is seeking volunteers interested in supporting the event.

When discussing the Spring Drive-Through, a suggestion to consider a chicken barbeque was shared. Another member shared the idea for a bike ride on the Zim Smith trail. A pickle ball tournament for beginners was suggested. Teams would pay a registration fee. Indian Meadows could be used as a location. As a result of multiple outdoor activities, a suggestion was made to change the Fall Fling to a Spring Fling. Ideas will be recorded and shared with the Fundraising Committee Chair—they will have a lot to discuss and will need all members to volunteer!

Gregg collected Happy Dollars and Peter reminded members that our next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2024 and may be in a new location. Stay tuned!

Announcements

- Be sure to get your Quilt Raffle tickets from Linda LeTendre before the drawing.
- Watch for upcoming information:
 - Wreaths Across America (December 16) Information from Gregg Schorr via email.
 - Valentine Candy sale details from Linda LeTendre
- Please remember a donation to the food pantry by dropping off non-perishable food items in the lobby at Gil’s Garage.

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