



## **CHAPTER MEETING NOTES**

**Meeting Date:** April 1, 2010

**Meeting Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Meeting Place:** 162 Curtis Hall, Drexel University

### **1. Introductions**

- New Members' Introductions

### **2. News and Events**

- Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> will be the next chapter meeting.
- Past Service Project (on March 27<sup>th</sup>)
  - Turn-out was great (with 10-12 EWB-MAP members)
  - Photos of the event were passed around during the meeting
  - The work involved cleaning the park area of trash, painting benches and etc. All equipment and materials necessary were provided. The park was located in the southeast Philly area.
- Next Service Project (May 8<sup>th</sup>)
  - It will be in conjunction with the Philadelphia Park Cleanup (formerly referred to as the Fairmount Park Cleanup). Please see the link: <http://www.philacares.com/love.htm>.
  - The event will be held Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm.
  - A sign-up sheet was passed around during the meeting to get preliminary interested volunteers. Please contact Walt Walker if you are interested.
  - The specific park we will clean will be assigned by the end of April.
- New T-Shirts:
  - New t-shirts are being made for the EWB-MAP group. These will be white/gray with the logo on the front and back. 100 t-shirts will be made.
  - The price of the new shirts will be \$15-20.
  - These are useful for members participating in the community projects, outreach events, and for other gatherings.

### **3. Project Summaries and Updates**

- Las Delicias (El Salvador):
  - Assessment trip being completed now
  - Will further evaluate budgetary costs post-assessment trip
  - Rich Cairncross is currently there, and has related useful information and provided pictures of the area
    - Spring water distance location (3.5km)
    - Piping crosses through rough terrain and is nimbly supported
    - The spring water's abundance is reliable but shared with other communities, so it is topped at maximum capacity now
    - Rich has met with local leaders and they have provided financial data about maintenance costs, salaries, expenses, power consumption, and etc. Rich has made other connections through the school as well.



- Other members of the EWB-MAP team will also go to El Salvador to assess the site and project
- Please read Richard's blog for recent updates. The link is: <http://library.drexel.edu/blogs/cairncrosselsalvador/>
- Rwanda
  - \$3,182 in account
  - Assessment trip completed last month, and the budgetary figure will change accordingly
  - The assessment team has been to the village to evaluate the past project's implementation. An evaluation of the next project was also conducted as well.
  - There was another meeting this past week. Please seek out the team leader for recent updates or check the wikipage.
- Apatut (Philippines)
  - Amanda Jacobs and John Hohenstein gave a picture presentation of the assessment trip completed in March. Four EWB-MAP went to the location.
  - Mountain spring originally planned to supply the village with water source has been found to be inadequate. A new deep well will be drilled, pumping and piping to a storage tank will be built. This will be distributed to the community by gravity (roughly 60m). The new well will be sample tested for quality.
  - It was necessary to attain electrical quotes as well.
  - This will entail more funding for the project than originally estimated.
  - Water quality tests (11 samples) were taken from around the community.
  - Household surveys were completed. Existing wells in the community and household will not be utilized, because during the rainy season, the water quality is questionable. In the normal household, adults drink straight well water, but children are provided with boiled or bottled water.
  - Contamination of the well during rainy season will also be evaluated.

## 5. Student Chapter Updates

- Samantha Sagett –
  - Delaware
    - Had a silent auction at a local country club, where 130 people attended and a local Rotarian presented a check.
    - \$2,500 fundraised.
  - Still awaiting responses from other schools
- Kelly Donmoyer –
  - Univ. of Pennsylvania
    - Presented at EWB conference a few weeks ago
    - Assessment trip upcoming to assess sanitation and global health in Guatemala
    - Always welcoming professional assistance
    - Dinner/Silent Auction from last week went well. The group raised \$2,000. There was a mix of donation of items from past projects, as well as items from local businesses and individuals.
    - Past fundraising has been from corporate donations.
  - Widener
    - Email sent out to EWB-MAP request professional experience. Many reached out and there was overwhelming gratitude from the student chapter. The project manager has established multiple connections and is excited by the new leads.
  - Villanova
    - The school has a current hold on international trips (self-imposed). The chapter will pursue a domestic Habitat for Humanity trip in lieu.



#### 6. Newsletter & EWB Chapter Fundraiser

- A group has been set up to share documents for the creation of the newsletter. Currently, they are compiling sections of what to add from each project group. Please contact Andrew Joselyn if you are interested in the newsletter committee.
- The group is now considering setting up the fundraiser event for September 2, 9, or 16<sup>th</sup>. They are defining the venue for the event within the next month. The committee will be meeting within the next two week to focus and exchange ideas. Please contact Avi Datta or Walt Walker if you are interested in joining the committee.

#### \*\*\* Next Meeting

- The next EWB-MAP Chapter meeting will convene on **Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** Meeting place will be 162 Curtis Hall, Drexel University.