

EWB MID-ATLANTIC PROFESSIONALS CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

Meeting Date: August 6, 2009
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Place: CAT 276, Drexel University

1. News and Events

- Phillies' Red Goes Green Event, September 2 – Thirty volunteers. Sign-up now closed. Thanks to Drexel Students.
- Philadelphia Cares city-wide cleanup of city schools, Saturday October 17 – We have 5 volunteers, we would like to have 20.
- Green Drinks.org Happy hour first Wednesday of each month. – Various locations include Philadelphia, Cherry Hill, Media Mount Airy and West Chester. Watch for email reminder and plan to attend to network with Green communities.
- EWB Northeast Regional Workshop November 6th through 8th – Walt will contact organizers to offer to present the Rwanda project.
- Pennsylvania state EWB Representative conference call – EWB state Representative Hollie Johnson and EWB chapter relations manager, Rosemary Powers held a phone conference to solicit interest for state of Pennsylvania EWB events. Let Walt know if you have ideas or wish to participate in the planned monthly phone conference call.
- White Dog Café – Walt is in contact with new management to arrange a presentation of our organization to a public forum event.
- Project Home – This organization uses volunteers to provide housing and meals in the city. EWB-MAP is looking into providing volunteers to prepare a meal in November. More information will follow.

2. Introductions

- There was one visitor interested in EWB-MAP – Alex Turner, recent graduate from Virginia Tech.
- There was one visitor from Jeff Health – Robert Brody who presented an opportunity to collaborate on a water supply project in Rwanda.

5. Rwanda Project Update

- Rugerero Latrine construction not yet complete. Awaiting funds transfer from EWB–USA.
- No decision yet on collaboration with Jeff Health on local Health Clinic project in Rugerero.
- Robert Brody presented an alternative opportunity to collaborate on a water supply project in Acarambi Village, Rwanda.

6. Philippines Project Update

- Amanda Lewis and Matt Rutt provided an update.
- There will be a Happy Hour fundraising event at Kildare's Irish Pub in Manayunk from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Thursday, August 13, 2009.
- Preliminary date for assessment trip is November this year.
- Need to raise funds to support the assessment trip.
- The marketing brochure was distributed last month.
- A working meeting is planned for August 27th at La Va Café. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Rotary club in Philippines is providing offer of local logistical assistance now. After Assessment trip we can discuss funding by local Rotary club.

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- The Apatut team has reorganized into two groups; fundraising team and Design team.

7. Public Relations

- Walt has prepared a draft EWB–MAP Newsletter incorporating articles from Rich, Adam, Brian and others. We will try to publish the newsletter by the end of August.
- Chris Hewitt has produced a new EWB-MAP Web site. More information will follow.

8. Las Delicias, El Salvador Project Update

- Rich and Dave returned from Las Delicias last week.
- The Team met before tonight's Chapter meeting tonight to discuss information collected by Rich and Dave.
- The problem definition for the project is changing based on the new information. The major issues appear to be corrosion of the piping in the supply well and equitable distribution of water within the community.
- There will be a project meeting August 25th to discuss a revised approach and to begin preparation of the 512 forms.

9. Next Meeting

- The next EWB-MAP Chapter meeting will convene on **Thursday, September 3rd at CAT 276.**
- Next Philippines project meeting will be **Thursday, August 27th at 7pm at La Va Café.**
- The next Las Delicias project meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 25 at 5:30 pm at CAT 276.**