

EWB MID-ATLANTIC PROFESSIONALS CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

Meeting Date: October 1, 2009
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Place: CAT 276, Drexel University

1. News and Events

- Philadelphia Cares city-wide Philadelphia public schools service project– Saturday October 17th, 8:00 a.m. to noon. Need final list of volunteers by October 14th.
- EWB Regional Workshop November 6th through 8th – To be held at Northeastern University. Fee is \$175 for EWB members.
- Upcoming fundraising event for Philippines project on Thursday November 5th. Happy hour at the “Public House.” This event will be in lieu of a Chapter meeting for November (There will be no other Chapter meeting in November). EWB- MAP Philippines project will receive \$10 per person attending and have a chance to compete by level of attendance for a \$3,000 grant.
- Project Home, women of change. Need 5 volunteers to prepare and serve a meal on November 21st. Time 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

2. Technical Assistance Request EWB-Rowan University

- EWB-Rowan is collaborating with the EWB-Drexel student chapter on a water distribution project in El Salvador.
- Project includes well, pump, storage tank, chlorination and distribution.
- There are two assessment trips planned.
- Contact Jessica Tryner (JESSICA.TRYNER@GMAIL.COM)

3. Membership Issues

- Remember to renew your EWB-USA membership. \$20 from each renewal fee goes to the EWB-MAP budget.
- Anyone is welcome to participate in Chapter meetings and projects, but only EWB-USA members may participate in sanctioned trips.
- Other benefits include members-only technical workshops and language tutoring at a very reasonable cost.

4. Officer Positions

- The Chapter is soliciting interest in new leadership and elections to be held in January 2010.
- Nominate someone or yourself.
- Rich will be in El Salvador several months, so he could use a team of financial coordinators, one person for each project.
- Additional posts (e.g., Community Relations) beyond the minimal posts now existing can be opened up for interested parties.
- Walt will distribute a listing and description of posts.

5. Rwanda Event Philadelphia Waterworks

- Bob DiFilippo gave a summary of the successful event.
- Thanks to those who were there. There was also a lot of support and email received
- Partners included Jeff Health and Barefoot Artists.

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- Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center is featuring these photos on display through October 29. Admission is free.

6. Las Delicias, El Salvador Project Update

- Brian Hamill provided a brief overview of the water distribution system and a project update.
- Team met October 1st to review information received from the community, and the Rich Cairncross and Dave Haeussler Las Delicias visit.
- Several major issues have been identified, including inequitable distribution of water (the pump only runs four hours per day), and well pipe rapid corrosion (piping must be replaced every four months).
- The challenge is to obtain information.
- Need water testing and to plan the Assessment Trip (during the next repair operation?).

7. Philippines Project Update

- Stephanie Voight gave an overview of the project. There are 700 residents and a school in need of clean water. The school is to be serviced with water first. Potential sources include a spring and a well.
- Shallow wells (maybe 10 feet) provide water now, but are contaminated.
- Assessment trip targeted for February.
- The Team is having separate project meetings, but needs more consistent project participation.
- The focus now is on fund raising and submitting EWB-USA grant applications.
- Looking for a better venue for meetings. Prefer conference room in the city to meet from 7 to 9 p.m.
- Spread the word about the Happy Hour planned for November 5th. Reminder/invitations will be distributed by email.

8. EWB-University of Pennsylvania

- Alex Yen, Davesh Shah and Matt Owens, summarized projects in Cameroon, Guatemala, Ghana, New Orleans and locally in Philadelphia.
- They are looking for small projects to work on with local High Schools.
- Ways we can collaborate: Attend student dance fundraiser coming up; Student auction; teaching opportunities; currently need microbiology expertise. – See Web site PennEWB.org.

11. Next Meeting

- The next EWB-MAP Chapter meeting will convene on **Thursday, December 3rd**. Meeting place will be CAT 276, Drexel University.
- Next Philippines project meeting will be Wednesday, 10/14/09 at 7pm. An agenda will be sent out shortly. The focuses of the meeting will be fundraising and assessment/design. The meeting will be held at the location below. Everyone must sign in and out of the building at the front desk, so please reply and let Amanda if you are going (Amanda Jacobs [amandapjacobs@gmail.com]). Include your first and last name in your reply so Amanda can get you on the attendee list. (Please do not reply all!) Feel free to invite others to the meeting, and make sure to send their names. Michael Baker Jr., Inc. 1818 Market Street, Suite 3005 Philadelphia, PA 19103-3681 Phone: 215-568-0539
- Next Las Delicias, El Salvador project meeting will be Tuesday October 13?