

EWB MID-ATLANTIC PROFESSIONALS CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

Meeting Date: September 3, 2009
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Place: CAT 276, Drexel University

1. News and Events

- University of Penn students will attend the next meeting. They are looking for professional involvement for their projects.
- Phillies' Red Goes Green Event, September 2 – approximately 35 people participated. Thanks.
- Philadelphia Cares city-wide Philadelphia public schools – Saturday October 17th. Currently have 7 people signed up plus 5 from Water Department, plus Villanova student chapter. Walt will send an email reminder
- EWB Regional Workshop November 6th through 8th – To be held at Northeastern University. Theme is Transformative Education. Bob will contact organizers to offer to present Rwanda project. Fee is \$150 for EWB members, \$200 for others.
- White Dog Café event is on hold due to new management reassessing this activity. No new activities will be held until spring 2010.
- Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers. EWB-MAP will give the feature presentation. (35 minutes) Townhouse Restaurant in Media. Scheduled for January 21, 2010.
- Philippines project fundraiser happy hour at Kildare's was a success. Seventeen people attended, 4 T shirts were sold and net income was \$290.
- The EWB-MAP newsletter is complete. Walt, Bob and others will discuss cost of reproduction and distribution of copies. The entire EWB-MAP distribution list will also receive the newsletter after priority donors receive the printed version. Dave and Shawn will investigate costs for printing.

2. Rwanda Project Update

- Bob DiFilippo gave a summary of project status. The construction contractor is working now that funds have been received from EWB-USA. Work is anticipated to be complete by year end. Completed privies and repairs to existing systems are reportedly holding up well.
- Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center is featuring this project September 24 through October 29. Photos from the project have been professionally mounted and will be on display and auctioned off at the debut at the Water Works Museum on September 24th to benefit the partners. Partners are Barefoot Artists, Jeff Health and EWB-MAP.

3. Philippines Project Update

- Walt Walker provided an update.
- The Team met last on Thursday (August 27).
- Assessment trip planned for November may be postponed due to limited funding available. Trip could be successful as late as March or April, before the rainy season.
- There is a well in addition to the spring source they identified earlier.
- More information can be found on the Philippines Wiki Page,

4. Las Delicias, El Salvador Project Update

- Brian Hamill provided an update.

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- Team met August 25th to review information from the Rich Cairncross and Dave Haeussler Las Delicias visit.
- Four subprojects have been identified, including the well pipe rapid corrosion, and the larger issue of equitable distribution of the water.
- Lines of communication have been set up.
- Need water testing and to plan the Assessment Trip.

11. **Next Meeting**

- The next EWB-MAP Chapter meeting will convene on **Thursday, October 1st**.
 - Meeting place will be CAT 276, Drexel University.
 - Next Philippines project meeting will be **Thursday, 9/24/09** at 7 pm at La Va Cafe, 21st & South Streets. Meeting will focus on updates to project summary spreadsheet/assessment trip research, EWB USA assessment trip approval, and fundraising. Please bring laptops if desired.