



## CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, May 5, 2011

**Meeting Time:** 6:30 – 7:45 pm

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

### 1. News and Events

- EWB-MAP Social Outing to benefit the El Salvador Project: Philadelphia Union soccer game on April 30
  - Almost 60 people affiliated with our chapter attended
  - \$570 raised through our deal with the Union organization
  - Looking forward to do future games based on this initial success
- **NEW Leadership needed – Vice-President position open**
  - Renee Philip is stepping down
  - If interested in filling the position, please contact Russ Turner at [president@ewb-map.org](mailto:president@ewb-map.org)
  - **In general, new faces to take on leadership positions are requested. Integration of new people to help with distribution of task work will keep this chapter fresh and make it last**
- Member Profiles survey
  - This survey of educational background/skills/experience will allow us to be able to reach out to individuals who may match the specific experience and interests requested for a particular task, whether it be for a chapter project, student chapter mentoring request, or getting involved in the PR/Marketing aspect of the chapter. In general, it's essential to know who the people are on our mailing list.
  - **Fill out survey at the Google Doc link:**  
<https://spreadsheets.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHIRWkxSN29MNEZXYzZSeEM1eFRVUUE6MQ>
- Local Outreach
  - City of Philadelphia's annual "Love Your Park" day spring cleanup took place on April 16<sup>th</sup>
  - This year, EWB-MAP was stationed at Dickinson Square in South Philly
  - Photos from the event: <http://www.ewb-map.org/gallery/default.htm>

### 2. Fall 2011 Fundraiser

- Preliminary planning/ideas for the fundraiser has started
- **SAVE THE DATE:** scheduled for **Thursday, September 29**
- Location: **Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center**
  - <http://www.fairmountwaterworks.org/>
- Walt Walker will lead the event committee for this year
- Like last year, EWB-MAP needs volunteers to comprise the fundraising event committee. Please contact Walt ([outreach@ewb-map.org](mailto:outreach@ewb-map.org)) if interested in getting involved in any of the following teams (# of volunteers requested in parentheses):
  - Food/menu (2-3)
  - Entertainment (i.e., music, dance, etc.) (2)
  - PR/Advertising/Marketing for the fundraiser (3-4)
  - Revenue Ideas (i.e., Silent Auction, photography, etc.) (3-4)
  - Layout/Interior setup (1)



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- Graphic/media design (flyers, posters) (1-2)
- The Event Committee as a whole will collectively discuss/agree on general issues such as event venue, agenda, and date, among other items. Starting in June, we will (try to) have bi-monthly happy hours to meet and discuss

### 3. Spring Newsletter

- We are in the process of preparing our spring newsletter, and to distribute it in early June
- The newsletter will include:
  - Project articles
  - Local Community Outreach article
  - Student Chapter Updates
  - Technical Article(s)
  - Classifieds section
  - About Us section
  - Recap of our Fall 2010 Fundraiser
  - "Save the Date" mention for our 2011 Fall Fundraiser
- What do we need:
  - Volunteer to work with Harry as editor of the newsletter
  - If you interested in working on the spring newsletter please contact Harry Wilson ([sc2@ewb-map.org](mailto:sc2@ewb-map.org))

### 4. Project Summaries and Updates

- **Las Delicias (El Salvador) Water Project**
  - Evaluating lower cost options e.g. installation of an additional tank at an intermediate elevation, use of existing tanks, use of plastic tanks
  - Assessment trip over the summer?
- **Apatut (Philippines) Water Project**
  - Design
    - Constructing a new project timeline
    - Working towards drilling the deep well by Fall 2011
    - Additional topographic surveying needed; plan to work with the local university near Apatut (St. Louis College) to conduct these surveys
    - Alternatives evaluations (rainwater catchment, ferrocement tanks, rehab of existing wells at the school)
  - Fundraising
    - Evaluating foundation grant applications (Ben & Jerry's, Unilever)
    - Sporting events, similar to the Philadelphia Union event?
    - Lecture to provide PE CEU credits
    - Rotary International grant processes ongoing
- **Rwanda (Twa Village) Structural and Sanitation Project**
  - There are 13 homes in the village to which construction is occurring. There are various levels of repair required to each home including roof replacement, concrete floors additions, wall reconstruction, addition of exterior doors, and addition of shutters. In addition, each home will have a kitchen and latrine constructed separate from the house.
  - Latrine: Septic tank for all 13 houses complete
  - Kitchen: For ten (10) of the houses, the main structure has been built, but ventilation bricks are required



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- House repairs: For six (6) of the homes, all repairs but the concrete floors have been completed
- If you would like to participate in any of our projects please contact the following persons
  - Project FIAT Las Delicias, El Salvador: Brian Hamill ([elsalvador@ewb-map.org](mailto:elsalvador@ewb-map.org)).
  - Water for Life Project Apatut, Philippines: Amanda Jacobs ([philippines@ewb-map.org](mailto:philippines@ewb-map.org)).
  - Health & Healing Project Rugerero District, Rwanda, Lora Markley/Bob DiFilippo: ([rwanda@ewb-map.org](mailto:rwanda@ewb-map.org))

**5. Student Chapter Outreach – leadership experience seminar**

- Leadership Experience Seminar on April 16
  - Five (5) EWB student chapters in the area attended this Saturday event, headed by EWB-MAP student chapter coordinators Harry Wilson and Samantha Sagett.
  - The focus was towards maintaining effective transition of chapter leaders and information/design over each academic year
  - Harry believed the event went well; possibly schedule another student chapter seminar (with a different focus) in the Fall

**6. Featured Presentation: Maasai, Kenya Cultural Exchange Project (MCEP)**

- Lead by Phyllis Eckelmeyer, and John Sakuda (visiting from the Rift Valley of southern Kenya) Non-profit organization sponsoring water, education, and cultural awareness projects
- <http://www.maasaiculturalproject.org/index.html>
- Currently involved in the drilling of 10 wells (five have been completed so far), installation of pipelines and generator
- The value of these drilled wells:
  - Can create increased agriculture and farming activity, and therefore sustainable economy for the people
  - Reduction/diversion of diseases from use of dirty open ponds and seasonal rivers shared by humans, animals, and insects
  - Settlement in one area and decreased time per day walking to unreliable sources of water enables children to stay in school, and general increased productivity of the community to pursue sustainable business.

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

The next EWB-MAP Chapter meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m.** Meeting place will be 162 Curtis Hall, Drexel University.