



Boston Rotaract Club

Boston Rotaract Club Meeting

Thursday, 4/20/2017

7pm-8pm

Back Bay Social Club

I. Happy dollars/introductions, 7:08pm

- 19 people
- Other Rotary Club Guests:
 - Downtown Boston Rotary Club - Bryan Ling
 - Cambridge Rotary Club – Natasha Finnerty
 - Ipswich Rotary Club - Keith Harris
 - BU Rotaract - Sarah Tubs

II. Recent Events

- A. Volunteer Expo - Great to get exposure for the club. Will be more opportunities for members to be a part of table Saturday,
- B. Salsa Night - "It was great, very engaged and fun" - Don

III. Upcoming Events

- A. Roslindale Volunteer Fair, 4/29, 11:00am-3:00pm. Looking for volunteers to help Chi and Lexi table.
 - i. Anyone want to join?
- B. BARCC Walk for Change, 4/23
- C. Book Club, 4/23 - Half a Yellow Sun by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- D. Harvard Square MayFair Chalk on the Walk with Cambridge Rotary, 5/7. Looking for volunteers.
 - a. We need artists and people to set up. Money goes towards Cambridge rotary club operations and many community initiatives.
- E. More than Words volunteering/book drive, June (date TBD). Save the date to volunteer and donate.
- F. Downtown Boston Rotary Club sponsors Boston Rotaract. We are welcome to attend their monthly meetings for the Rotaract rate of \$10, which covers the cost of snacks. The next meeting is Tuesday, 5/2 from 6:00pm-7:30pm at Central Bistro (101 Arch Street)
- G. District Conference in Salem, MA, 5/19. Free! Sessions followed by service event and pub crawl.
- H. RICON/PreCon: Dates, PreCon: 6/8-6/9, Peace Conf: 6/9-6/10, RICON: 6/11-6/14

IV. Announcements

- A. Elections coming up! Will announce positions at next meeting on 5/4.
- B. T-shirts have been ordered!
- C. Member announcements
 - a. Stray boots (?) offered historical scavenger hunt for free if we help market the org - Lexi
 - b. Don - Autism Awareness Event. Worked hard to relaunch this org/event, and will take place at Laced Up on Mass Ave. Look out for it on Facebook!

V. Guest speaker: Keith Harris - "My Ride Across the Continent", June 9th – August 16th, 2014.

- At the age of 50. Started as west as possible, even more west than Seattle. Average day was 10 hours of riding. Bike and gear was about 105 lbs. Burn 4500 calories a day, 85-95 miles. changed 3 tires and 11 flats.
- Stayed on the road but also strangers apartments
- "Why did you do it alone?"
 - Lots of reasons. Personal journey. Pacing is different between all different people.
- Rode through 9 native American reservations
- Lessons Learned:
 1. Life is about the journey, not the destination
 2. Try not to miss the moments in life that you won't get the chance to experience twice
 3. Dream big, but be prepared for the dream to outgrow you.

VI. Next meeting: 5/4