



Shepherdstown Rotary Club

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Today's Speaker

This morning's speaker is Mr. Roger R. Ethier, an agricultural engineer and sustainable technologist, who will speak about his invention, the L'il Sprout Portable Rainwater Solar Pumping Station. Drawing upon his experience in international work in East European and African countries, Mr. Ethier invented a solar-powered pump for collected rainwater for use by homeowners in gardening and farming applications. The self-priming pump will deliver 3 gal./min. or 180 gal./hr against a head of 10 ft. A battery-powered model is also available. Mr. Ethier recently designed and installed a solar, rainwater, drip irrigation system at the Community Gardens in Ranson, WV.

Mr. Ethier received the M. S. in agricultural engineering from the University of California, Davis. He also earned a B. S. in electrical engineering. He was formerly employed by the U. S. Dept. of Energy.

Last Week's Speaker

Last week's program, entitled Be More WV, was presented by Mr. Allen Keyser & Ms. Elizabeth Granzow. Be More WV is an exciting new initiative coming to the Eastern Panhandle to support the local fire service. Jefferson & Berkeley Counties recently received almost \$2 million in federal grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help local volunteer fire departments recruit more members. The goal is to recruit 225 additional volunteer firefighters over the next 4 yrs. The program has a tuition reimbursement component which will also assist local college students who become volunteers while in college or university. Mr. Keyser & Ms. Granzow are honored to be chosen to help grow the Volunteer Fire Service in the Eastern Panhandle.

Mr. Keyser is a retired Volunteer Fire Chief with more than 30 years of volunteer service. He is also a retired Fire Captain & Deputy Fire Chief from the Montgomery & Frederick County, MD, fire departments. Ms. Granzow, a Shepherdstown Rotarian, is a retired Fire Captain from the Prince George's County, MD, Fire/EMS Department. She has written & published a book series for first responders to the terror attacks of 9/11/2001 in New York City and Washington, DC. Also, she is the Grant Administrator for the Berkeley County Fire-SAFER Grant.

Announcements

- Michelle Maiden announced that she and Tom Maiden were taking 7 bags of winter clothes to Cherry River Elementary School in Ridgewood, West Virginia. The bags included 22 coats and countless hats and scarves. Thank you to everyone who contributed.
- Michelle announced her need from Rotary Club members to help select individuals for awards in the categories of 1) Conversation 2) Health and Human Services 3) Education 4) Culture and Arts. If you are interested in becoming part of this nomination process, please contact Tom or Michelle Maiden.
- A tentative date of March 1 was announced for the Movie Night

50/50 Winner

Jack Lantzy

