

EWB MID-ATLANTIC PROFESSIONALS CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

Meeting Date: July 8, 2009
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Place: CAT 276, Drexel University

1. News and Events

- Saturday October 17th Philadelphia Cares – Cleanup and make improvements at Philadelphia public schools. Organizers are hoping for 15,000 volunteers. (<http://www.gpcares.com/events/annualpages/pcd.htm>).
- John Heinz Wildlife Refuge Cleanup – Delaware Riverkeeper is working in close partnership with the property owners of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. They are hoping to recruit between 50-75 volunteers for clean-up, which is expected to last 3 hours. All volunteers will be asked to wear long sleeved shirt, long pants, water proofed heavy boots, insect repellent, a hat and work gloves. Additional work gloves will be available on site. All trash will be bagged and discarded in a dumpster. Anyone interested in volunteering for the clean ups should get in touch with Fred at 215-369-1188 x 113, fred@delawareriverkeeper.org
- EWB Annual Conference March 18th through 21st. – See EWB-USA Website.
- EWB Regional Workshop November 6th through 8th – To be held at Northeastern University. If planning to go, or need local information check with Amanda Lewis.
- Phillies' Red Goes Green Event, September 2 – Spots remain. Let Walt know if you want to be included in this volunteer recycling effort. Volunteers receive free admission to game, food and parking in return for collecting recycling through 7th inning, and our Chapter receives recognition on the public address/imaging system. This effort is in collaboration with ASCE-YMF (Young Members Forum).

2. Introductions

- There were five visitors interested in EWB-MAP – Lisa Schneider, Dave Haeussler, Candice McLeod, Chris Hewitt, Joe Spinelli and Kevin Magerr.
- There was one visitor from EWB - Villanova – Cara Albright.

5. Rwanda Project Update

- Jeff Health continues working, but is running out of funds. Awaiting response from EWB-USA on submittal for work to be performed at the local Health Clinic.

6. Philippines Project Update

- Amanda Lewis and Matt Rutt provided an update.
- The Team is focusing on fundraising.
- Preliminary budget estimated at approximately \$50,000.
- Desire to raise at least \$15,000 before the assessment trip planned later this year.
- The marketing brochure was ready to send out this week.
- A working meeting is planned for July 23rd at La Vu Café (South Street near 20th and 22nd Streets).
- Rotary club in Philippines is providing offer local assistance
 - Water food and lodging for volunteers.
 - For Rotary International financial assistance, need local financial commitment. Is this the so called 3H Grant? Walt will investigate this issue.

5. Las Delicias, El Salvador Project Update

- Russ Turner and Dave Haeussler provided an update.
- Team met June 18 to conference call with EWB-USA for project Kick-Off. . .
- Working on Form 507 Compendium documentation. Form 521 is Pre-assessment document.
- EWB-USA requires Professional Mentor and Travel Mentor commensurate with technical difficulty of project (Level 1, Level 2, Level 3). Brian Hamill will serve as both for this project.
- Preliminary site visit will be accomplished in the week of July 20 by Rich Cairncross and Dave Haeussler, who had prior plans to be in the area. The project Team prepared a Worksheet and Questions for the water distribution system operator for Rich and Dave to use in their preliminary inquiries.
- Approximate preliminary budget is \$10,000 to \$12,000 to cover EWB-MAP member travel expenses.
- Application for a corporate grant has been submitted to Tetra Tech, Inc.
- The bulk of the project expense will be borne by Project Fiat and Sister Gloria.
- Anyone interested in volunteering directly with Project Fiat on tasks other than the Las Delicias water distribution engineering assistance project, is directed to contact Dave Haeussler or Sister Gloria for more information.

7. EWB Villanova

- Cara Albright of EWB-Villanova University student chapter was present to seek opportunities for collaboration.

11. Next Meeting

- The next EWB-MAP Chapter meeting will convene on **Thursday, August 6th**.
 - Meeting place will be announced.
- Next Philippines project meeting will be **Thursday, July 23rd at 7pm at La Va Cafe at 21st and South Streets**.
 - The meeting will be a working meeting during which we work on fundraising efforts and planning for the assessment trip. The cafe should have wireless internet, so please bring a laptop if you'd like. We'll start the meeting with some brief updates and discussion and then jump right into getting some things done!