

## **EWB MID-ATLANTIC PROFESSIONALS CHAPTER MEETING NOTES**

Meeting Date: May 7, 2009  
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting Place: CAT 276, Drexel University

### **1. News and Events**

- Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> – Philadelphia Cares – 9 to 12 a.m. (Breakfast 8-9 a.m.) – Meet at Franklinton Park 19<sup>th</sup> and Callowhill. Eight EWB-MAP members are signed up.
- Cobbs Creek Park Cleanup – Saturday June 6, 10 a.m. to 12. See EWB-MAP Web site for information.
- EWB Annual Conference – View presentations on EWB-USA Web site
- Red Goes Green (see attached circular) – Phillies partner with local organizations to collect recyclables during Phillies games. Chance for social interaction and Chapter exposure. EWB-MAP would be given recognition on Stadium Closed Circuit TV. Could team with other EWB chapters or other student organizations, etc. Choice of August 5, 19 and September 2, 16 and 30 (all Wednesdays).
- Village Earth Sustainability Training will be offered by EWB- Rutgers on campus. May 30 – 31. Will discuss social challenges, etc. for projects. Enrollment will be open to the first 30 applicants. Walt will distribute information (also available on our Web site).

### **2. Introductions**

- There were three visitors interested in membership – Lisa Schneider, Daniel Ibanez and Jose Ibanez.
- There were two visitors from EWB- Villanova – J.P. Gunn and Cara Albright.

### **5. Rwanda Project Update**

- Bob DiFilippo recently returned from Rugerero, Rwanda inspection trip.
- 24 units were replaced with new latrines.
- 14 units were repaired with new (septic tank) lids.
- Work completed looks fine. The odor is now gone.
- Sanitation training was repeated.
- Instructions are posted in each latrine.
- Need to find someone to process the data collected for report.
- Remaining work includes five replacements and 12 repairs. A contract for the remaining work was signed with the mason during the visit. Facilities intentionally damaged are not included in current plans.
- Jefferson Medical students were there also. They will not be returning to Rugerero, but have not settled on a future plan.
- Next step Health Clinic? The latrines there have been damaged by earthquake approximately five years back. We already have a preliminary design for repairs. There has been no commitment made.
- Philadelphia water Department may wish to feature the Rwanda Team (to give a presentation) at an upcoming meeting.

### **6. Philippines Project Update**

- Matt Rutt provided an update.

- The Team is establishing contacts in Apatut to obtain local information such as basic information including flow rate and seasonal flow variations for the proposed natural spring water source.
- Working on Assessment Application.
- Assessment trip planned later this year.
- A graphic artist on the team is finishing marketing materials.
- A working meeting is planned for May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Fundraising Awareness
  - Need a lot of participation.
  - White Dog Café – Planning a Breakfast Talk. Consider leaving a flyer for future customers to browse. (Johnny Brenda's has a similar set up to consider?).

## **5. Las Delicias, El Salvador Project Update**

- Application was submitted week of March 30. Approval is pending. Walt will check on the status of the application.
- Team has met once. Working on concept design base on limited information available.
- Dave Haeussler provided a project overview for those present unfamiliar with the project.
- Meeting of interested members to follow Chapter meeting. We are looking to assemble a Team.

## **7. EWB Villanova**

- Cara Albright and J.P. Gunn provided an overview of projects underway at the EWB-Villanova student chapter.
- Teamed with Kenya Water is Life. Looking for solution to problem well installed tapped into salty water. Need alternative water source or way to remove salt.
- Also partnered with "Business Without Borders" organization looking at microfinance projects.
- Performs outreach to local middle schools and high schools. Promoting engineering through a "Solar Cooker" project.
- Partnered with "Crossroads" on building a medical clinic in Honduras. Designed a water treatment plant for the clinic.
- Recommended seeing book "Rainwater Harvesting"

## **11. Next Meeting**

- The next EWB-MAP Chapter meeting will convene on Wednesday July 8th.
- Meeting place will be announced.
- Walt will try to have a speaker from EWB-USA TAC to discuss new project review process.