



BALDWINVILLE ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Rotary



Club President
Janet Joslyn
2016-2017

From the president:

We have a wonderful Rotary month ahead of us. It begins with the induction of new member, Michelle Martin. We move on to some great programs at our Tuesday and Wednesday meetings. The big excitement for the month is our District 7150 Conference at the Gideon Putnam in Saratoga Springs, April 21- 23. Many in our club have already registered but there is still time to do that if you haven't already. This is your chance to meet other Rotarians in our district, strengthen our club, increase your passion for Rotary, and enjoy the many educational and fun events throughout the weekend. Our amazing Lizzy, District Conference Chair, has been part of a team preparing a great weekend for all. One of the events to look forward to is seeing Ken Schmidt receive our club's Rotarian of Excellence Award for being an outstanding member this year. The ceremony is on Sunday morning. There's lots to do at Conference. I hope to see you in Saratoga Springs on the 21st!

REGISTER FOR CONFERENCE ONLINE
WWW.ROTARY7150.ORG



Where do Foundation dollars go?

It can be hard to connect with the Rotary International Foundation in an inspiring way when you aren't sure what happens with the money you are giving.

First, all the dollars you donate will be kept in the foundation to generate interest for three years. Then they send the money back to our district, offering it up through the District Grants program for us to seek out for projects. This is a really important factor when deciding to give because we have been utilizing District Grants to for scholarships, community beautification and there is the potential for much more!

Second, you should know how the Rotary International Foundation impacts the world. We support six areas of focus - most are ones that anyone would want to support.

The rotary.org web site really shares a lot more statistics about the impacts of our foundation and offers a newsletter you can receive with the latest news on what we are doing around the world. Will you consider learning more about the Rotary International Foundation so you can get inspired to give?

If you have questions you can chat with foundation chair Marcia Benson or visit www.rotary.org/give.

ROTARY's

Areas of Focus



www.baldwinsvillerotary.org

CLUB FOUNDATION GIVING

Here is a list of what we have given and who has received funds from all of our hard work so far this Rotary year!

Clear Path 4 Vets - \$250
Senior Citizen Summer Picnic - \$230
Kellish Music Festival - \$400
District 7150 Youth Exchange - \$150
RI Foundation, District Governor - \$100
Wrestling Booster Club - \$250
Fan The Flames Fitness Fundraiser - \$300
Ronald McDonald House of Syracuse - \$250
Northwest YMCA - \$2,500
Louisiana Flood Relief - \$1,000
Canal Sign Installation - \$200
Flags of Honor - \$15
Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk - \$1,000
Dictionary Project - \$1,200
Ride for Missing Children Meal - \$240
McHarrie Life Bladder Scanner - \$12,600
Christmas Bureau \$200
Vera House \$250
Scout Troop \$100
Concert Series \$500
Honor Flight \$582
Cub Scout Pack 71 \$360
Two BOCES Scholarships \$1,000
B'ville Community Scholarship Fdtn \$1,000

BIG CHILL TALLY & JOINT LUNCH

At the March 22nd lunch meeting we welcomed members of the Greater Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce to a joint session. Each organization took a few moments to express their thanks to each other and the members of the committee for this year's B'ville Big Chill. Nancy Howe and Meg Van Patten, of the Baldwinsville Public Library, were the event co-chairs this year and happen to be members of both Rotary and the chamber! They presented the final numbers and here they are:

14 polar plunge teams with 96 people jumping in the river
160 tickets sold for Best in Bowl

324 Poker Bear Pub Crawl tickets sold

Total raised: \$25,477.55

After expenses and splitting revenues with the chamber, our club received a check for \$6,864.89

Many thanks to B'ville Rotarians Sean and Sam for their work on the committee and to all the 40+ members that came out to volunteer that day!



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Congratulations to our members, our membership committee and club leadership on a very successful Rotary year thus far when it comes to recruiting new members and in getting our new members involved. So far this year we have inducted 10 new members, with on more to come the first week of April. With Michelle's induction, we will be at 59 members. **Can we make that 60 before the end of June?** Is there someone you've been meaning to talk to about the benefits of joining our club? Unsure of how to approach someone about becoming a Rotarian?

We have some resources for you!

First, talk with membership chair Abe. He can help you practice the conversation and provide you with anything that might be helpful - like our club's membership pamphlet or copies of The Rotarian magazine.

You can also check out our web site at

www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org. We have an "About Us" page with great information about Rotary and our club, and you can read past web site posts on the Blog page for more about our passions.

Please consider inviting your prospective member to lunch (your treat) or a Tuesday evening meeting to start. From there we can provide them with a membership kit, which includes an application to join us. If you've convinced them to apply, give your completed application to Abe, Janet or Lizzy to start the approval process right away.

MATT VISITS BOSTON



The Walsh family recently took Youth Exchange student Matt Luken on a family trip to Boston. Matt has been staying with the Walsh's as the second of his three host families. Rotarian and host dad Brian said that Matt just lights up when seeing new sites and he's a really fun kid. You should consider inviting Matt to join you at your next outing, family dinner or adventure - he's generally up for anything! Also, he is speaking at and has planned the menu for a dinner at the Methodist Church on April 29th. Speak to Dave Horan if you wish to attend and would like the details!

ALL ABOUT EARTH DAY

- Earth Day started in the US on April 22, 1970 and gained worldwide recognition in 1990
- The first Earth Day was marked by 20 million peaceful protesters taking to the streets to oppose the industrial revolution's affects on our planet
- In 2011, Afghanistan honored Earth Day by planting 28 million trees
- In Panama, 100 species orchids were planted and are being maintained to prevent extinction in honor of Earth Day
- More than 1 billion people in over 180 countries were celebrating Earth Day by 2010, which was Earth Day's 40th anniversary.

Why do we need Earth Day?

- The average person creates 4lbs of garbage each day
- Every year there are 14,000,000,000 pounds of garbage thrown into the oceans. The plastic garbage kills at least 1 million creatures in the ocean each year.
- It's a helpful reminder that we should plant a tree, pick up after ourselves (and others) and just raise awareness of our impact on the planet!

What can I do to contribute?

- Join the club on April 18th at 5pm for our annual Canal Clean-up
- Come to District Conference, happening on Earth Day weekend, and join a service project to help build a new community garden



PEOPLE OF ACTION DINNER



Over a dozen Baldwinsville Rotarians attend the People of Action Dinner, including our Youth Exchange Student Matt. He, along with the other students in our district and several Youth Exchange committee members, are shown here (left). The dinner featured special guest Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley, who flew in from Australia with his wife Juliet. Ian also addressed all the incoming club presidents from our district in a private session (right) where he helped inspire them to have a productive, memorable and action-packed year as club leaders.

SIGN UP FOR CONFERENCE

Still not signed up? It's not too late!

More information has been posted to the District Conference page at www.rotary7150.org to help you in deciding what will make a memorable weekend for you. We are welcoming the former First Lady of NY, Matilda Raffa Cuomo, to speak at our Saturday lunch. We've posted the complete schedule of breakout sessions so you can plan which classes you want to take to learn more about Rotary. We've got THREE opportunities for wine tasting! It's a great place for a spouse to find something to do while we are immersed in Rotary Business.

Make sure you log on to rotary7150.org to check out the details and register today!



Congratulations **HARLOW KISSELSTEIN** Baldwinsville's 2016 Man of the Year

Join the community in honoring
the man and woman of the year, Doris Hildebrandt
April 8 at 5pm | Pasta's on the Green in Village Green

*Reservations can be made through the
Baldwinsville Volunteer Center at 315-638-0251.*

For Tim, it's about community



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Club

"For me, Rotary is about community. Growing up with my dad a Rotarian, we enjoyed the comradery while serving food at community fundraisers. Now, I have the pleasure to help the club as a adult."

Tim
Small Business Owner
In Rotary 5 years



April

Welcome back snowbirds!

Saturday, April 1
District Training Assembly
FREE Training for all
Rotarians
Register at rotary7150.org

Tuesday, April 4
7PM: Trivia Night
Led by Ken Schmidt

Wednesday, April 5
12PM: Speaker Audrey Gibbs from McHarrie Life

5PM: Seneca River Day Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 11
5:30PM: Board Meeting
7PM: Student of the Month
Come out and show your support for our honored teen & their family!

Wednesday, April 12
12PM: Club Assembly
Get caught up on what all of our club leaders have been up to & what's coming up next!

Tuesday, April 18
5PM: CANAL CLEANUP
Meet up on in the first parking area on the left down Water Street, dress for the weather and some walking, wear gloves and then plan to join us for a dish to pass at Canal Walk afterwards!

Wednesday, April 19
12PM: Speaker Chief Lefancheck
with the Baldwinsville Police Department

Friday Apr 21 - Sun Apr 23
DISTRICT CONFERENCE
Sign up soon to attend this fun weekend of Rotary learning, fellowship & fun!

Tuesday, April 25
7PM: TBD

Wednesday, April 26
12PM: Speaker Bruce Hathaway
with Health Connections

Saturday, April 29
Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis
Breitbeck Park, Oswego
8:30-Noon to help in the Kids' Corner

Coming up...

April 21-23: District Conference, Saratoga Spring, NY
April 29: Great Strides walk for Cystic Fibrosis
April 29: Dinner with Matt and the Methodist Church
June 10: Seneca River Day
June 28: Club Changing of the Guard
July 9: RYLA Banquet



Submit your ideas for programs to Don Distasio at donald.distasio@gmail.com
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