



BALDWINVILLE ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Rotary



Club President
Janet Joslyn
2016-2017

From the president:

In December, Rotary focuses on Disease Prevention and Treatment. This takes on many forms, from supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure. The world relies on Rotary to tackle these global challenges, and to set an example for others to follow. While the fight to eradicate polio worldwide remains our primary goal, there are many other ways Rotarians are helping. For example, in the December issue of *The Rotarian*, we can read about "Water Wars" where Rotarian Jim Root helped his community of Chiloquin, Oregon come together after battling over water rights. Please accept my wishes for a wonderful holiday season and new year.

Stay in the know with RI Newsletters

Did you know that Rotary International publishes newsletters for all areas of Rotary? You can get the latest news on polio, youth, membership, foundation, peace and much more delivered right to your inbox!

Visit www.rotary.org and log into My Rotary. Under the News & Media tab you will see a menu option for Newsletters. Click on that and you can select which newsletters you would like to start receiving.

Knowing the latest news can be inspiring, give you plenty to say when someone asks about Rotary and show you the scope of what our organization does around the world!

Foundation Update

This Rotary year, our club's foundation goal is \$4,000.

We are currently at \$3,042 thanks to the 29 people who donated \$26.50 in honor of the centennial, our 15 sustaining members and our 6 Rotary Direct members! If you are one of those that has contributed so far, thank you very much. If you would like to participate, you have several options:

Visit www.rotary.org/give for a one-time donation online

Sign up for Rotary Direct to set a schedule of monthly, quarterly or annual donations that will automatically be charged to your credit card or bank account (see Marcia for details)

Provide your check for \$26.50 in honor of the first ever donation made to our foundation 100 years ago this year (to Marcia)

Commit to giving to our cause - if it's worth your time, isn't it worth your charitable contributions? We are a top-ranked, award-winning foundation that is using and investing our dollars wisely!

Speak with Marcia Benson, our foundation chair, if you have any questions
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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

Doing More This Year for Old Newsboys

Hope for the Holidays

Please join Lizzy in hawking newspapers for this year's Old Newsboys toy fund Friday 12/9 or Saturday 12/10 (or BOTH!). Volunteers will take a one-hour shift outside one of three locations in our community, taking up collections to help the less fortunate in CNY have food, toys and books for Christmas. In exchange for contributions to our cause, we give out a special edition of The Post-Standard. This program has been going on for decades and raises the precious funds needed for the Christmas Bureau, held at the OnCenter each December. Volunteers dress in festive attire (and usually something warm since we are outdoors) and spread holiday cheer while hawking papers for a great cause. Please see the sign-ups coming around at the meetings and make sure you commit to being a part of this fun, holiday charity!

Welcome to New Member Mary Schmutz



In November we welcomed our newest member, Mary Schmutz. Many already knew Mary as she has been the chairperson for our annual 5K run/walk for a couple of years now and is the sister of long-time Rotarian Charlie Farrell. It was a great honor and very exciting evening to finally welcome her as an official member of the club! Mary is a physical therapist, has a husband named Chuck (who also helps at the 5K) and is a runner herself.

Celebrating the RI Foundation Centennial



Thanks to the efforts of Foundation Chair Marcia Benson, our club had a proper celebration in honor of our Rotary International Foundation's Centennial. She collected donations of \$26.50, representing the amount of the first ever donation to the foundation. We welcomed dignitaries from the district leadership team and shared in a champagne toast to 100 more years!

5K SUCCESS



Runners & walkers take off for their 3.1 mile trek!



Our own Abe Morelli took part, completing his first every 5K!
Great job Abe!

Thanks so much to everyone who helped plan this event and came to help on the big day. Many of the improvements made to the event really paid off!

We had 129 racers and grew the race by 25% over last year!

Between the shirts, finisher medals, pizza, ice cream and great prizes, we put on a five star event. When finances are completed, we will report back to everyone the amount raised and the contribution for the food pantry. The full race results are available on our web site at www.baldwinsvillerotary.org

HOLIDAY PARTIES

Club Holiday Party

Sunday, December 4th

at McHarrie Town

4:00 Drinks/Fellowship | 5:00 Dinner

6:00 Holiday Game & Sing-a-long

Please bring a dish-to-pass

Look for sign-up at meetings!

Area 5 Holiday Party

Saturday, December 10th

at Battle Island, Fulton

5:00 Social Hour | 6:00 Dinner & Revelry

\$25/person CASH ONLY

Sign-up at a club meeting

Includes Fulton, Fulton Sunrise, Oswego, Oswego Sunrise and Cato Clubs

For Ken, it's getting involved



"I joined Rotary because I was seeking a more constructive and personal way of giving back to the community. My family recently moved up from Florida and we were also seeking a way to get involved. Joining Rotary has definitely increased my awareness of local issues and introduced me to the community- far faster than what would have happened via any other organization. The Baldwinsville Rotarians are incredibly friendly and welcoming - and I have enjoyed participating in the many community events."

Ken
Business Owner
In Rotary 6 Months



Baldwinsville

★ give the gift of DISTRICT CONFERENCE!

Invite a Rotarian to join you & get them

**5% OFF
REGISTRATION**

when they register by Christmas!

Details at www.rotary7150.org



DECEMBER

Club Christmas Party - Sunday, Dec 4 - McHarrie Town at 4pm

Tuesday, Dec 6th at 7pm
Vote on 2017-18 Slate of Officers
History of the RI Foundation

Wed., Dec 7th at 12pm
Annual Assembly Meeting
Vote on the 2017-18 Slate of Officers

Old Newsboys - Friday, Dec 9 & Saturday, Dec 10

Area 5 Christmas Party - Sat., Dec 10 - Battle Island, Fulton at 5pm

Tuesday, Dec 13th
at 5:30pm Board Meeting
at 7pm Students of the Month

Tuesday, Dec 20th at 7pm
Speaker/Rotarian Doug Tosh
Panama Canal

Wed., Dec 14th at 12pm
Lunch with a speaker from
Ronald McDonald House

Wed., Dec 21st at 12pm
Lunch with a speaker from
Paige's Butterfly Run

Merry Christmas!

Tuesday, Dec 27th at 7pm
Fellowship Night
at Canal Walk Cafe
Holiday Games

Wed., Dec 28th at 12pm
Lunch & Holiday Karaoke
with Rotarian
Jennifer Pearson

Coming up...

Saturday, January 7th: Grants Seminar & One Rotary Summit
Saturday, January 21st: The Big Chill
Saturday, January 28th: Foundation Centennial & Polio Plus Gala
April 21 - 23, 2017: District Conference

Submit your ideas for programs to Don Distasio at donald.distasio@gmail.com
or Kristin Earle at kmlearle@gmail.com