



*President Lizzy Martin*

Being your club president has truly been a gift to me. It's a responsibility that I take very seriously, but is also a lot of fun. I've gotten to see first hand the generosity of club members who do so much behind the scenes, who give without expecting recognition and who are willing to pitch in any way they can. I am learning a lot about leadership, delegation and humility. I know that my experience has been a gift because of all of you, so thank you!

November was another busy month for us. We delivered dictionaries to the five public elementary schools, giving our future leaders a better chance at literacy. We gathered food and started growing the Backpack Program that serves our local children so we know they won't be hungry on the weekends. We also took up food collections for the VFW

Food Pantry, so our former service members will get the support we know they need. We honored two high school students for their kind hearts and hard work. And we continue to add new members to our club, welcoming Kishma this past month. You can read about all of this in greater detail on the following pages. Thank you for taking the time to stay connected to our club!

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### SAVE THESE DATES

DEC 10:  
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH  
DEC 17:  
SNOWBIRD SENDOFF  
JAN 14:  
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

PLUS THE FULL  
DECEMBER  
& JANUARY  
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## Snowbird Send Off

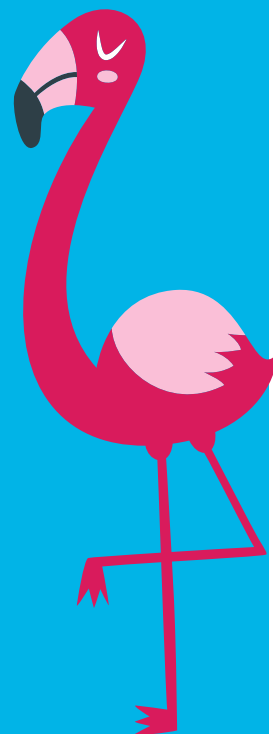
TUESDAY, DEC 17 AT 7PM

THE WOOD 7439 Canton Street Rd, B'ville

Enjoy fellowship with our club's snowbirds before they head south for the winter.

\$5/PERSON  
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED  
& CASH BAR AVAILABLE

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP



# B'VILLE INTERACT UPDATE

The Baldwinsville Interact Club has been busy practicing what they believe, "when everyone gives a little, the world receives a lot." This fall students put on an "Intro to American Slang" workshop for inbound foreign exchange students, spent an evening sanitizing rooms at Ronald McDonald House, and helped with book distribution for the Baldwinsville Library Book Fair. The club's annual Positivity Project continued with 'secret' distribution of 1,125 positive messages - one posted on every locker at Durgee Intermediate School. Our club supported Onondaga North Rotary Club with the annual Flags of Honor & Gratitude display, and veteran's ceremony. Interact Club kids even purchased a flag with their own money to honor graduates of their Baker High School that served our country in the military. This winter they'll use cheer and goodwill serving breakfast and lunch to people down on their luck at the Rescue Mission. Strong communication skills will be practiced by answering phones on-air at Movie with A Mission, Rescue Mission's annual fundraiser, and working at Baldwinsville Rotary's Big Chill event in January. It's a great time to be an Interact teen!



Interact  Baldwinsville

## GIVING MADE EASY

Sometimes giving in a small increments is much easier than writing one big check, but how can you remember to give to the Rotary International Foundation (RIF) each month? Just set it and forget it with Rotary Direct. You choose the amount and how often you contribute, with the donation coming directly from your bank account or credit card of choice. Giving \$8.40/month will make you a sustaining member and go a long way towards growing Rotary's ability to help others and for our club to do good in the world! Click [here](#) to set up your Rotary Direct giving.

## JANUARY THINK TANK TOPIC

To kick off 2020, I want to present the topic of mindfulness. In our fast-paced world, there are many days when you wonder how the day got away from you. Slow down your mind and your life, be more present in what you are doing instead of thinking about what's next and hopefully find more peace through mindfulness. Our January Think Tank discussion, led by Sally, will focus on an article about habits of mindful people. Click [here](#) to read it before we meet on January 7th. We will also welcome our member, Shauna, for a presentation on the topic at our Wednesday meeting that week!

## TRACKING OUR GIVING

- \$500 for a Community Calendar
- \$1,100 pre-approved for Charity of Choice
- \$100 to RI Foundation in honor of DG Randy, presented at his visit
- \$500 to Baker Model UN Club
- Approx. \$1,000 to Senior Picnic
- \$240 to sponsor shipping a pallet for Books for the World
- Approx \$1,100 towards Pride of Workmanship program
- \$500 Volunteer Center Christmas Bureau
- VFW Food Pantry amount TBD
- \$100 Rose Bowl Parade Float
- \$500 to YMCA Youth & Gov't Club

Check [here](#) each month for an update and running tally of charitable donations and community spending that the board has recently approved!



# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: SARAH AND ANTHONY

Sarah Smiley and Anthony White were honored at our November 12th meeting as our Students of the Month. They were an awesome contrast to one another, proving that leaders come in all flavors and variety is what makes the world a wonderful place. Sarah is an athlete, a field hockey champ and she wants to study medicine. Anthony has an ear for music of all kinds and wants to become a producer someday. Both were bright, interesting and great at addressing the group. As I say every month when I'm writing about these kids, we were all blessed to have met them and their families. Please make it a point to join us the second Tuesday of each month to meet our honorees! December 10th we will meet Natalie Doback and Oliver Exware.

Left Photo: Sarah and her family, including some extended family - her Aunt Ann (a Rotarian)!

Right Photo: Anthony and his dad



# HOW WE ARE FEEDING PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Our club is doing a tremendous amount of work to help feed those in need in Baldwinsville and even beyond, through programs and giving. First, we have our Backpack Program, providing food to elementary students at risk of hunger on the weekends. Social workers slip bags of snacks and breakfast items into their backpacks each Friday, and we provide food to the pantries at Ray Middle School and Durgee Junior High. We are waiting on more requests from the school and plan to grow to serve all their needs utilizing the massive amount of donations we received from the Turkey Trot race food drive, a collaboration between Kiwanis, St. Mary's, St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Thanks to everyone who filled a Wegman's bag with food for the VFW Food Pantry and to everyone who volunteers at our fundraisers like Seneca River Days to provide the funding for our club to fill all 31 bags. We received a donation in honor of Richard Black, a WWII veteran from Vestal NY, that will also provide 31 \$20 gift cards for the veterans to use for personal items at Walmart.

Our third food-related project this season is the Old Newsboys. The money we raise hawking the newspaper for two mornings will go to the Syracuse Christmas Bureau, which serves thousands of CNY families in need, providing food, books and toys at Christmas. The club has also made monetary donations to the Baldwinsville Community Food Pantry and the Volunteer Center for their Thanksgiving and Christmas Bureaus.

## CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE FOR PICS FROM CHARTER NIGHT!

[WWW.BALDWINSVILLEROTARY.ORG](http://WWW.BALDWINSVILLEROTARY.ORG)

## MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

**Thanks to everyone who participated in our contest by bringing guests and helping our club grow. My appreciation goes out to our membership committee for leading the way!**

Please don't stop inviting potential members to Rotary. It's a compliment to them and will change their life for the better!

## CHARITY OF CHOICE WINNER

October's winner was Abe Morelli and his charity of choice was the Rotary International Foundation. They will receive a \$100 donation in his honor simply because he attended meetings, filled out the form and was lucky enough to be chosen! Be sure to fill out a Charity of Choice slip with your name and a charity you support or are passionate about every single time you attend a meeting. Our club wants to support what matters to you!

# MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER: KISHMA

In November, we inducted a new Baldwinsville Rotarian, Kishma Alexander. She reached out to use about joining Rotary because she has personally experienced the impact Rotary has on people's lives. In the few minutes we give new members to share about themselves, she told one of the most amazing stories about Rotary's Gift of Vision program. It's what saved her eyesight, opened doors to her education and what brought her here to Baldwinsville. She will be re-telling her story at a meeting in March, so look for that on the club schedule. You won't want to miss it! Kishma works at OnPoint for College and has been attending our meetings for some time now. if you haven't had a chance to meet her yet, you can find her at most Tuesday evening meetings and many club functions. Please introduce yourself! Photo: Kishma with her mentor Mary!



## DICTIONARIES DELIVERED

Each year, our club purchases and distributes dictionaries to every third grade student in our district, at every school and including home-schooled kids. In November, we visited the five public elementary schools where kids were gathered for our presentation. We shared with them a little about Rotary, asked if they go to Seneca River Days and then showed them some cool features of their new dictionary. We also brought our exchange student, Risa, so the kids could ask her questions about life in Japan and her experience so far in Baldwinsville. This year's class of third graders included our members kids - Tori's son, Ken's daughter and Shelly's grandson!



Photo above: From left to right, Rotairans Meg, Lizzy, Bill, YE Student Risa and Lynn, present dictionaries to Elden 3rd grade students.

Photo left: Students try out the sign language alphabet, a feature of their new dictionary.

## CONGRATS TO THE GORILLA TEAM FOR WINNING THE MEMBERSHIP CONTEST!

ENJOY YOUR BANANA PRIZE!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

SALLY FEDRIZZI - DEC 8

PAM FALLESEN - DEC 10

MARY HULING - DEC 12

MARILYN POWELL - DEC 21

KATHLEEN JIRIES - DEC 26

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, contact Mary Huling or President Lizzy!

## HELP WITH BACKPACKS

In connection with the Kiwani's Turkey Trot event, churches and the community took up a massive food collection. Donations benefited multiple food programs, including our Backpack Program. With this huge influx of food, we are ready to gear up for some work on this important project. Can you help? We'd like to create an email list of people willing to pitch in on an as-needed basis, mainly on Monday evenings. It could be cleaning, sorting food, taking inventory, packing the bags for the kids and more. The project is growing and evolving, with new leadership and a renewed surge of club support. To be a part of a project that impacts the daily lives of local elementary children, let Lizzy know that you want to be emailed. You don't have to help every week, but each week we want to have a pool of volunteers to tap into for a few helpers that will help get the program up to speed!



# HAPPY MEMBER NEWS

Shelley Hoffman was named 2019 GBCC Business Person of the Year - click [here](#) for the full story and be sure to congratulate her next time you see her!



Ken Bush Jr. Onondaga County Legislator-13th District presents 2019 GBCC Business Person of the Year Shelley Hoffman with a proclamation from the county legislature.



Member Mary Huling drew the ace of spades to win \$200 in our 50/50!



Many thank to Marv for putting together some Thanksgiving week fun at our two meetings prior to the holiday. We gave away two \$25 Amazon gift cards to the highest scores in our turkey shoot out, with Bill and Abe as the winners, and raised almost \$60 for the Baldwinsville Community Food Pantry!

## WE NEED YOUR MAGAZINES PLEASE

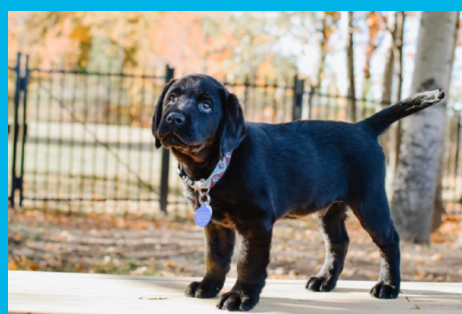
Please consider donating your December edition of the Rotarian magazine (the one with the hand washing on the front) to be used in our upcoming Trivia for Charity program. Sally has arranged that the trivia company will make one question about Rotary, pulling from the information in this magazine, each of the eight weeks of the tournament. The team that gets the most accumulated points over the course of the tournament will win \$1,000 for their charity of choice, donated by our club!

## MEET ROTARY 7150'S NEWEST ...PUPPY?

Yes, puppy! This year the Skaneateles Rotary club put together a multi-club grant with the Skaneateles Sunrise, Chittenango, Cazenovia, Fulton Noon, Baldwinsville and Dewitt Clubs. All together, with a District match, the grant totals \$11,000 and will benefit the Clear Path for Veterans puppy development program. This program raises and trains service dogs which are then provided to qualified veterans at no cost to enhance their lives. Clear Path is naming this new puppy "Rotary" in honor of our grant. His nickname is "Roty." He is a little boy Labrador retriever pup.

Pictured are Mary Giroux presenting the check to ClearPath, "Rotary" the 5 weeks old puppy and 30+ D7150 Rotarians who were present from the contributing Rotary clubs.

To learn more about Clear Path for veterans, visit their website at [www.clearpath4vets.com](http://www.clearpath4vets.com).



# Meeting Schedule

## DECEMBER

TUESDAY, DEC 3 - MARK MATT, DISTRICT FOUNDATION CHAIR

WEDNESDAY, DEC 4 - MARK MATT, DISTRICT FOUNDATION CHAIR

SATURDAY, DEC 7 - CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY, DETAILS ON PAGE 5

TUESDAY, DEC 10 - STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Board meeting at 5:30pm and regular meeting starts at 7pm

WEDNESDAY, DEC 11 - ALLI HUNT, OUR RECENT OUTBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT

@ TUESDAY, DEC 17 - SNOWBIRD SEND OFF

Some info on page 5 with more details to come!

WEDNESDAY, DEC 18 - COACH JACK EMMER, WEST POINT LACROSSE COACH

*No meetings the last two weeks of the year  
and New Year's Day!*

## JANUARY

TUESDAY, JAN 7 - THINK TANK: MINDFUL HABITS FOR THE NEW YEAR - LINK ON PAGE 2

WEDNESDAY, JAN 8 - MINDFULNESS IN THE NEW YEAR WITH SHAUNA TEELIN

TUESDAY, JAN 14 - STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Board meeting at 5:30pm and regular meeting starts at 7pm

WEDNESDAY, JAN 15 - SPEAKER DEVIN WHITE ON WORKING WITH YOUNG MEN IN SYRACUSE

SATURDAY, JAN 18 - THE B'VILLE BIG CHILL - SEE PAGE 3 FOR MORE INFO

@ TUESDAY, JAN 21 - THE PAINTING CAFE

WEDNESDAY, JAN 22 - SPEAKER LISA PACHMAYER WITH THE YMCA

 TUESDAY, JAN 28 - CLUB IN A PUB - LOCATION TBA

WEDNESDAY, JAN 29 - CLUB ASSEMBLY - GET CAUGHT UP ON WHAT OUR CLUB IS DOING

### ICON KEY FOR MEETING SCHEDULE



Club in a Pub - we will meet up starting at 5:30pm at a local pub TBD



Service Project - read your newsletter and email for details



No regular meeting



We are venturing out for something fun

All meetings are held at the Red Mill Inn. Tuesday meetings start at 7pm and cost \$1 to attend, coffee provided. Wednesday meetings start at noon and cost \$10 for lunch or \$1 to attend, coffee provided. Note any changes to time or location of meeting on this schedule!