

Baldwinsville Rotary NEWS

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in supporting the
local food pantry

Photo: Runner Christian Jones crosses the finish line in the 2017 Baldwinsville Rotary 5K Run/Walk to Stomp Out Hunger. Photo courtesy of Marianne Miles.

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FROM PRESIDENT DON



During the month of November, a month for Thanksgiving, the Baldwinsville Rotary club really stepped up. November brought a number of activities, donations and things to be thankful for.

To be thankful, the club received a \$5,000 sponsor donation for the 2017 Seneca River Days from Senator John DeFrancisco. This added to an already successful event. By the way, look for the new ideas and excitement for 2018 Seneca River days (page 4).

**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Club President 2017-18
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families and 23 kids from the high school and junior high helped. A number of the kids were from our revived Interact club! We welcome two more impressive Students of the Month and a new corporate membership too.

Rotarians and Interact students served dinner at the Ronald McDonald House on November 20. We also approved a number of donations for Baldwinsville Volunteer Center Christmas Bureau, Honor Flight, the American Cancer Society, Paper Mill Island concert series, the Rotary Hurricane Relief Fund and the club purchased 100 mosquito nets for Vieques (an island off of Puerto Rico) which was devastated as a result of the hurricane.

These efforts by our club are exactly why I became a member. It really does make me thankful there is a club like ours doing great things for people. Thanks to all of you for making this all possible!

CLUB LEADERSHIP: YOUR BOARD

Vice President:

Bill Rosental

Immediate Past President:

Janet Joslyn

President Elect:

Meg Van Patten

Secretary:

Lizzy Flinn-Brown

Co Treasurers:

Marv Joslyn, Doug Tosh

Board Members:

Bruce Jones, Bruce Stebbins,
Ken Schmidt

Want to be a Rotary leader?

**VOLUNTEERING IS A GREAT WAY TO
GAIN LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE!**

There are many free opportunities to learn about being a leader through service. Just ask a board member and read your newsletter for details!

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IMPORTANT NOTES

*New member? Check out
the blog on our web site!*

*Register for upcoming
District events at
rotary7150.org*

*Board Meeting & Student
of the Month moved to
the THIRD week in
December!*

CLUB CHARITY TRACKER

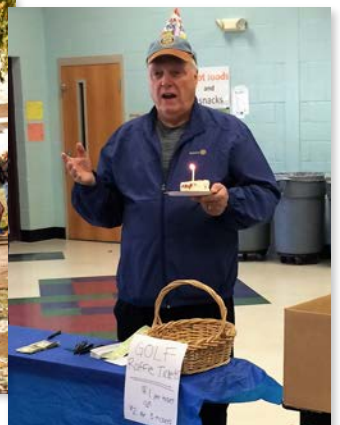
Approved at the September meeting of the Club Board:

- \$500 donation of our charity funds to the Rotary International Relief Fund to be used for Hurricane Harvey relief
 - \$100 to the Barnes-Hiscock Mansion to provide for 20 city school children to get tours
 - \$500 to the Lysander Concert Series
 - \$500 to the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk
 - up to \$750 to send mosquito nets to Puerto Rico
 - up to \$600 to Honor Flight for two plane tickets
 - \$400 to feed four families for a week through the Baldwinsville Christmas Bureau
- TOTAL: \$3,350**

BALDWINSVILLE ROTARY 5K RUN/WALK

STOMP OUT HUNGER

Thank you to all the Rotarians, friends, family, students and volunteers that helped with this year's event. With 199 runners, the event grew leaps and bounds over the previous year. Survey feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, with 97% saying they would recommend it to a friend, and lots of praise for the pizza, ice cream, finisher medals and tee shirts. The committee is meeting Wednesday, December 6th, at the Red Mill Inn at 6pm, to review the successes and identify ways to improve next year's event while it's still fresh in our mind. All are welcome and feedback can be sent to Lizzy prior to the meeting if you can't make it. The final tally for how much was raised, to be split with the Baldwinsville Community Food Pantry, will be announced in the coming weeks. Photos, race results and this year's sponsors can be found on our web site, www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org, on the 5K Run/Walk page.



Photos courtesy of Marianne Miles and Lizzy Flinn-Brown
Top left: Volunteers from the food pantry sort donations brought by race participants.

Bottom left: Rotarian Ted addresses our 23 student volunteers before they head out to the course.

Center: Runners and walkers take off at the start line.

Right: DGE Marv celebrated his birthday at the race with a song and cake!

FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE WITH FRIENDS

A bunch of Rotarians and Interact students came together to make food for the families staying at the Syracuse Ronald McDonald House. Many hands made light work!



Rotarians look on as Ted leads a round of Pictionary. We had a fun time playing a combo of Pictionary and charades at the last lunch before Thanksgiving. It was fun to have fellowship with everyone there!

2018 J D Vance, author of *Hillbilly Elegy* (the book we just discussed at our September Book Club) will be in Syracuse as part of the Rosamond-Gifford Lecture Series. If interested, Sally will coordinate a group to go. Contact her if interested at saltrav@verizon.net. MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018 | \$30-35/person

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

In late November the club welcomed their newest members, a group from the local State Farm Insurance office that is taking advantage of a corporate membership. This means it counts as one new member for our club, but we actually have four people from the office that can attend meetings and volunteer with us. Getting pinned (left photo) and being welcomed by fellow members (right photo) is business owner Scott Northrup and fellow corporate member Kathleen Jiries (pronounced like "serious" but with a "g" at the beginning!). Not shown, but also part of the membership, is Ashley Hardt and Michelle Barker. Please make sure you take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome them to the club if you haven't already!



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH IMPRESS IN NOVEMBER

Once again the two students chosen by their guidance counselors at Baker High School were top notch at November's Student of the Month awards. Collin Sant (top photo) brought his parents and grandparents to witness this special recognition. He has been a volunteer firefighter since he was 13 and hopes to follow in his father's footsteps to become a paramedic. We truly need dedicated young men like him in our community! It was also a pleasure meeting Meredith Ramin, her parents, brother and grandparents. She is a synchronized figure skater who volunteers on her lunch break to help handicapped students, and even more than we can list here. Each student is presented with a certificate, Four Way Test keychain and we all have cake afterwards. It's a special evening for everyone and especially touching to see the families beaming with pride!



PLANNING 2018 SENECA RIVER...YUM!

There are many things to do next year for our club, district and Rotary International. Here are some important events/dates to consider being a part of - especially if one of your resolutions is to get more involved in Service Above Self!

JANUARY 6:

8am: OneRotary Summit & Grants Management
6pm: Youth Exchange 50th Jubilee
Register for both at www.rotary7150.org

JANUARY 20:

The B'ville Big Chill - volunteer to help with this big fundraiser!



FEBRUARY 10:

Foundation Gala - A New Century of Giving
Come together to celebrate all that we do with our charitable work as clubs and as an international organization, with a great keynote speaker & dinner

APRIL 27-29: District Conference in Corning
Join District Governor Phyllis for her big Rotary weekend, with so many fun events to be announced. Online registration coming soon - watch your email!

JUNE 23-27: ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN TORONTO

Book your hotel stays now as the city fills up for two conventions that weekend. This opportunity to DRIVE to an international convention is not to be missed. Over a dozen B'ville Rotarians are already registered, so there will be friendly faces amongst the tens of thousands of Rotarians enjoying unbelievable speakers, top notch entertainment and great shopping!



New Seneca River Day chair Ken has discovered the secret to a great committee meeting - FOOD! Well, Rotary was already onto the food thing, but Ken is REALLY good at it. Many new ideas are being launched for next year's big event, including having two, shorter days, use of Paper Mill Island and Mercer Park, a much more local focus and brainstorming ways to pump up sponsorships and duck ticket sales. if

you want to be a part of this fun team, contact Ken Schmidt to get in on the next committee meeting. You do have to bring a side dish though!

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December

Tuesday, Dec 5 @ 7pm: Book Club with Sally, "Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow," by Yuval Noah Harari

Wednesday, Dec 6 @ Noon: Speaker Dr. Emad Rahim, author and educator (this is a great one!)

Friday & Saturday (12/8 & 12/9): OLD NEWSBOYS - Volunteer to hawk newspapers for charity

Saturday, Dec 9 @ 5pm: Area 5 Christmas Party at Battle Island, Fulton, \$25/person - sign up with Jenny

Tuesday, Dec 12: Wizard of Oz at Syracuse Stage - NO REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, Dec 13 @ Noon: Speaker Ted Croucher on chiropractic care

Tuesday, Dec 19 @ 5:30pm: Board Meeting, followed by Student of the Month at 7pm

Wednesday, Dec 20 @ Noon: Speaker Sean Kelsey, Changing Lives

December 25th: Merry Christmas to all!

Tuesday, Dec 26: NO MEETING

Wednesday, Dec 27 @ Noon: Speaker TBD

January 1: Happy New Year's to you!

**Please remember to RSVP to Dawn if you are attending Wednesday's lunch
Call Canal Walk at (315) 635-3619 by noon on Tuesdays!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sat., Jan 6: OneRotary Summit

Sat., Jan 6: District 7150 Youth Exchange Jubilee

Sat., Jan 20: B'ville Big Chill

Sat., Feb 10: District 7150 Foundation Gala

April 27-29, 2018: District Conference - Corning

June 23-27, 2018: International Convention - Toronto

Submit your program ideas today...

What would you find interesting? Know of an organization in the area we should all learn more about? Submit your ideas and any contacts you have for them to program coordinator Kristen Earle at kmlearle@gmail.com ASAP!