BALDWINSVILLE ROTARY NEWSLETTER



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Are you on a committee?
Are you on the board?
Did you take a photo at a recent club gathering?
Have happy news to share?
Submit your articles, news and photos to the editor by the 25th of each month.



50 Years of Service

FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT BRIAN:

'Tis the season! We've heard this many times, but how does this fit in with the Rotary Four Way Test? "Will it be Beneficial to all concerned," comes into play with our donations to Erin's Angels, our local food pantry, We Rise Above the Streets, PEACE, and Old Newsboys, to name just a few.

I feel that "Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships," fits the season even more. "Remember, no man is a failure who has friends," and "It's not just what's under the Christmas tree that matters. It's who's around it." We will be building better friendships through our Christmas party, our outing to The Redhouse, our weekly club meetings, many family parties and movie time get togethers. After all, "we all could use a little social interaction."

During this holiday season I hope we can strengthen our friendships and spread goodwill throughout our community. "Just remember, the true spirit of Christmas lies in your heart." I truly believe in the spirit of the season, and I hope you do too! "I believe, I believe, it's silly, but I believe."

"May your days be merry and bright and may all your Christmases be white." Happy Holidays and may all your holiday wishes come true!

Ok, I have referenced or quoted six classic Christmas movies/specials... can you name what movie/special each one came from (without an internet search)? "I triple-dog-dare ya!" (Now SEVEN movies/specials)

Carpe Diem, Brian E Walsh





Wishing our members peace, love and joy this holiday season!

Cheers,

Baldwinsville
Rotary





HOLIDAY SERVICE & FUN

OLD NEWSBOYS

FRIDAY 12/9 & SATURDAY 12/10
Take a one-hour shift to hawk
newspapers in exchange for donations to
support the CNY Christmas Bureau as part
of the Hope for the Holidays campaign.

Sign up for a shift here.

CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

SUNDAY 12/11 from 2-5PM at Marcia's House

<u>Click here</u> to sign up Bringing snacks is optional BYOR

PEACE GIFT GIVING

Support a local family in need by buying from their wish list. Unwrapped gifts due to Scott's State Farm office by Dec 15th.

<u>Click here</u> to see the wish list and sign up.



GET YOUR 50TH PIN

If you missed our big celebration in October, you can still celebrate our club's 50th year with one of our custom celebration pins. They are just \$3 each and available at all meetings in person.

CHARITY OF CHOICE UPDATE

Just a friendly reminder that every time you (as a member of our club) attend one of our regular meetings you will have a chance to enter into our drawing to win \$100 for a charity you treasure. There are slips at each of the meetings (when held at The Wood) that you fill out with your name and charity. If you attend via zoom you can enter your charity in the chat and someone will complete a form for you. This program is for members only and is our club's way of supporting charities you care about. Watch your newsletter each month for a round up of who has won and what charities are receiving donations in their name.

September Winner: Jenny Doane for \$100 to 100 Black Men of Syracuse October Winner: Janet Joslyn for \$100 to 100 Black Men of Syracuse November Winner: Marilyn Powell for \$100 to the Rescue Mission

DECEMBER THINK TANK VIDEO FOR DISCUSSION

Our meeting on Tuesday, Dec 6th will be the last Think Tank discussion for a while as we start our new meeting schedule in 2023. Make it a point to be part of it! Join us for lively discussion on the video you can watch here. It is of a speech given by comedian Tim Minchin with nine life lessons.

Enjoy a laugh and take in the advice that we'll discuss as a group!

NEW MEETING SCHEDULE TO START IN 2023

The club board wants to thank everyone who weighed in with feedback on changes to our meeting times. Starting in 2023, we will meet the first week and third week of each month on Wednesdays at noon, and the second week and fourth week on Tuesdays at 7pm.

We will also continue to have club in a pub on Tuesday night the third week each month.

If there is a fifth week in the month, we'll leave it up to members if they want to informally gather or do something together.

This is the schedule that accommodates everyone's needs best, but we realize it might be a bit confusing to keep it all straight. We intend to make sure the weekly emails are clear about what is happening that week and what is coming up. You can also look at the Meetings tab on the club web site to look ahead at what day and time meetings will be through the end of this Rotary year. Between the emails, web site and monthly newsletter, there will be plenty of places you can look to for help with what days we are meeting.

Again, we thank all who provided thoughtful feedback. Change is never easy, but often necessary. Something to remember is that this is not set in stone. We will be assessing how everything is going over the first six months and will continue to be open to changes that will improve the Rotary experience for everyone! If you have any questions, please reach out to President Brian directly.

NEED A GIFT FOR A ROTARIAN?

Check out www.BestClubSupplies.com for licensed Rotary merch!

It's also great for shopping for yourself!



CNY ROTARY UPDATE GET INVOLVED!

During the holiday season, the CNY Rotary Steering Committee is reflecting on the many blessings we have as Rotarians with the ability to serve and improve the lives of others. While change is on the horizon, the goal of clubs doing good in their communities will not change and support for this important work will only grow.

If you find it in your heart to want to serve in new ways this holiday season, step up to get involved in CNY Rotary by putting your name in the hat through the contact form at www.cnyrotary.org.



LEAVE A LEGACY THROUGH ROTARY

You can qualify as a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation by making an outright gift of \$1,000 or more to the Endowment or notifying the Foundation that you've included the Endowment as a beneficiary of that amount in your estate plan. Benefactors receive a certificate and insignia to wear with a Rotary or Paul Harris Fellow pin.

If you make a commitment for a future gift of \$10,000 or more to the Foundation, you'll be invited to join the Bequest Society. Bequest Society members receive benefits and recognition pieces for different levels of giving, including pins and crystals, the ability to endow named funds, or special seating at the Rotary International Convention.

More than 100,000 Benefactors and more than 14,500 Bequest Society members are creating legacies of generosity as they help people around the world live better lives. <u>Click here</u> to download the form so you can leave a legacy of good. If you have any questions about the Rotary International Foundation, speak our chair Doug Tosh!



PARADE OF LIGHTS SERVED UP FOOD & SMILES

Rotarians served food to parade participants - mainly first responders - and had a booth by the village tree lighting giving out toys and ducks for the kids. Special thanks to our sponsors Dunkin, Sal's Pizzeria, State Farm - Scott Northrup, Steel in the Air and Horan Services, and to our event chair Ken Schmidt for coordinating our presence in both parts of the event. Also thank you to all the Rotary volunteers to who came out to set up, serve food, play duck pluck and clean up!



BUNCO NIGHT FUN

Last month we replaced a meeting with a bunco night, featuring three tables of players rolling the dice just for fun. Thanks to Lynn for bringing all the gear and for Jenny coordinating the space at The Wood.



CLUB PRESIDENT NEEDED FOR 2024-25

Fewer meetings to run.
Lizzy will be CNY Rotary President.
It will be the first year of the new district.
A truly valued service to all of our members.
If you are interested in being our leader during a big year for Rotary in our region, speak to Jenny or Brian!

INTERACT VOLUNTEERS AT RESCUE MISSION TELETHON





Baldwinsville Interact students volunteered to staff the phones at a recent Movie with a Mission telethon to raise money for the Rescue Mission. Let's hear it for our youth!

CLICK THE ICON BELOW TO VIEW OUR FULL MEETING SCHEDULE THROUGH JUNE 2023!



HAPPY NEWS, FUNNIES, **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Michelle Bourdage - Dec 1 Sally Fedrizzi - Dec 8 Pam Fallesen - Dec 10 Iennifer Holman - Dec 10 Mary Coogan - Dec 12 Marilyn Powell - Dec 21 Kathleen liries - Dec 26

ARE WE MISSING YOUR BIRTHDAY OR **ANNIVERSARY? CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT** YOUR BIRTHDAY & **ANNIVERSARY DATES**







Shelley Hoffman shared this photo of a Rotary amphitheater she saw in Tampa



Several Rotarians attended the Hope & Heels fundraiser to support fellow Rotarian Frieda Weeks' Hope for Heather foundation, which supports ovarian cancer research and awareness.



Lizzy got to take her niece Mackenzie back to college at Bowling Green State University following a holiday get together with family (it was raining).

Sally was blessed with a new granddaughter just a few days before her birthday.



Submit your happy news (personal, professional or otherwise) to Lizzy for future newsletters!

NEED A RIDE?



Don't forget about our Rotary Rides program to help fellow members who need a lift. Whether it's a doctor appointment, a grocery pick up or help when your car is in the shop, check out this list of Rotarians willing to give a ride and do not hesitate to call when you are in need. You can also add your name, remove your name or change your availability as needed. One more way that we can all connect and support one another!



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MEETING SCHEDULE

More details on special events will be provided via email as events draw near!

Tuesday 12/6 at 7pm

Think Tank

Click here to watch a short video with life advice from a comedian, then come chat!

Wednesday 12/7 at Noon

Speaker Ben Tallini, owner and coach at Haven liu litsu

DEC 9 & 10: OLD NEWSBOYS

DFC 11: CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

BOARD MEETING - TUES 12/13 at 5:30PM

Tuesday 12/13 at 7pm Students of the Month

Wednesday 12/14 at Noon

Speaker Annette Peters with <u>The Good Life CNY</u> Learn how to be an ambassador for our area

DEC 18: HAPPY HANNUKAH

Tuesday 12/20 from 5-7pm

Club in a Pub at Mohegan Manor Come when you can, leave when you have to, eat, drink and be merry

Wednesday 12/21

NO REGULÁR MEETING - HOLIDAY BREAK

DEC 25: MERRY CHRISTMAS

Tuesday 12/27

NO REGULAR MEETING - HOLIDAY BREAK

Wednesday 12/28

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See you in 2023! First meeting in new year: Wed, Jan 4th at noon

Share your program ideas with our Programs Chair Chris Walsh, at cwalsh7@twcny.rr.com

MEETING DETAILS

All meetings are free to attend.
Food or drinks available, please order and pay at the bar.
Happy dollars are optional
Raffle is optional - tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2
Charity of Choice is free for members - one entry for every meeting attended
As much as possible, all meetings will be available in person and on zoom

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