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*President Lizzy Martin*

I want to start out this newsletter by thanking everyone for their flexibility, for paying attention to club news and rolling with the punches as we've had to change the home of our club to The Wood and continue to offer new and different meeting formats. Your patience is very much appreciated! One last change for the time being is our increase in lunch from \$10 to \$12, starting with the February 5th meeting. With the increased quality in our lunch experience, mainly the space, having real silverware and table linens, and not having to make our own coffee, we've had to account for the added cost that brings. It also means we have a very quality meeting experience for our members and guests though! I hope anyone who has concerns about cost - as it relates to ANYTHING in Rotary - will speak with me

personally. Your club leaders work hard to keep the cost of being in Rotary as affordable as possible and we currently have a committee brainstorming alternative membership options that will make us even more accessible. Please read through this newsletter for several opportunities to both volunteer and be a leader. We need all of you to finish this Rotary year strong!

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## SOUP 'N SNOWSHOE

**Saturday, February 15th**  
**Beaver Lake Nature Center**

8477 East Mud Lake Road, Baldwinsville, NY 13027

### 11AM HIKE & 12PM LUNCH

Cook up your favorite crockpot dish to bring and share. Join us at 11am if you wish to go on a snowshoe hike - or regular hike depending on weather conditions. Or you can come at noon to kick off the soup tasting and lunch portion of the day. There will be a friendly competition to vote for your favorite crockpot dish, our Youth Exchange students will be joining us from around the district and it's a really nice way to spend time together. Your family and friends are welcome too!

**ADMISSION IS \$5 PER CAR (CASH ONLY!)**

Snowshoes are available for rent for \$5 per hour or bring your own

**CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP**



# TWO DISTRICT EVENTS - SIGN UP TODAY!

## SUPER SATURDAY TRAINING

February 8th | 7:30am-12:30pm  
Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School  
FREE training open to all Rotarians  
Special courses for club leaders  
Includes breakfast and childcare

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

## FOUNDATION GALA

February 22nd | 5pm  
Craftsman Inn, Fayetteville | \$50/person  
Evening to celebrate the impact of our giving through the Rotary Foundation  
Meet "Rotary" the puppy, awards & more!

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## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: MADISON MANNING & ETHAN SCHWABENBAUER

Last month we hosted our first Students of the Month in our new location. We welcomed Madison Manning (on left), her parents, sister and grandmother, as well as Ethan Schwabenbauer and his parents (on the right). It was a wonderful evening with tears and laughter as we learn about these amazing young leaders. Ethan went first, sharing with us that he is active in Key Club and plays lacrosse (although he is just recently recovered from a shoulder injury). He works at Wegman's and loves money, so he wants to study finance and get into stocks and trading. Madison is a dancer and cheerleader who participates in student council and yearbook club. She wants to study speech pathology in college. We all got a little emotional when Madison shared that her role model is her mother, who is also her best friend. Ethan shared that his dad is his inspiration because he has always worked hard for his family - a surprise to his dad to hear this! Not only were the kids and their guests wonderful to have, we had a full house at The Wood. Please continue joining us for this special evening the second Tuesday of each month. In February we will meet and honor Hannah Gottlieb and Jordan Hoffman!



## LUNCH PRICE INCREASE STARTS FEBRUARY 5TH

As announced via email mid-January, we will be increasing the price to have lunch to \$12. That's technically \$11 to The Wood and \$1 to the club for your attendance. If you don't want lunch at our Wednesday meeting, it remains \$1 to attend. This increase is to account for the new venue, which includes table linens, real dishware and staff that set up and clean up for us. They also provide coffee and water at all meetings. So far the lunches have been well received and I encourage everyone, even if you've gotten out of the habit, to consider opting in for lunch more often. Direct any questions or concerns to Lizzy!

## BACKPACK PROGRAM UPDATE

This program has been operating very efficiently thanks to organization on the part of our chairs Mary and Amber, and increased participation from our club members. We appreciate everyone's efforts to help out with this important program that provides food for about 30 elementary students each Friday, to help combat hunger on the weekends. We also send food to the middle and high school food pantries. Currently the group is packing everything for an entire month and packaging it up for delivery. Interact students will come by in February to help check expiration dates and ensure we use all the food in time to avoid expiration. So much thought and effort is being put into this program. Everyone should be proud of the work our club is doing, along with our partners!

# CHARITY OF CHOICE WINNER

January's Charity of Choice winner was Mic Jenkins and the charity that's in his heart is our school's marching band. They will receive \$100 in his honor! Be sure to complete a Charity of Choice slip, with your name and a charity you are passionate about, every single time you attend a regular meeting (even if you come to both meetings in the same week!). The more you attend, the more chances you have to win in this monthly drawing. We pick the winner at the very last meeting of the month. Rotary values the causes our members care about!

## INTERACT RAISES MONEY & JUMPS IN AT B'VILLE BIG CHILL

Our Interact students were all in at this year's Big Chill. They sold hot cocoa and coffee as a club fundraiser and had a team that participated in the polar plunge. They raised money online, and with gift basket raffles held at the Titcomb Center the weekend before the event. All were great team-building activities for the kids, who were trying to win the polar plunge for Camp Good Days.. They came in 7th place, raising \$1,078.

We should be proud to sponsor a group that is helping to grow young leaders in our community! Click the photo to see the video of their team jumping in the river!



Interact



Baldwinsville

## 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
- \$500 to Vera House
- \$1,000 to Trivia for Charity
- up to \$1,000 approved for Backpack Program
- up to \$500 for Liverpool Satellite Rotary Club start up funds




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

## BIG CHILL WRAP UP

A BIG thank you to everyone who came out to volunteer on what turned out to be a very wintery day for the B'ville Big Chill last month. We helped set up, had the watchers helping at the polar plunge and people helping with Best in Bowl inside the tent, and we did clean up - making the biggest part of the day run very smoothly. We were really into the snow by the time the poker run got started, but still had great crowds making their way around town to try to get the best (or worst) hand to win prizes. Thanks to all the dealers who made it out that night! We will know how much was raised for Rotary in March and are already looking forward to next year's event!

## FAST FACTS

Over 100 people jumped in the river - here are the top three teams and what they raised:

	VFWPOST153 /team/vfwpost153	\$5,389.00 of \$1,000.00 Raised
	Anita's Army /team/anitasarmy	\$4,960.00 of \$3,000.00 Raised
	WT Brews Crew /team/wtbrews	\$3,140.00 Raised

**CLICK HERE TO  
READ MORE  
ON BIG CHILL  
RESULTS  
ON THEIR  
FACEBOOK  
PAGE**

Angry Garlic won Best in Bowl by 2 votes over The Wood - but all the food was delish!

Best hand in the poker run was a full house of 6's and 8's, winner Mary F.



# IT'S OFFICIAL - LIVERPOOL HAS A ROTARY CLUB!

Congratulations to the committee working on establishing a satellite Rotary club in Liverpool for accomplishing their goal in just 6 months. On January 15th the Rotary Satellite Club of Baldwinsville in Liverpool (better known as "Liverpool Rotary") was chartered, with 15 charter members. Their club includes a chair (which is like a president), vice chair (which is like our president elect), secretary and treasurer. They also already have a membership chair, public image chair and programs chair, with nine members attending the upcoming district training. The leadership team has been meeting Tuesday mornings to iron out bylaws and establish the basic elements of the club. Their first official Rotary meeting will be Friday, February 7th at noon at the Hometeam Pub, on Rt 57 in Liverpool!

## UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECTS

### YOUTH CENTER PAINTING

**Week of March 9th**

Help out with painting a few of the rooms in the Rescue Mission's newest youth center. Volunteers will be asked to bring their own brushes, rollers, tape, etc. The club will sponsor the purchase of the paint. Details and sign up to come!

### SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BED BUILD

**First week of April**

Come do some more hands-on volunteering by helping build beds for children in need in CNY. More details and a sign up to come. The club is sponsoring the cost of this build.

### EARTH DAY CLEAN UP

**Third week of April**

More details still to come - plan to help with our local clean up effort in honor of Earth Day!

### ROTARY TO THE RESCUE

**May 8-9, 2020**

Plan to sign up and help with gathering yard sale leftovers to benefit the Rescue Mission.

### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

**May 30, 2020**

Take the lead or plan to walk in this parade to help promote Seneca River Days

# THINK TANK DISCUSSIONS

This is a special program held at a regularly scheduled meeting, with discussions led by Sally Fedrizzi.

## TUESDAY, FEB 4

We are going to revisit protecting our planet with this article: Planet or Plastic? [Click here](#) to read up and join us to discuss. Bring ideas on how we could help reduce plastics on a local level!

## TUESDAY, MAR 3

The March Think Tank will feature special guest and Oswego Rotarian Dr. Rodmon King. He is the Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer at SUNY Oswego and will lend a lot to our discussion on diversity, equity and inclusion - both in Rotary and in life.

The article we ask you to read in advance is "[If I Were A Poor Black Kid](#)," by Gene Marks, from a feature in Forbes Magazine.

Be prepared to have an open mind and bring your self-awareness to take in different perspectives and recognize biases we might inadvertently carry with us; all for the sake of opening our hearts to others in a more unconditional way!

## REVIEW OUR CLUB ASSEMBLY REPORT

At the Wednesday, January 29th meeting we held our first club assembly, updating members on many aspects of our clubs internal and external activities. Apologies from President Lizzy that the schedule didn't permit both a Tuesday and Wednesday presentation of the information, but the full report is available for your [download here](#). Save the date for another assembly meeting, this time available at both meetings, April 21 & 22.



If you have questions about this report or want to see specific information in future reports, please contact Lizzy directly.

# B'VILLE ROTARY HAVING WINTER FUN



On January 21st, club members, spouses, our Youth Exchange Student and a visiting Rotarian from the Onondaga North Club came together at The Painting Cafe for some snacks, drinks and creativity. Here are some snapshots from the night!



## VOLUNTEERING AT THE BIG CHILL IN PHOTOS



We had two members jump in - Amber Cavallaro with her Solvay Bank team and Shelley Hoffman with her Absolute Bville team. Plus our Interact students had a team and several jumped in!



We also had volunteers covering most of the poker run locations, including this trio at WT's!


### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

NORMA WIDMANN - FEB 5  
KISHMA ALEXANDER - FEB 12  
MARCIA BENSON - FEB 14

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

JANET & MARV JOSLYN - FEB 22  
BILL & LYNN ROSENTEL - FEB 28

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, contact Joan Patchett or President Lizzy!



## SENECA RIVER DAYS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The club's largest event and biggest fundraiser needs you! The committee is seeking people to shadow our current leaders to learn the ropes this year and be our leaders in the future. We also need to fill out some sub-committees so we have more help with tickets, sponsorships and some of the key elements of the event. These roles do not require extensive committee meetings or time, but will make a big impact on our club. Please speak to Ken Schmidt or email him to get involved: [ken@steelintheair.com](mailto:ken@steelintheair.com).



# Meeting Schedule

ALL MEETINGS NOW HELD AT THE WOOD UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED!

## FEBRUARY

TUESDAY, FEB 4 - THINK TANK - PLANET OR PLASTICS? - LINK ON PAGE 4

WEDNESDAY, FEB 5 - LEARN ABOUT THE 2020 CENSUS WITH JERRY LORD

TUESDAY, FEB 11 - STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB 12: SPEAKER PAMELA GRATTON WITH THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY, FEB 14TH: HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

@ SATURDAY, FEB 15TH: SOUP 'N SNOWSHOE - DETAILS ON PAGE 1

TUESDAY, FEB 18 - SPEAKER JIM DALE WITH THE B'VILLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

WEDNESDAY, FEB 19: LEARN ABOUT HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

SUNDAY, FEB 23 - ROTARY'S 115TH BIRTHDAY

 TUESDAY, FEB 25 - CLUB IN A PUB TO CELEBRATE ROTARY'S BIRTHDAY!

WEDNESDAY, FEB 26: TBD

## MARCH

TUESDAY, MAR 3 - THINK TANK - DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION - LINK ON PAGE 4

WEDNESDAY, MAR 4 - SPEAKER MARTHA RICKEY ON THE HISTORY OF BALDWINVILLE

TUESDAY, MAR 10 - STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

WEDNESDAY, MAR 11: TBD

 TUESDAY, MAR 17 - ST. PATTY'S DAY CLUB IN A PUB

WEDNESDAY, MAR 18 - SPEAKER SUSAN BERTRAND WITH MAUREEN'S HOPE

TUESDAY, MAR 24 - LEARN ABOUT THE SUNSHINE HORSE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, MAR 25: TBD

TUESDAY, MAR 31: SPEAKER/MEMBER MARY SCHMUTZ ON HER VOCATION: PHYSICAL THERAPY

### 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!*