


Baldwinsville Rotary NEWS

Feb 2018

Rotary 

Plus

A Big Chill
Wrap Up

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Including Rotary's 113th Birthday

Meet our new member Sarah Brown

A very special In Memoriam

Photo: Rotarian Ted Croucher emerges from the Seneca River during The B'ville Big Chill's polar plunge. Photo: Dona Occhipinti

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FROM PRESIDENT DON



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Even though this year it has been one of the coldest, our Rotary Club and the Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce lucked out with a pretty reasonable weather day for the Big Chill. And while the air may have been a bit warmer, many brave souls including some of our members (Mary, Scott, Jennifer and Ted, along with family and friends) jumped into that freezing water for a great cause. Thanks to everyone who participated! Based on preliminary numbers it certainly looks like a major success raising more money than last year. Our Rotary will be able to be very generous in supporting the Backpack Project with the funds. Our next Student of the Month will be on Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 pm at the Red Mill Inn following the

club's board meeting. We are trying something different this month by not having our Wednesday lunch hoping we can get more members to attend the student awards event on Tuesday night. This month we are honoring Devon Vander Voort and Connor Sullivan.

Finally, this past month our club and our community lost a very special and dedicated Rotarian, mother, grandmother and friend. After a long, courageous battle with cancer, we lost Jacquie Olmsted. Jacquie dedicated herself to the cause of Rotary. She will be sorely missed by all.

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

Looks like trivia is every week at WT Brews at 7pm on Wednesdays

Ask Marcia about Rotary Direct so you can plan your annual Rotary giving with easy monthly payments

Sign up for District Conference online!

CLUB CHARITY TRACKER

- \$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
- \$1,000 for two BOCES scholarships
- \$1,000 for scholarship through the Baldwinsville Community Scholarship Fund
- \$325 to sponsor a student attending a YMCA Youth & Gov't Program
- \$1,200 for Dictionary Project
- \$250 to the MOST
TOTAL: \$7,125

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FEBRUARY 2018

BIRTHDAYS:

Feb 5: Norma Widmann's
Feb 14: Marcia Benson's

ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 15: PJ & Gladys Scott
Feb 18: Don & Kathy Distasio
Feb 22: Marv & Janet Joslyn
(50 years!)
Feb 28: Bill & Lynn Rosentel

***Don't see your birthday or anniversary listed here?
Tell it to Jenny!***



IN MEMORIAM: JACQUIE OLMSTED

On January 12, 2018 our club lost long-time member Jacquie Olmsted after her long and courageous battle against cancer. A service was held at the First United Methodist Church in Fayetteville on Saturday, January 20th and you can read her obituary here: <https://goo.gl/pKpfGg> Please keep Bob, her partner for the last four years and fellow Rotarian, in your thoughts, as well as Jacquie's many family and close friends.



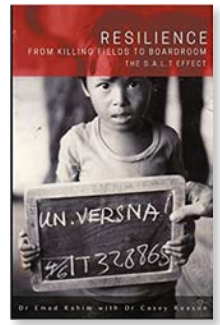
Photos from Jacquie's Facebook page

AND THE NEXT BOOK CLUB IS...

The next book was inspired by a recent speaker who visited our club, Dr. Emad Rahim. You will especially want to read this if you missed his presentation and you will definitely want to participate in the discussion, led by Sally, no matter what. Join us and be sure to share the Facebook event with your fellow, book-loving friends!

"Resilience - From Killing Fields to Boardroom" by Dr. Emad Rahim
Tuesday, March 13th at 7pm at the Red Mill Inn

Click here to join our Facebook event: <https://goo.gl/9g8PiA>



SOUP 'N SNOWSHOE AT BEAVER LAKE



We hope you can attend this year's popular double event at Beaver Lake Nature Center - **Sunday, February 11th, from noon until 3pm**. This is a two-part event that you can participate in however you prefer. The first part is a snowshoe (weather permitting) along trails at the nature center. The second part is a soup/chowder/chili tasting (and competition) for everyone to enjoy and warm up with afterwards. If you wish to just make a dish and skip the snowshoe, you can. If you want to hike and then head home, that's okay too. We will be joined by the District Governor and some local scouts, so it should be a really fun day!

Come early to plug in your crockpot at the nature center building and

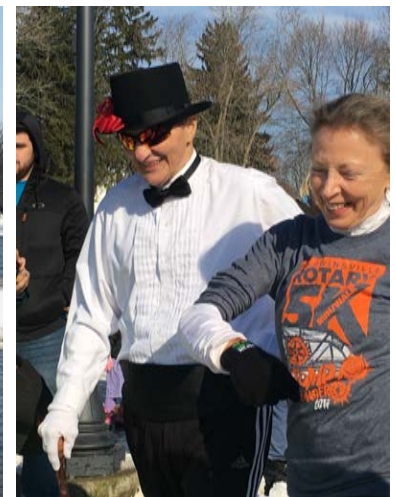
rent snowshoes if needed. Make sure you bring a few dollars for parking too!

Photo: Last year's soup-makers.

BIG CHILL HAS GREAT WEATHER & ATTENDANCE

The B'ville Big Chill is a three-part event celebrating the season, our community and raising money for some great causes. It starts with the polar plunge where teams raise money daring them to dunk themselves in the frozen river - brrr! The top three teams this year were VFW Post 152, raising \$4,383, followed by WT Brew's Crew with \$3,579 and in third place is Pastime Athletic Club with \$2,088.68. Our team, the Rotary Plungers, raised \$1,021 - great job guys! The second feature of the day is the Best in Bowl, where people can pay \$5 to get into our warm tent and taste food from local venues. The tent was hopping for several hours as people came to support their friends and family jumping in the river and then stayed to have a bite. The third feature was the Poker Bear Express pub crawl, with eight participating bars in the village. Participants paid \$10 for a ticket and drew a card at each location to try to get the best poker hand. The winner was Casey C of Syracuse with four kings. Overall, participation was up compared to last year, which should help overcome some increased costs (like the tent rental). We split the funds with the chamber and have chosen the Backpack Project to receive a portion of those funds. Our goal is to be able to expand the program to provide food for more children in need!

Many thanks to our very own Nancy Howe for chairing the event, to the Rotarians who were part of the planning committee, all the volunteers and the brave plungers for their part in making the day a success!



MEET NEW MEMBER SARAH

In January, the club welcomed transferring Rotarian Sarah Brown, who was previously a member with the Las Vegas Rotary Club. She works for a company that helps develop franchise systems, her husband's name is Don and she has already jumped into volunteering with us, doing the poker run for at the B'ville Big Chill. Please make sure you take a moment to introduce yourself at an upcoming meeting. Welcome Sarah!

Make sure you are always on the look out for potential new members and don't be afraid to ask someone to join us!



JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH WOW US AGAIN

Once again, the guidance counselors at Baker High School have shown us two amazing young leaders by nominating Jonathan Bond and Caitlyn Bradshaw to be our January Students of the Month. We welcomed the students and their families for the monthly awards presentation, where we get to know the kids better, share with them what Rotary is all about and hopefully impress upon them how valuable service can be to their lives. And we usually find that they've already discovered the secret of service!

Jonathan is in band, likes to lift weights and wants to attend LeMoyne to study linguistic forensics (the meaning behind words). Caitlyn hopes to attend Binghamton to be a teacher, although she also admitted to being interested in politics, and she has been active in the Civil Air Patrol.

The next Students of the Month presentation will be Tuesday, February 13th. Without a lunch meeting

the next day, we hope you will plan ahead to attend the evening meeting that week!



HAPPY
birthday

113 YEARS

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARY: 113 YEARS OF SERVICE

On February 23rd, Rotary will celebrate it's 113th birthday and we have a great idea for how all Rotarians can celebrate it: with a special birthday donation to the Rotary International Foundation! When you give to the Annual Fund you empower Rotarians like you to improve communities and make lasting change. You can donate at www.rotary.org/give or speak with Marcia about the many different ways you can donate, including with automatic payments through Rotary Direct.

NEED FUN?

Trivia Night at WT Brews, every Wednesday at 7pm
Soup 'n Snowshoe, Feb 11th, 12-3 at Beaver Lake

The Fun Committee is working on at least one fun event each month, so read your newsletter and watch your emails for details on these upcoming events. If you have ideas, feedback or input, please speak to Ken, Laurie or Lizzy!

February

Tuesday, Feb 6 at 7pm: Line dancing with Dennis Deland

Wednesday, Feb 7 at noon: Youth Exchange Presentation from Luca!

SATURDAY, FEB 10 AT 5PM: DISTRICT FOUNDATION GALA

SUNDAY, FEB 11 AT NOON: SOUP 'N SNOWSHOE AT BEAVER LAKE

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

Wednesday, Feb 14: NO MEETING <<<<<<< **IMPORTANT**

Tuesday, Feb 20 at 7pm: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards student Nick Lakonski

Wednesday, Feb 21 at noon: Learn about the Erie Canal Museum

FRIDAY, FEB 23: HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARY

Tuesday, Feb 27 at 7pm: Rotary Foundation

Wednesday, Feb 28: Welcome speakers from Clear Path for Veterans



*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

March 10: Rotary Leadership Institute in Owego

April 27-29: District Conference - Corning

June 8-9: Seneca River Days

June 24-27: 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!