



President Lizzy Martin

We have reached the second half of our Rotary year. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up in these first six months to help set up the meetings, lead a project, make a donation or give their time to put Service Above Self. At the end of this month we will hold our first assembly meeting (see what to expect on page 4) and I'm excited to showcase all that we have done, all that we are planning and show you where we are to our annual goals. Please forget about the assemblies of the past and plan to attend to learn A LOT about our club! Another great achievement we had in the first six months was in membership, welcoming four new members (including a corporate membership) just in the month of December. Please keep up the good work because it's all of you taking the time to ask people to consider Rotary that is bringing in these new volunteers. If you have been asked to be a mentor, please be sure to keep in contact with your new member and get them engaged in all that we are doing - and we are doing a lot! This newsletter had to be expanded to eight pages to fit all the news. I hope you will take the time to read through it all and be proud of the work you are doing!

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SAVE THESE DATES

- FEB 8:
DISTRICT TRAINING
- FEB 22:
FOUNDATION GALA
- OCT 17:
DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Paint & Sip!



at The Painting Cafe
52 Oswego Street, B'ville
Tuesday, Jan 21
6:30pm

Advanced registration required
\$25/person & open to all Rotarians, friends & family
Bring drinks & snacks if you wish!

SPACE IS LIMITED!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

NEW MEETING LOCATION

As most of you know already, The Red Mill Inn has closed. It is going to be under new ownership and transitioning to a senior living facility. Until we are ready to make a more permanent decision, we will be meeting at The Wood, located at 7439 Canton Street Road, Baldwinsville. We have had a few meetings there with positive feedback and it is one of the few places in town that can accommodate a group our size. All meetings will be held there unless the schedule indicates otherwise - like for our painting night or club in a pub. Cash bar will be available at all meetings. Our club's information is being updated, but if you see us listed somewhere as still meeting at the Red Mill Inn, please contact President Lizzy. You can also email or call her with any questions or concerns about this big change for our club!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Meetings will still be at the same times and on the same days
- Costs to attend meetings will remain the same, but lunch costs could go up a little after the first month
- We will continue to format our lunch meeting with the program at the beginning and meal at the end
- Please use the main entrance, around the left side of the barn, and walk through the bar area to the banquet room
- Please give us your patience as we adjust to our new venue!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: NATALIE DOBACK & OLIVER EXWARE

In December we met two more impressive young leaders in Natalie and Oliver. Natalie, shown in the top photo with her parents, is a dancer, artist and musician. She plays several instruments, including piano, guitar and ukulele, and plans to study art at RIT next year. Oliver is also a musical guy who plays tuba, but recently stepped back from marching band (still in the concert band though) to focus on other interests. As an athlete he likes to run cross country and play hockey. He works at the school's credit union, helping students set up and manage bank accounts, and looks to study accounting when he goes off to college. He and his parents are in the lower photo. Yet again we enjoyed hearing from these excellent speakers and are sure that we will see them doing great things as they grow up! Great work parents!

Students of the Month awards are presented at the second Tuesday meeting of each month during the school year. Students are chosen by their guidance counselor for exhibiting the same qualities we look for in Rotarians - integrity, commitment to others and a desire to serve.



BIG CHILL DETAILS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The B'ville Big Chill is a partnership between Rotary and the Greater Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce. They do a lot of the pre-planning to get participation and sponsorships, while we provide most of the volunteers to pull off all of the events. Volunteer tasks consist of setting up at Mercer Park mid-morning, helping while the plunge and Best in Bowl events are going on and clean up in early afternoon. Then again in the evening we need volunteers to work the poker run from about 4-9pm. Jenny Doane is in charge of volunteers this year, so please see her to sign up. Announcements and sign ups will be made at January meetings!

SAT, JANUARY 18TH TRIO OF EVENTS:

- POLAR PLUNGE
- BEST IN BOWL
- POKER BEAR EXPRESS
PUB CRAWL

FOLLOW ON FACEBOOK

INTERACT HELPS RESCUE MISSION DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Our Interact group, now at 40+ members, has continued to be active through the holiday season. They partnered with the Rescue Mission on a couple of projects in December. First they volunteered to serve meals at the Rescue Mission's headquarters and then they staffed the phones during the Movie with a Mission telethon. Thanks to leadership from our chairs Katie and Shelley, these kids are choosing their own projects and making them happen. They learn to work as a team, be a leader and the joy of serving others. Keep up the great work!



Interact  Baldwinsville

CHARITY OF CHOICE WINNER

December's winner was Dave Horan and his charity of choice was the Baldwinsville Community Food Pantry. 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!

SATELLITE CLUB PREPARING TO START IN LIVERPOOL

Last summer, our club voted to support the exploration of starting a satellite club in the Liverpool community. Project leads Janet and Marv had no idea if this was going to work, but saw an opportunity since there are very few service groups specific to Liverpool. Turns out, Rotary is just what they needed and the project has been on a much faster trajectory than ever imagined. In fact, the club charter will be submitted in January! A satellite club requires at least eight members to be formed and we anticipate exceeding that right out of the gate. The charter members of this new club will submit their paperwork, decide when and where to meet, and approve their leadership team at a January 7th gathering. As a satellite club, they will be extension of our club, and hopefully someday they will grow into their own separate club. Thanks to our members for supporting this adventure - we will update you more at the assembly meeting at the end of January!



Photo: Future satellite club members and B'ville Rotarians at a December planning meeting.

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

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

NEXT THINK TANK DISCUSSIONS

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

TUESDAY, JAN 7

Read up on the "13 Things Mindful People Do Differently Every Day" and join us for a discussion on the benefits of mindfulness and meditation - a great skill to work on in the new year! [Click here to read the article.](#)

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!

FOUNDATION FACTS

In 2018-19, 94 fellows from 43 countries began their studies at the Rotary Peace Centers, and program awards for the fellows and centers totaled \$5.0 million.

In 2018-19, the Foundation approved 1,403 global grants, and program awards totaled \$86.6 million. If you have a global project, consider applying for a grant to make a big impact!

In 2018-19, program awards, including PolioPlus Partners grants, totaled \$151.2 million.

Since 1947, our foundation has given \$4.57 billion in program awards and operations.

[Click here to download a fact sheet with more on our 2018-19 foundation numbers!](#)

WHAT TO EXPECT AT ASSEMBLY

The last meeting in January will be a mid-year assembly meeting. We haven't had one yet this year and some of you may have never even attended an assembly before, so here is what you can expect:

- updates on recent and future projects
- an opportunity to ask questions to committee chairs and club leadership
- a report on our club's giving so far and financial standing
- time to discuss new ideas and new ways our club can help our community here and abroad
- a status report on our club's progress towards annual goals and the Rotary Citation
- the latest news from the new satellite club in Liverpool

This will be an opportunity to learn about the activities, finances and bigger picture progress for our club. It will be very informative for new members and the report will be shared afterwards for anyone unable to attend this Wednesday meeting. We have a duo of assemblies planned for late April too!

SAYONARA SNOWBIRDS

At the Tuesday, December 17th meeting we had a fun program featuring two of our club's snowbirds -Ann Smiley and Don Distatio, with special guest Ann's husband Jim. We asked questions about when and where they go, what kinds of things they enjoy doing while in the warm weather and what they miss about being away from home. It was sometimes painful to think about what luxurious lives they lead while we're here shoveling snow and scraping windshields, but we all have something to aspire to! All agreed that it is fun to get away each winter, but they miss their family and friends back home. Safe travels to ALL of our snowbirds this winter!

SIGN UP FOR DISTRICT EVENTS

SUPER SATURDAY TRAINING

Feb 8th at VVS High School 7:30-12:30
Free Rotary training for all club leadership positions and all interested in future leadership!
Childcare and breakfast provided

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

FOUNDATION GALA

Feb 22nd at The Craftsman Inn
Enjoy a dinner and fellowship as we celebrate the good work of our clubs thanks to grants provided by the Rotary International Foundation
Silent Auction & Awards
Registration coming soon!

BACKPACK PROGRAM RUNNING SMOOTHLY



The backpack program is really running at full speed these days. The food supply, stored in the basement of the library, is full thanks to the efforts of St. Mary's, St. Augustine's, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and all the folks who donated as part of the Kiwanis Turkey Trot event. Food supply manager Mary Schmutz has an excellent system to keep donations organized and make preparing bags for the children a simple assembly line. It took five volunteers just a half hour to pack the 114 bags needed for the month of January's distribution! Many thanks to the people who have volunteered to help with this project. Anyone interested in getting on the email list to be notified whenever this project needs helpers can email Mary at cschmutz@twcny.rr.com. Help generally entails opening and organizing the food, preparing bags for the kids and/or boxing up the bags for weekly deliveries. This project is truly making a difference in the lives of elementary-aged kids in our community by providing food for those in need each weekend. All who help with it should be proud of their work!

OLD NEWSBOYS HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS RAISES \$500

For many years now, our club has rallied a team of volunteers to hawk newspapers like an old newsboy to raise money for the Syracuse Christmas Bureau, which provides food and gifts for thousands of families in need each holiday. Volunteers took one hour shifts outside of Dunkin' to offer up a special edition of The Post-Standard in exchange for donations of any amount. After two mornings of hawking, we raked in about \$500! Thanks to all who volunteered to spread Christmas cheery for a great cause!



NEW PROJECT COMPLETE: PARADE OF LIGHTS

Member Ken Schmidt had a vision and made it happen this past Thanksgiving. He envisioned a hospitality station at the start of the Parade of Lights event in our village to provide food and warm drinks for all the first responders and participants in this festive event. And he made it come true! Ken pulled together sponsors, got catering from The Rescue Mission and put out a great spread for everyone to enjoy. The event actually netted about \$750 in sponsorships, which will mean we can expand and do more next year! The video Ken shared on Facebook from the event, thanking the sponsors, had a ton of visibility online and reached a lot of people. This was a great event to show the community what Rotary is all about - spreading kindness and doing good for those around us. A big thank you to Ken for executing an awesome event and to all of those who came out in the cold to pitch in!



IT'S RAINING MEMBERS - HALLELUJAH!

It's been a mild winter, but a wild ride for our club, welcoming several new members just in the month of December. It's not a Christmas miracle though - it's the result of focused effort from our membership committee and all of our members who take the time to ask someone to join Rotary. Thanks to all who have made that ask and keep up the good work. The more people we have, the more good we can do in our community and beyond. Please be sure to introduce yourself to these new members and continue our tradition as a warm and welcoming club!



William Day lives in Minnetto and is actually a former member of the Oswego Rotary Club. We met him when recruiting for the Liverpool Satellite Club and he chose to join our club instead. He works for New York Life and is going to be a familiar face at our Wednesday meetings!



Jamie Bodenlos was invited to join our club by her sponsor Tori Shires. She is a psychology professor and department chair at Hobart & William Smith, and mom of two. Her family lives in here in B'ville. She can be found at Tuesday night meetings.

Brett Hanselman transferred to our club from the Lake Placid Rotary Club after he and his new bride relocated from Tupper Lake to Liverpool. Brett works at NBT Bank, just married his wife Toni in October and can be found at Tuesday meetings!



WT Brews has joined as a corporate member with owner Mike Johnson and taproom manager Michelle Bourdage. They have been a great partner on many of our projects already and Michelle can be found helping with our backpack project almost weekly!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

SHELLEY HOFFMAN - JAN 2

SYLVIA WHITE - JAN 13

SHELLY KASPRZAK - JAN 21

DICK BAKER - JAN 22

CHARLIE FARRELL - JAN 30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

MARY & CHUCK SCHMUTZ - JAN 9

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

MAKING ROTARY RESOLUTIONS

A lot of us vow to be healthier or change bad habits as we turn the calendar to a new year. New Year's Resolutions are notorious for being broken, but yours don't have to be destined for failure. Making a Rotary Resolution is a great way to make a positive change in an attainable way. It can be as simple as committing to being at one more meeting each quarter, or signing up to be on a committee you've never worked on before. You could resolve to give more by setting up donations to the Rotary International Foundation through Rotary Direct or become a benefactor by writing Rotary into your will. You could even go big and take that volunteering leap you've been contemplating - like joining club leadership, getting onto a district committee or applying for a global grant. No matter what your Rotary Resolution will be, commit to it and know that your fellow Rotarians are here to be your accountability buddies!

HAPPY MEMBER NEWS

Katie Reap became a grandmother over the holidays, welcoming her new grandson Elijah. So sweet! Sally Fedrizzi also announced that she will become a grandma in 2020, with her son and daughter-in-law expecting a little boy this spring!



President Lizzy was excited to announce that more of her parents have joined Rotary - her stepdad Ken and stepmom Mary-Lou were inducted into the Elmira Heights Rotary Club on Dec 5th!



TRIVIA FOR CHARITY

A new Syracuse Trivia Company tournament at WT Brews will start in January and is going to feature a special competition where teams can sign up to try to win \$1,000 for their favorite charity. This was a huge success last year with about a dozen teams registering their charities and the winners giving their big check to the Rescue Mission. It's a great visibility project for Rotary too, with an even bigger presence this time around as Sally has arranged for the trivia company to include a bonus Rotary question each week. Contestants have been encouraged to read the December issue of The Rotarian magazine to prepare for this bonus question. Join us Wednesdays at 7pm to play on Rotary's team and have some trivia fun! Thanks to Sally for executing an awesome idea!

CHRISTMAS PARTY FUN

Saturday, December 7th we had our annual Club Christmas Party. This year it was at Aspen House in Radisson, it was our traditional dish-to-pass meal, and we enjoyed some entertaining karaoke (thanks Jennifer for the karaoke machine!). Thanks to everyone who brought delicious food and to Ken for all the beer and wine! Attendees could also take fun photos in front of the Christmas tree. Enjoy:



Merry Christmas

ROTY THE PUPPY IS GROWING FAST

Roty" is growing up quickly! He is about 5 months old and progressing nicely with his training. He has gone on a number of "field trips" to Lemoyne College, Target, Rosamond Gifford Zoo and the Dickens Festival in Skaneateles. Some of the cues he has learned so far include: Sit, Down, Stay, Place, Under, Let's go and Leave it. Each week he does better and better! Thanks to all of the clubs who sponsored "Rotary" with our multi club grant. He will mature into a companion and helper for a Veteran in need. Click here to learn about Clear Path for Veterans.



Meeting Schedule

ALL MEETINGS NOW HELD AT THE WOOD UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED!

JANUARY

TUESDAY, JAN 7 - THINK TANK: MINDFUL HABITS FOR THE NEW YEAR - LINK ON PAGE 4

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 2 FOR MORE INFO

@ TUESDAY, JAN 21 - PAINT & SIP NIGHT AT THE PAINTING CAFE - SIGN UP LINK ON PAGE 1

WEDNESDAY, JAN 22 - SPEAKER LISA PACHMAYER WITH THE YMCA

 TUESDAY, JAN 28 - CLUB IN A PUB AT MOHEGAN MANOR

WEDNESDAY, JAN 29 - CLUB ASSEMBLY - GET CAUGHT UP ON EVERYTHING ABOUT OUR CLUB!

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: TBD

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB 19: TBD

SUNDAY, FEB 23 - ROTARY'S 115TH BIRTHDAY

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB 26: TBD

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!