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NEWSLETTER

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A note from your president...

Often when we flip the calendar over to a new year, some like to wax nostalgic about the old year. Not gonna happen. To say it's been a tough year all around is an understatement. But I thought instead that I'd thank a few people for their contributions that helped us keep moving forward. I think we don't realize how many people do how much work. Notice, this is not all-inclusive. If I fail to mention someone, I'm probably just saving the name for a greater award.

Thanks:

To Ken for asking us to take a look at the function of the board, our Rotary Club in 5 years, and fundraising;

To Sally for running the Think Tank monthly and making us, well, think;

To Mary S and Bill, Bruce, Meg, Michelle, Amber and others for manning the Backpack Project;

To Abe and the membership committee of Janet, William, Dave and Katie for the Membership Contest and the Pay It Forward Program;

Thanks to Jenny for organizing the Polio March, and to Dave and Sally for the World Polio Day festivities;

Thanks to WT Brews for the great support they provide us in many ways;

Thanks to Marv Joslyn and the Program Committee for keep us entertained during meetings – Kishma, Jenny and Barb Hunt;

A thanks to Meg and her folks for the Dictionary Project - And a thanks to us FROM The Dictionary Project for our donation of \$1224.00 to accomplish our

distribution. They point out in their note to us that since it began, 33,564,569 students have received dictionaries – 8,112 provided by our club;

Thanks to Scott Northrup for organizing the sending of Christmas Cards to residents of McHarrie Life;

Thanks to Janet for spearheading the creation of a Rotary Club in Liverpool;

To Brian W for doing the Bread Run for the whole year and organizing others to help;

To Katie and Shelley for advising the Interact Club;

Last but not least to your club board starting with Lizzy and Bruce, and including Ken, Amber, Tori, Bill, Norma, Pam, and Barb Stone.

Now I'm very much out of space, but note I've mentioned 25 Rotarians, which is great. And with 6 more months to go, and a vaccine, I hope we can expand this list even farther. Welcome in the New Year.

BASKETBALL TEAM FOR THE MEMBERSHIP WIN!

Congratulations to Sheree and her basketball team for taking the win in this year's Baldwinsville Rotary membership contest! They outscored six other teams, each with a different sport, all representing one of each of our seven areas of focus. Sheree's team wins \$250 to give to a charity of their choice that aligns with their area of focus - disease prevention. They have chosen Hope for Heather, an organization that supports research for treatments and a cure for ovarian cancer. You can learn more about the organization [here](#), which also works locally to bring awareness to the subtle symptoms women should watch for as there is no regular testing for this cancer.

Thanks to everyone who invited potential members to visit our virtual meetings. It can be a little harder to convince someone to attend yet another zoom meeting, but many have enjoyed making new connections through our club and you never know how important that could be in someone's life. Always remember, it is a compliment to ask someone to join Rotary. It speaks to their moral character that you consider them worthy of our group! So keep up the invitations (and be sure to follow up with your guests from this fall!). Thanks to the membership committee and to referee Janet!!!

FINAL SCORES

- Sheree's Basketball Team – 22
- Abe's Football Team – 19
- Katie's Baseball Team – 6
- Dave's Soccer Team – 4
- Brian's Golf Team – 4
- Jennifer's Tennis Team - 2
- Bill's Hockey Team - 1

RESOLUTION IDEA: Sponsor a new member this year!

YOU CAN LEAD A DISCUSSION

The first Tuesday of each month we call our Think Tank meeting. Member Sally leads us in a discussion based on an article, movie or video that we all review beforehand and come together to share our thoughts on. Often the discussion leads us to come up with new service project ideas or ways we could help the world individually. Always, it helps us connect with one another as we learn more about each other's backgrounds and perspectives. Sally wants the club to know that anyone is welcome to choose and lead on future topics at a Think Tank. If you read or watched something interesting that you think would spark great conversation, consider taking the lead on our February or March events. Contact Sally at saltrav@verizon.net.

Tuesday, Jan 5th at 7pm

"The Life Kit Guide To Being Kind - To Others And To Yourself"
[Click here](#) to read this short article from NPR and tune in to a few of their podcasts surrounding kindness, self care and helping others. Join us to discuss the first Tuesday in January!

Abe's football team held the lead through most of the Feel The Energy membership contest, but ultimately got beat by Sheree's basketball team. His little football mascot was crushed!



Abe's iPad

Do You See and Hear What I See and Hear?"

DIVERSITY, INCLUSION & EQUITY

A Panel Discussion

Facilitated by Dr. Sim Covington, Jr.

**6 panelists share their stories -
Participate to help improve your
club experience.**

18 January 2021, 7:00PM

Register Via Zoom

<http://bit.ly/MembershipDEI>



Rotary Opens
Opportunities

ABE'S GOLDEN ROTARY-VERSARY

President Doug surprised member Abe Morelli with a plaque recognizing FIFTY YEARS of service in Rotary. Abe has been a member of multiple clubs, joining the Ridgefield, Connecticut Rotary Club on December 1, 1970 (although he says he really started in September and they may have been slow on the paperwork!). He then moved to the Eastwood Rotary Club after relocating to CNY and transferred to our club in the summer of 2013. What is most impressive about Abe's big milestone is that he is still a very active member. He attends meetings regularly, helps with special projects all the time and has been our club's membership chair for several years now.

Special thanks to Abe's daughter Jeanne for helping coordinate the surprise so it could be filmed and debuted at the club Christmas party. It was key to making sure our presentation could be safe and socially distanced. If you missed it, it's on our Facebook page!



Congratulations!

DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Last month we met and honored two more Baker seniors - Alicia Baldwin and James Cary. Alicia is an active volunteer, earning her Girl Scouts Gold Award (the highest award!) by renovating the VFW's Food Pantry space. She plans to go to OCC and then SUNY Upstate Medical to pursue a degree in biomedical tech. She said she admires her mom because she works hard for her family and supports Alicia, encouraging her to pursue whatever she wants as long as she tries her best.

James is an athletic guy, participating in track and cross country. He also has an interest in politics, interning with Congressman John Katko! For college, he is interested in environmental studies and pre-law. He said he admires his grandmother because "she always gives me good advice."

Join us the second Tuesday of the month for our 7pm meeting to hear from the next Students of the Month, meet and greet their families, and congratulate these impressive young leaders. It's always a great meeting when we can feel great about our future generations!

A mega thank you to everyone who personally contributed to our virtual Hope for the Holidays campaign to support the CNY Christmas Bureau this year! Our club raised over \$200 and the campaign in total raised almost \$33,000. That is a little short of both goals, but we know it can be challenging to generate the same kind of excitement and reach online. We got a lot of sympathy donations when we were freezing our tails off outside of Dunkin! The Christmas Bureau also saw reduced turn out this year despite knowing there must be so many families in need right now. COVID is really presenting a lot of obstacles you may not have considered before, like the difficulty of completing the paperwork needed to receive benefits remotely when you may not have internet access or your phone is your only device. Please keep supporting those local services that are supporting those in need because it is much needed, even if turn out is reduced due to COVID. It's truly a blessing for those that can receive it.

THANKS OLD NEWSBOYS!



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HOW TO PARTICIPATE...

-  RAISE \$50 OR MORE TO RECEIVE A FREE LONG-SLEEVE SHIRT
-  SUBMIT A FUN AND CREATIVE 'PLUNGE' PHOTO OR VIDEO TO BE SHARED ACROSS SOCIAL MEDIA
-  PLUNGE VIDEOS AND PHOTOS MUST BE EMAILED TO BALDWINVILLECHAMBER@GMAIL.COM NO LATER THAN JANUARY 19
-  PLUNGE VIDEOS MUST BE 30 SECONDS OR LESS

WHO WILL WIN...

-  **TOP THREE FUNDRAISING PLUNGE TEAMS** WILL EARN A DONATION TO THE CHARITY OR ORGANIZATION OF THEIR CHOICE; THEY WILL SHARE 1/3 OF THE EVENT PROFITS:
 - 50% TO 1ST PLACE, UP TO \$1500
 - 30% TO 2ND PLACE, UP TO \$1000
 - 20% TO 3RD PLACE, UP TO \$500
-  **MOST CREATIVE PLUNGE VIDEO/PHOTO** WILL WIN A \$100 DONATION TO THE CHARITY OF THEIR CHOICE

Happy Birthday

SHELLEY HOFFMAN JAN 1
 SYLVIA WHITE JAN 13
 SHELLY KASPRZAK JAN 21
 CHARLIE FARRELL JAN 30

Happy Anniversary

MARY & CHUCK SCHMUTZ JAN 9



Our Meetings

TUESDAY, JAN 5 at 7PM

THINK TANK DISCUSSION WITH SALLY

"The Life Kit Guide To Being Kind - To Others And To Yourself" - [Click here](#) to tune in to a few of their podcasts surrounding kindness, self care and helping others.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 6 at NOON

SPEAKER MARY JANE MILANO WITH FINGER LAKES DONOR RECOVERY

TUESDAY, JAN 12

5:30PM BOARD MEETING

7PM STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

WEDNESDAY, JAN 13 at NOON

GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER ACTIVITY

TUESDAY, JAN 19 at 7PM

HEALTH & FITNESS WITH NEW LIVERPOOL ROTARIAN JJ POTRIKUS, OWNER BLINK FITNESS

WEDNESDAY, JAN 20 at NOON

MEETING TOPIC TBA

TUESDAY, JAN 26 at 7PM

CLUB ASSEMBLY - CATCH UP ON CLUB BUSINESS

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SATURDAY, JAN 30: B'VILE BIG CHILL RESULTS

NO PLUNGING IN THE RIVER, BUT TUNE IN ON FACEBOOK TO SEE WHO WON!

Coming up in February

Fall in loooooove with Rotary as we meet new members, connect with each other, honor two more Students of the month and much more!