



Baldwinsville
Rotary



JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE BOARD

As we begin the year of 2019 I wish all of you and your families a happy and peaceful year. I also send the same wishes to all our Rotary friends around the world. Merriam Webster Dictionary defines kindness as "the quality or state of being kind." It defines kind as "of a sympathetic or helpful" also "to give pleasure or relief." The Baldwinsville Rotary as a club has performed Acts of Kindness and will continue to do so on a monthly basis. As individuals we are able to perform random acts of kindness as we go about our daily lives. As we move forward in 2019 let us remember to continue our individual and group acts of kindness so that we can help contribute to the happiness and peace of the world. "No act of kindness no matter how small is ever wasted."

Aesop

MEG VAN PATTEN, CLUB PRESIDENT



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Photo caption: Bill & Lynn Rosentel got to enjoy some time over the holidays with former exchange student Lauro Kluwe from Brazil. He even joined us at our club Christmas party!



BE THE INSPIRATION

UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS

TUESDAY, JAN 8: Article Discussion
ATTN: DATE CHANGE

101 Small Ways to Change Your City

Click to read the article in advance and select one of the ideas that we should do in Baldwinsville!

FEBRUARY, TBD: Article Discussion

Sally is pulling another great article from The Rotarian Magazine's April 2018 issue. Click here to read: "Is it too late to create a narrative where we're all on the same side?"

The book club and think tank discussions are a great opportunity for members to share experiences, perspectives and interpretations. There is a mix of shorter articles, full books (that are sometimes available in movie version) and even short video clips, so it's easy to get in on the discussions. The topics are timely, interesting and relevant to those living Service Above Self. All members are encouraged to participate even if a Tuesday night isn't your usual meeting!

Book Club & Think Tanks are during Tuesday meetings at 7pm at the Red Mill Inn

BOARD APPROVES DONATIONS BIG & SMALL

At the December board meeting the board approved some charitable giving.
\$5,000 to support Beaver Lake Nature Center's campaign - look for our sign on the Lake View Trail this spring!
\$500 the MDA Summer Camp Program
\$500 to YMCA Youth & Government Club

DON'T FORGET CHARITY OF CHOICE

	Name: _____
	Charity: _____
<small>Fill out your name and a charity that's important to you each time you attend a meeting. Drawing will be at the last meeting of the month and the winner's charity will receive a \$100 donation in their honor. *Charities must be 501c3 or local organization accepted by the club board.</small>	

Don't forget to fill out a Charity of Choice slip at each meeting! As a club, we want to support the causes that are important to our members, both through service and through donations. If something is worthy of your charitable giving, we can get behind that!

Here's how it works:

Each time you attend a regular meeting you will fill out a form (see sample above) with your name and charity of choice, and drop it in the box. Preferably this is a cause that you also make donations to or help out with! The forms will be available right at check-in for the meetings. At the end of each month, we will do a drawing from all of the forms that have accumulated and the winner's charity will receive a \$100 donation in their honor.

This is limited to members only (no guests), you get one for each regular meeting you attend (makeups don't count) and your charity is subject to review by the club board. After the monthly drawing we dump all the forms and start fresh the following month.

ROTARY QUIZ TIME!

Can you answer these B'ville Rotary trivia questions?

1. When do we present Student of the Month awards?
2. How many student(s) do we send to Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) each summer?
3. Name three members of the club board.

Email your answers to megv@bville.lib.ny.us to be entered to win a prize. Correct answers in next month's newsletter.

Answers to December's questions:

1. The Every Rotarian Every Year program asks each member to donate \$100/year to the RI Foundation.
2. Rotary Direct is a program that allows you to set up automatic donations to the RI Foundation through your bank account or credit card, at the frequency and amount of your choosing!
3. The Five Avenues of Service are Club, Community, International, Vocational and Youth

Congratulations to Phyllis Danks, the December winner of the trivia contest. \$10 is being donated to RI and she will receive a pen/paper note keeper with the Rotary logo.

DECEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH HONORS TRIO

Last month's Student of the Month awards set a record for most students honored in one evening. We met John, Kessie and Justus, and learned why they were truly worthy of this honor, having been selected by their guidance counselor for behavior becoming of a Rotarian! John plays unified basketball and nowling where he assists special needs athletes, wants to study aerospace engineering and recently won an award from the Syracuse chapter of Football Scholars for having the highest GPA on his team. Kessie plays viola, likes baking with her mom and is an active member of our Interact Club. Justus is a runner who is an award winning athlete in cross country and track, is active with the garden club (which was founded by last month's honoree Griffin) and is currently talking with Division I coaches to decide on a college where she can study physiology and become a coach herself! Between all the amazing youth and having their families as guests, it was a fun night. Justus and her family later joined us at our club Christmas party and her dad will be joining us in February to share more about his bee keeping skills. Don't miss the January Student of the Month or you could miss another great evening like this!



WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND THE FOUNDATION GALA?

On February 1st, at Yahnundasis Golf Club in New Hartford, Rotarians from around the district will gather for the annual Foundation Gala. But do you really need to go to this? In short, yes. At this gala you will learn more about the good work of the Rotary International Foundation, but (and more importantly) you will get to see first hand how the money that we donate to the foundation comes back to our district through grants. It's inspiring to see what other clubs are doing in their communities, it's a great night for fellowship and you can make donations to the foundation through the silent auction and raffle! If you are curious to learn more about the foundation, where your money goes or why you should give money, then this is the place to go!

ACTS OF KINDNESS MINI CHALLENGE

Get an idea of how great it feels to be kind by incorporating these small, but meaningful acts of kindness into your life this month!

Make a resolution to do away with a negative behavior that will inspire those around you!



OUR LATEST ACT OF KINDNESS

On Saturday, December 15, member Lizzy and her fiance Scott went to Dunkin on Genesee Street to enact our club's latest Act of Kindness. Lizzy bought a \$200 gift certificate and the staff at Dunkin helped by using it to pay for the next \$200 worth of orders at the drive thru. Customers weren't told their breakfast was on us until they got to the window. Lizzy and Scott watched (and recorded a time lapse video) from their car and could tell it was a pleasant surprise for everyone who came through the line. A full video mash-up is in the works - please watch for it on Facebook and be sure to share with your friends!



ROTARIANS OF ALL AGES WERE OLD NEWSBOYS



Thanks to all of the members who volunteered to stand in the cold and hawk newspapers for two days as part of the Old Newsboys Hope for the Holidays program. The proceeds benefited thousands of CNY families that may not have had a holiday meal or toys under the tree on Christmas day. Our club raised almost \$700 this year and we hope to grow and expand more next year!



CHECK PRESENTATION: CHRISTMAS BUREAU

While the Volunteer Center was at the library, Club President Meg snapped a photo with them presenting a check for the \$500 we donated to the Christmas Bureau this year.



CHRISTMAS PARTY WRAP-UP

On a chilly Tuesday night in December, B'ville Rotarians, their families and guests came together at McHarrie Towne Center for a holiday treat. Everyone brought dishes and drinks to pass, ugly ornaments to exchange and their cell phone cameras for selfies. It was a fun and festive evening with lots of laughs and fellowship. The ugly ornament exchange included a "get to know each other" element where we learned even more about each other and our families!



TRIVIA FOR CHARITY THE B'VILLE BIG CHILL



Thanks to member Sally for creating a fun competition that combines Rotary, two local businesses and giving to charity. Starting January 9th there will be a trivia tournament for eight weeks on Wednesdays at 7pm at WT Brews. Teams will register to participate, get to choose a charity they support and then they will try to correctly answer trivia questions for points. At the end of the two months, the team with the most points will win \$1,000 for their charity! Our club will have a team each week and we'd like to see a variety of faces from week to week. Sign up with Sally (and make sure you show up) and be sure to tell your friends to form their own team to win for a great cause. It's really a fun night where you can order in or bring food, taste local beers, wines and ciders, and have a lot of laughs trying to answer the crazy trivia questions!

On Saturday, January 26th, we will help with hosting the annual B'ville Big Chill. If you have never been, this is a three part event - polar plunge, Best in Bowl and Poker Bear Pub Crawl. Starting at noon, plunge teams that have raised money for charity will take turns running into the Seneca River. While the plungers are freezing their tails off, guests can join us in the heated tent after purchasing a \$5 ticket to the Best in Bowl competition. There they can taste samples of food and drink from several area restaurants! Once that wraps up, we reset and get ready for the Poker Bear Pub Crawl. Participants will visit several area watering holes and draw a card at each with the hopes of building the best hand of poker.

We need volunteers at all three events, with many different types of jobs available for any ability or availability. Please contact Dona Occhipinti at donagabrielle@gmail.com to sign up.

When volunteering, please wear your Rotary winter cap (if it's cold), and be sure to dress for the weather and in layers. If you wish to be part of our club's plunge team, get in touch with member Scott Northrup!

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN AND SHARE THE FACEBOOK EVENT](#)



ANNUAL SOUP 'N SNOWSHOE

Join us for this fun annual winter outing at Beaver Lake Nature Center on Saturday, January 12th at 11am. Bring your best batch of soup for the tasting competition and plug in your crockpot before you hit the trail for a hike. Snowshoes are available for rent and the event will be modified as needed depending on weather. No matter what, at noon there will be soup! Past winners include a mac and cheese and a reuben-style soup.

Can you beat them with your recipe?

Remember it's \$3 to leave the park unless you are a member, so bring a few bucks for parking!



CELEBRATE IN LAKE PLACID

In just the first month of registration we have over 75 Rotarians joining us in Lake Placid May 3-5 for the annual District Conference Celebration. DG Marv has a lot in store to make it a fun and entertaining weekend that will spotlight inspiration from all that our clubs are doing. Here's how to register:

1. Go to www.rotary7150.org and click on the tab for Conference
2. Click on the "Register Here" banner and complete the registration for you (and a guest if you have one) at \$50/person
3. Upon completion you will receive an email with a link to download a form that you will use to book your room and meal package with the hotel - submit that right away so you don't forget or miss out on rooms!

JANUARY MEETINGS

TUESDAY 1/1 : NO MEETING - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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TUESDAY 1/8 AT 5:30PM: BOARD MEETING, AT 7PM: THINK TANK (SEE PG 2)

WED. 1/9 AT NOON: SPEAKER ALICIA ZARRETT ON "DIAMONDS"

SAT. 1/12 AT 11AM: SOUP 'N SNOWSHOE (SEE PAGE 5)

TUESDAY 1/15 AT 7PM: STUDENT OF THE MONTH

WED. 1/16 AT NOON: SPEAKER IS A NATURALIST FROM BEAVER LAKE

TUESDAY 1/22 AT 7PM: TASTING EVENT AT OLIVE ON BROOKLEA 

MEETING LOCATION CHANGE - TASTING IS AT THE STORE AT MARKET FAIR NORTH, 4130 ROUTE 31 IN CLAY

WED. 1/23 AT NOON: SPEAKER MIKE LEFANCHECK, VILLAGE POLICE CHIEF

SAT. 1/26 ALL DAY: B'VILLE BIG CHILL (SEE PAGE 5)

TUESDAY 1/29 AT 7PM: GAMES WITH DG MARV

WED. 1/30 AT NOON: LEARN ABOUT DRONES WITH CHUCK HERETH

COMING UP

JAN 9 - FEB 27

WEDNESDAY TRIVIA FOR CHARITY

JAN 12

SOUP 'N SNOWSHOE

JAN 26

B'VILLE BIG CHILL

FEB 1

FOUNDATION GALA

APRIL 6

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY

MAY 3-5

DISTRICT CONFERENCE CELEBRATION

HELP WITH PROGRAMS

We want your ideas for great programs. If you suggest things that you think are interesting, then you will find meetings more interesting! Send your ideas to Pam at lizardmom67@hotmail.com and include a contact if you have one. We are currently booking for February!



Youth Exchange students from around the district (including our own Jo) got to spend a weekend in NYC to see the sites during the holiday season!



Several Rotarians and their family members had another fun day out at Syracuse Stage to see Elf: The Musical. Thanks to Laurie (shown left) for coordinating this fun committee event!