BALDWINSVILLE ROTARY NEWSLETTER



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Are you on a committee? Are you on the board? Did you take a photo at a recent club gathering? Have happy news to share? Submit your articles, news and photos to the editor by the 25th of each month.





FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT BRIAN:

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Yes, 2023 is now upon us. What will it bring for you and your family? Oh, the possibilities... It's the time a lot of people make resolutions for the coming year. Will you? Have you?

Allow me to throw out a thought/suggestion. How about a Rotary resolution for 2023? What can you resolve to do with our Baldwinsville Rotary Club? Resolve to come to a meeting? More meetings? Starting January 4th, we will be having one meeting a week, either Wednesday at noon or Tuesday at 7pm, along with a Club in the Pub once a month. The schedule is printed below and will be sent out at the start of every week. If you are already a regular, maybe resolve to join a committee, get actively involved in a Rotary project or even become part of our leadership team?

Oh, the possibilities... Welcome to 2023, may it be a great one for you, your family and for our Baldwinsville Rotary Club!!!

Carpe Diem, Brian E Walsh

B'VILLE BIG CHILL 2023

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 | MERCER PARK

Polar Plunge & Best in Bowl Challenge - 12-3pm Watch teams and individuals jump in the frozen Seneca River for charity for free

Pay \$5/person to enter the heated tent and try food samples from local restaurants/chefs, then vote for your favorites in Best in Bowl

Poker Bear Express Pub Crawl - 4-8pm - Village of Baldwinsville Purchase a ticket for \$10 and walk to participating bars to try to make a winning poker hand. Tickets on sale at Mercer Park during polar plunge or just purchase at your first stop on the crawl. Turn in your ticket at your final stop before the 8pm cut off. Best hand wins a cash prize!

Participating locations to be announced.

Click here to join and share our event on Facebook!





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Sign up to help out for a few hours at either or both events!

SIGN UP

January 2023

NEW OLD NEWSBOYS RECORD IN B'VILLE

This year the community was especially generous with a total of \$915.60 raised hawking newspapers outside of Dunkin in the village. That is a new record for our club by over \$100!

Thank you to Dunkin for letting us hawk there and to all the members and their families who came out to help: Scott N, Jenny D, Doug, Bill, Lizzy and Scott, Ken and Campbell, Marv and Janet, Shelley, Jamie and Taylor.



HOLIDAY FUN

Rotarians gathered for a holiday party hosted at Marcia's home. Members brought snacks and drinks. There were fun games, football on the television and lots of festive fellowship!





GET YOUR 50TH PIN

If you missed our big celebration in October, you can still celebrate our club's 50th year with one of our custom celebration pins. They are just \$3 each and available at all meetings in person.

CHARITY OF CHOICE UPDATE

Just a friendly reminder that every time you (as a member of our club) attend one of our regular meetings you will have a chance to enter into our drawing to win \$100 for a charity you treasure. There are slips at each of the meetings (when held at The Wood) that you fill out with your name and charity. If you attend via zoom you can enter your charity in the chat and someone will complete a form for you. This program is for members only and is our club's way of supporting charities you care about. Watch your newsletter each month for a round up of who has won and what charities are receiving donations in their name.

September: Jenny Doane for 100 Black Men of Syracuse October: Janet Joslyn for 100 Black Men of Syracuse November: Marilyn Powell to the Rescue Mission December: Jenny Doane for Clear Path for Veterans

ONE ENTRY PER MEMBER AT EACH REGULAR MEETING!



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

In December we celebrated two-month's worth of Students of the Month, honoring Libby Voorhees, Ryan Freer, Milena Jones and Zach Treichler. Congrats to these four impressive young leaders. Join us the second Tuesday of each month to meet the high school seniors we honor for upholding the values of Rotary!



CNY ROTARY UPDATE TOWN HALLS COMING!

The CNY Rotary steering committee has scheduled three **virtual town hall** meetings to help answer questions and explain the process of building a new district. Our hope is most of you will be able to attend one of the dates listed below. January 19, 2023, 7 pm

January 30, 2023, 7 pm February 16, 2023, 7 pm

Please keep an eye on your email for an invitation with registration information.



CONSIDER FOUNDATION FOR YOUR ROTARY RESOLUTION

Looking to give more in 2023? Consider the Rotary International Foundation for your charitable giving and use our Rotary Direct program to set up automated giving you know you won't forget. You choose which fund to give to, how much to give and how often. Schedule your giving and learn more <u>here</u>. Learn more about what your support of our foundation does all around the world <u>here</u>.

GIFT WRAPPING FUN

Many thanks to member Mary C for setting up an "adopt a family" style donation program through PEACE Inc. Members purchased items from a wish list for a local family, dropped off at Scott Northrup's State Farm office, where members then wrapped the gifts and delivered them to PEACE's B'ville office. See photos of wrapping below and a personal note from Mary on the right.



"The whole is greater than the sum of its parts." The expression was originally attributed to philosopher, Aristotle. This expression aptly defines the modern concept of synergy. It is similar in meaning to the acronym T.E.A.M. Together Everyone Achieves More.

So very true with regard to the Christmas service project when Rotary collaborated with People's Equal Action and Community Effort, Inc. (P.E.A.C.E. Inc.) this year to provide Christmas gifts for a family.

I became a single parent when my son was three years old. It was October, I was scared and knew that a Christmas would not happen for us in the apartment where we lived. My mother invited us to spend Christmas Eve night with her. My son was told on Christmas day that Santa left his presents at Gram's house because he was so busy.

Many Rotary elves seamlessly brought this service project to life. My endless gratitude to all.

Mary Coogan

REGISTER NOW DISTRICT CONFERENCE | May 5-7, 2023

1000 Islands Harbor Hotel, Clayton, New York

Register for Fri-Sun or Sat & Sun only

EARLY BIRD RATES END FEBRUARY 28, 2023!

Discounted packages available for teens and children, so bring the whole family!

All three districts are invited to be part of a weekend filled with celebrations, connections and fun!

IMPORTANT: You must register for conference AND ALSO book a stay directly with the hotel









ROSE BOWL FLOAT WIN

Each year, Rotary has a float in the New Year's Day Rose Bowl Parade (which was actually held Jan 2nd this year). We not only celebrated 100 years of having a float in the parade, but we also won the Princess Award for floats in our size category. So much work goes into these floral-covered floats!



CLUB PRESIDENT NEEDED FOR 2024-25

Fewer meetings to run. It will be the first year of CNY Rotary. Lizzy will be CNY Rotary President. It is a truly valued service to all of our members. If you are interested in being our leader during a big year for Rotary in our region, speak to Jenny or Brian!

GIVE THE GIFT OF ROTARY: INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN US!

Considering the values Rotarians espouse include honesty, fairness and better friendships, it truly is a compliment to invite someone to join us. Whether they know it yet or not, you are saying that they too are honest, fair and kind! So what's stopping you from inviting someone to check out Rotary? We have a great variety of meetings coming up with options for something formal, something around a meal and something social. We're at The Wood most of the time, but have fun outings on the schedule too. We also have volunteer opportunities coming up and are always open to new ideas for ways to serve our community. If you need help, reach out to Membership Chair Abe, abes-place@hotmail.com, or Membership Co-Chair Jennifer, jenniferholman01@gmail.com. CLICK THE ICON BELOW TO VIEW OUR FULL MEETING SCHEDULE THROUGH JUNE 2023!



HAPPY NEWS, FUNNIES, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Shelley Hoffman - Jan 2 Sylvia White - Jan 13 Charlie Farrell - Jan 30

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Mary & Chuck Schmutz - Jan 9

ARE WE MISSING YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY? CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY DATES





Lizzy and Scott were thrilled to get to volunteer at the CNY Christmas Bureau's give away day at the OnCenter, helping families select gifts for their children. This is where our money raised as Old Newsboys goes!

> Katie Reap's family rang in the new year with her son's wedding on NYE



Corporate member, teacher and Interact Chair Bev DiCocco gave birth to twin boys Dominic and Rowan on Dec 19th



Submit your happy news (personal, professional or other) to Lizzy for future newsletters!

NEED A RIDE?

Don't forget about our Rotary Rides program to help fellow members who need a lift. Whether it's a doctor appointment, a grocery pick up or help when your car is in the shop, check out <u>this list</u> of Rotarians willing to give a ride and do not hesitate to call when you are in need. You can also add your name, remove your name or change your availability as needed. One more way that we can all connect and support one another!



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MEETING SCHEDULE

More details on special events will be provided via email as events draw near!

Wednesday 1/4 at Noon Speaker Ron Zaleski with The Long Walk Home Foundation

Tuesday 1/10 at 7pm Students of the Month

Tuesday 1/17 from 5-7pm Club in a Pub at <u>Suds Factory River Grill</u> *Come when you can, leave when you have to, eat, drink and be merry*

Wednesday 1/18 at Noon Speaker Heather Snowman on Communicating with Your Dog

Tuesday 1/24: BOARD MEETING AT 5:30PM

Tuesday 1/24 at 7:30pm Field Trip: Kinky Boots Dress Rehearsal Event is at the theatre guild, 64 Oswego Street, Baldwinsville

Saturday, 1/28: The B'ville Big Chill

Wednesday 2/1 at Noon Speaker Dr. Simon Aseno with The Ghana Project

Tuesday 2/7 at 7pm Students of the Month

Wednesday 2/15 at Noon Speaker Betsy Lang with Literacy CNY

Tuesday 2/21 at 7pm Club Assembly

Tuesday 2/28: BOARD MEETING AT 5:30PM

Share your program ideas with our Programs Chair Chris Walsh, at cwalsh7@twcny.rr.com

MEETING DETAILS

All meetings are free to attend. Food or drinks available, please order and pay at the bar. Happy dollars are optional Raffle is optional - tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2 Charity of Choice is free for members - one entry for every meeting attended As much as possible, all meetings will be available in person and on zoom



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