Baldwinsville Rotary

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NEWSLETTER July 2020

Note from your president...

I don't think I'm old. Well, that's what I've always told myself. Energetic, active, places to go, things to do. And then I started thinking about writing this note and for some reason Rand McNally popped into my head. Now if you drove anywhere across America in the 70's, 80's and 90's, before internet maps, you always had the big, 150 page Rand McNally Map Book of the United States. Forget a stack of individual maps of each state. The one big book had them all. I always felt secure with that guide at hand. So that would be 25, 35, 45 years ago. Or more.

Well, today I don't know if they even make that big book anymore. But I know we are also without a map to guide us throughout the next rotary year because we don't know what's going to happen. Several weeks ago things were looking good...numbers were down, things were opening up. Then Memorial Day, parties and protests and the COVID numbers are back on the rise, and hunkering down is back on the menu.

We need to remain active and engaged to get us through. Your ideas and creativity and can help with that. Don't hesitate to offer your inspiration. Don't be shy. If you have ideas, please share them. Who knows how much fun we can have.

And if the ideas aren't popping right out yet, <u>click here</u> for inspiration. "Thumb" through the pages here and see all kinds of activities and successful projects. You might find one you'd like us to try!

JOIN US FOR THE OFFICIAL ADDRESS FROM DG CHERYL MATT DeWitt Rotary WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 @NOON

District Governor Visit

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

THE MAN BEHIND THE BEARD Fun facts about President Doug!



Full Name: Douglas Stewart Tosh Spouse: Cheryl Ann Batchelor Children & Grandchildren: **Shawn** (Dana 21, Kaitlin 13, Conner 11) **Christopher** (Isabella 11, Jazlene 7, Max 1) **Leslie** (Hunter 16, Amelia 5, Adam 3) Professions past and present: Retail Manager, General Manager, Real Estate Salesperson How long you've lived in Baldwinsville: Since October 2002 Your first memory of Rotary: Going to a Rotary Club meeting around 1963 at the Pontiac Hotel in Oswego, NY on bring-your-kid day, the year my father was the Club President Favorite thing about Rotary: Fellowship Favorite Musician/Band: Moody Blues/Four Seasons Hobbies: Golf, Gardening, being handy Beverage of Choice: Lemonade Lucky Number: none Foods you hate:Liver

2019/2020 GIVING WRAP-UP

- \$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
- \$75 VFW Food Pantry
- \$100 Rose Bowl Parade Float
- \$500 to YMCA Youth & Gov't Club
- \$500 to Vera House
- \$1,000 to Trivia for Charity
- \$500 for Liverpool Satellite Rotary Club start up funds
- \$3,500 Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build
- \$500 The MOST's Sensory Friendly Days
- \$2,000 for four scholarships
- \$250 for Colonial Days
- \$150 for brick at Shacksboro Museum
- \$1,500 for Maureen's Hope
- \$500 to Keep The Ball Rolling After Prom Party
- \$300 for three students Syr Sunrise Music Fest
- \$1,000 for Erin's Angels
- \$100 Women's Garden Club Hanging Baskets
- \$500 Interact Student Grant
- \$1,000 Make-A-Wish CNY
- \$10,300 Backpack Program funding

TOTAL: \$29,315

BE PROUD! This is the result of your volunteerism!

BACKPACKS MAKE LOCAL NEWS

Many thanks to The Messenger for publishing our wrap up of this year's Backpack Program right on the front page! In case you missed it, <u>click here</u> to read the article. We spent over \$10,000, provided over 6,500 bags of breakfast and snack items and packed 85,000 single serving sized snacks! Thanks to donations from members, the community, from our Facebook fundraiser and from matching donations from employers, we already have about \$5,000 set aside for the next school year. Thanks again to everyone who worked on the program this past year!

STUDENT AWARDS DELIVERED

On Friday, July 3rd, recently pinned Past President Lizzy visited the six Students of the Month that were honored during the pandemic to deliver their awards. Each package had their certificate, a signed letter, a letter to the parents (inviting them to join Rotary), information about our Rotary Club and the gift of their Four Way Test keychain. Thanks to all who embraced the virtual Student of the Month events in May and June. The students were just as interesting and lovely to meet via zoom!

This year's students: Madison Manning Hannah Gottlieb Jordan Hoffman Alexandra Pelletier Ethan Schwabenbauer Kendall Carni Natalie Doback Jordyn Grady Rachael Cofini Oliver Exware Nicholas Bausch Armin Mujakovic Alex Walls Sarah Smiley Anthony McGraw Luke Rhoades



All of the items that went into each student's awards package laid out on Past President Lizzy's dining room assembly line.

A SUCCESSFUL SUCCESSION

The first ever virtual version of the Baldwinsville Rotary Club's Changing of the Guard took place Tuesday, June 30th at 7pm on Zoom. The meeting kicked off with some social time, then everyone got to share their happy dollars. Thanks to Dave Horan for a lovely invocation that also honored the loss of our member Dick Baker this past year. In a review of the past year, outgoing president Lizzy recapped her original goals of "more members, more giving and more fun." With the formation of the satellite club, a record number of service projects and extensive donations, and establishing the Club in a Pub, she was confident the club was on the right path. She also spent substantial time, going past 8pm, thanking everyone who helped make being president enjoyable. It really takes a village to make a vibrant club! Next, a little surprise for those who hadn't already figured it out, the outgoing and incoming presidents revealed they were actually in the same place together and stepped into one screen to pass the gavel and exchange president's pins (see photo). Now President Doug took the microphone to share his vision for the coming Rotary year to expand committees, keep our meetings engaging, grow the club and work on some long term strategy and planning. Much of this is already in the works so he can hit the ground running. All are invited to get involved in club leadership at every level in the coming year!



OUR CLUB IS LINKEDIN

For all Rotarians on LinkedIn, you are invited to follow our club's new page. <u>Click here</u> and then click the FOLLOW button to help us gain visibility on this professional social media site!

MULTIPLE PAUL HARRIS AWARDS PRESENTED AT CHANGING OF GUARD

The presentation of Paul Harris Fellow recognition is The Rotary Foundation's way of expressing its appreciation for a substantial contribution to its humanitarian and educational programs. It is named for our founder, Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer who started Rotary International with three business associates in 1905. These gifts to The Rotary Foundation's educational and humanitarian programs are a commitment to peace and to a better life for people across the world whom they may never meet. This is a truly selfless action. It is because of gifts like theirs that The Rotary Foundation is able to carry out an array of programs that achieve beneficial changes in our world: improved living conditions, increased food production, better education, wider availability of treatment and rehabilitation for the sick and disabled, new channels for the flow of international understanding, and brighter hopes for peace. These are the goals of Rotarians the world over, and one that you all clearly share. Thank you for your generosity!

CONGRATULATIONS! Ann Smiley – PHF+1 Marcia Benson - PHF+1 Bruce Stebbins – PHF+2 Dave Horan – PHF+2 Jenny Doane – PHF+4

SURPRISE PAUL HARRIS GIFT

In addition to several of the multiple Paul Harrises being presented, outgoing president Lizzy surprised her husband Scott with his first ever Paul Harri Fellow. The gift was in honor of his sacrifice and support over the years, but especially during her year as president. He was very surprised and is so proud to be part of the Paul Harris "club" now, excited for the next in-person Rotary function when he can wear his new pin!

For every dollar that you gift to the Rotary International Foundation, you are both earning your own Paul Harris and earning the ability to give one to someone else. When your cash contributions reach \$1,000 you earn a Paul Harris Fellow and will have received 1,000 points that you can use to give someone else a Paul Harris Fellow. Giving can be done in small donations over time or one lump sum - whatever you can spare!



YOUR CLUB LEADERS

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Please contact the appropriate club leader with your ideas and solutions. If you wish to join club leadership or learn more about how the club is run, you can attend a board meeting (2nd Tuesday of each month) or join in several training opportunities. Our club pays for attendance to Rotary Leadership Institute - a great place to learn about being a leader in Rotary and even in your personal/professional life. There will also be a district training that is free to attend in January 2021. Volunteer leadership is a great way to learn new skills, build your resume and network with more fellow Rotarians!

REMINDER ABOUT GUIDE DOGS

Last year, member Mary Coogan spoken about how her guide dog assists her in her daily tasks and whenever she leaves her house. It was interesting to learn the subtly of the commands and the skills the dog has to be helpful crossing the street, going up or down stairs and much more. Guide dogs are working animals that we are not only supposed to avoid petting, but we should consider them invisible so as not to disrupt their focus on their owner. As we are all getting back out into the world. Mary provided this article to serve as a brief reminder to everyone about how to handle an encounter with a guide dog. In sharing the article, Mary shared something to help us understand what it's like to have a guide dog: "(In the article) the picture of the veteran who is hugging his yellow Labrador Retriever for the first time after putting on the dog's vest is dear to my heart. Every day, (my dog) and I have what is called our morning hug. This is when he jumps on my lap after I have had my morning coffee and he lets me hug and pet him wherever I want. and for as long as I want. Brings tears to my eyes most mornings because I am so very grateful to have this miracle in my life." <u>Click here</u> to make sure you are well trained around guide dogs!

JOB OPENING

The club is seeking a Foundation Chair - someone interested in learning more about the good work of the Rotary International Foundation and sharing that with our members to inspire giving whenever possible. The tasks require someone who is computer savvy. Training is provided and free. It is not a demanding position, but one that requires someone willing to learn what might be new terminology. Contact President Doug if you are interested in submitting your "resume!"



ROTARY ADDS NEW AREA OF FOCUS

Rotary International's Board of Trustees approved a brand new SEVENTH area of focus for our organization: Supporting the Environment. "It is time for us to use our collective resources to invest in a smart and efficient way to protecting our environment," says Foundation Trustee Chair Gary C.K. Huang. "We are qualified to take this initiative because we are a global group of problem solvers with diversified talents." Grant applications for projects will be accepted beginning on 1 July 2021. More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact. More information about this new cause will be announced soon. <u>Click here</u> for the full announcement.

MEET YOUR NEW DISTRICT GOVERNOR - CHERYL

The 2020-2021 District 7150 Governor is Cheryl Matt from DeWitt Rotary. She is also a past member of our club, as well as Canastota, Rome and maybe one other. In her career as a postmaster with the United States Postal Service, she was moved to different posts around Central New York, joining Rotary Clubs in each area to maintain her membership. She and her husband Mark, who is also a Rotarian in the DeWitt club, live in Fayetteville and are both retired, but full time volunteers. They have a son who is a firefighter in Syracuse and a daughter who is a doctor in Austin, TX, with a total of seven grandchildren. Cheryl enjoys nature photography and ice fishing. The Matt's are also currently caring for a grand-

kitten, Oliver. DG Cheryl will have her official visit at our club on Wednesday, July 22 at our noon meeting - format TBD. The governor's visit is always a special occasion where we get the opportunity to learn about resources available to our club and what's happening higher up in our organization. Please plan to join us and honor her at the start of her year in volunte



B'DAYS & ANNIVS

Happy Birthday DON DISTASIO - JULY 10 ABE MORELLI - JULY 22 BRIAN WALSH - JULY 28

Happy, Anniversary, TIFFANY & RADLEY TURNER - JULY 4 JOAN & DICK PATCHETT - JULY 16 SEAN & DEBBIE BECKER - JULY 21 SALLY & PETE FEDRIZZI - JULY 24

RI VIRTUAL CONVENTION CONTINUES INTO JULY

Hopefully everyone was able to attend or watch a recording of the opening session and maybe some break out sessions from the Rotary International Convention. If you missed it, it's all still available at www.riconvention.org! The good news is that the break out sessions are continuing, with sessions all kinds of interesting topics throughout the month of July. Here is a sampling of topics:

Rotary Can Prevent & Reduce Substance Abuse Pump Up Your Engagement With Fellowship The Future of Online Learning Transforming Leadership Through Mental Health What Can I Do As A Rotarian To Help End Alzheimer's? Achieving a Polio-Free World

"When I Was Your Age..." - Bridging Generational Gaps

These educational sessions continue to be offered free of charge, with all zoom links available <u>here</u>. It's not Hawaii, but it's accessible to so many more of us and a really extensive collection of break out topics!

UPCOMING THINK TANKS

THE TRUE COST OF DEPORTATION

Wednesday, July 29 at Noon

When immigrant parents of American children are expelled, the lives of their loved ones can fall apart. Here are the stories of three families who faced financial ruin, mental health crises—and even death. <u>Click here</u> to read this article.

BUILDING A CIRCULAR ECONOMY: FIVE KEY CONCEPTS

Tuesday, August 4 at 7pm

Here's what you need to know about the global movement to rethink materials and waste. <u>Click here</u> to read up!

HAVE YOU BEEN TO A THINK TANK?

If you have never been to one of these meetings before, consider attending in the coming year. Not only are the topics timely and interesting, they generate discussion that helps us learn more about one another. We share our personal experiences during discussion and exchange fellowship, as well as ideas. There is also always discussion about how we can tie these larger issues to solutions right here at home. It's an enjoyable, low-key, social meeting that's worth checking out. The articles are also quick reads, so you aren't making a big commitment in order to be able to participate in the discussion. Please take an hour to join us at a Think Tank!

Our Meetings

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 at NOON

NO MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 7

SUPPORT LIVERPOOL ROTARY'S COMMUNITY CONCERT Home Team Pub | 6-8pm | Or watch virtually on Zoom or Facebook Live Live music to honor essential workers in our community!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8 at NOON

SPEAKER MIKE LEFANCHECK, BALDWINSVILLE POLICE CHIEF

TUESDAY, JULY 14

5:30PM BOARD MEETING, 7PM CLUB ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 at NOON

CLUB ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, JULY 21 at 7PM FUNDRAISING BRAINSTORM - FACILITATED BY KEN SCHMIDT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 at NOON

OFFICIAL VISIT FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR CHERYL MATT

TUESDAY, JULY 28 at 7PM LEARN ABOUT CORAL REEFS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 at NOON

THINK TANK DISCUSSION WITH SALLY -THE TRUE COST OF DEPORTATION Plus meet Hannah Gottlieb as she receives her Interact Grant

INVITE A FRIEND!

Guests are always welcome at our meetings. Feel free to share our zoom link emailed out each week to anyone interested in attending a meeting. Consider our meeting topics and what a potential member would find interesting and fun. And if you need assistance with making "the ask" to propose joining Rotary to your friend, feel free to ask the membership committee for assistance!