

BALDWINSVILLE ROTARY NEWSLETTER



50 Years of Service

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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT BRIAN:

I believe my becoming President of the Rotary Club of Baldwinsville is not by chance. Call it lineage, legacy, or maybe even destiny. I grew up during the 1960s in a Rotary family in a Rotary town- Oxford, NY. My Dad had many Rotary roles, including Club chaplain, Sergeant at Arms, writer/editor of the bi-weekly bulletin called "The Microphone", Rotary exchange student director and Club President in 1971. Oxford Rotary held a yearly auction and chicken BBQ which brought the village together. The club also sponsored the annual high school Clyde Cole Wrestling Tournament, which I participated in. My mother was a Rotaryann, and we hosted exchange students throughout my junior and senior high school days. My older brother David was a Rotex to Finland in 1971 and I was a Rotex to the Philippines in 1976.

I am honored and humbled to be the President of our Rotary Club of Baldwinsville. This is a task I do not and will not take lightly. I will lead our club collaboratively as I believe the success of an organization rests in the talents and strengths of its members. We have a solid core of members, each having their own strengths and talents that help make us strong. My main goal during my administration is to help get the rest of our member to be more active. My plan is two-pronged:

1. Provide worthwhile, interesting, and valuable programs, projects and activities; and
2. Find out why some members are not participating- time, jobs, family, interest, or whatever it may be.

As you can see, Rotary was and is in my blood.

I know that my Dad is up there looking down on me and saying, "Attaboy!"

Carpe Diem,
Brian E Walsh

Photo: President Brian and wife Christine



SUMMER SCHEDULE SHAKE-UP

Be sure to check out the last page of the newsletter for details, but please note that our summer schedule is changed from our normal routine. The goal was to have fewer Rotary events as people are busy with summer plans and travel, and provide more social opportunities. The overall plan is to have one meeting each week, alternating between Tuesday nights and Wednesday noons.

If you wish to help with planning our club's programs, we are currently assembling a team. Each member will be responsible for a month or two of programs starting in the fall. It is a fun, creative and rewarding role that truly contributes to the Rotary experience for all of our members! Contact President Brian to get involved.

SENECA RIVER DAYS 2022: GREAT WEATHER & SOLD OUT DUCKS

This year's two-day event was a huge hit with the community. We had near-perfect weather (maybe a bit breezy at times) that was inviting to people who wanted to hear the live music, eat and enjoy fireworks Friday night. It was also ideal for families coming out for the festival on Saturday and the duck pluck finale. We could barely keep our pizza stand stocked and owe a huge debt of gratitude to member Shelley's daughter Taylor who pulled a wagon of pizzas back and forth from Pizza Man nonstop, all night. Our new beverage partner, WT Brews, sold out... of everything. We're not sure what they had left at their tasting room the rest of that weekend! The live music was awesome, from Vote for Pete, to the B'ville Plan B Pep Band and Dirt Road Ruckis on Friday night, to Gregg Hoover and Loren Barrigar with his son LJ on Saturday. Some of the most exciting news of the event is that we sold out of ducks. Not only did we break our record for duck sales, but we maxed out with just over 3,500 ducks in the giant trough for the pluck. We gave away 28 prizes donated from the community. There should be a meeting soon to review the successes and challenges of the day so we can continue to improve this community event. Many thanks to chair Scott Northrup for his dedication and leadership, to the committee for months of work and planning, and to everyone who came to help over those 48 hours of service to the Baldwinsville community.



For more photos from the community, [click here](#). Our photos will be on our homepage soon!



WHAT'S IN A ROTARY THEME?

Each year, the Rotary International President comes up with a theme. This is intended to inspire and set the tone for our members and is not really meant for non-members. This year's theme for RI President Jennifer Jones is Imagine Rotary, in honor of the 50th anniversary of The Beatle's song and in the spirit of thinking big, envisioning Rotary in new ways and not limiting ourselves in how we can serve. Think of this as we move through the coming year in terms of our service projects, your Rotary Club experience, our social events and more. You can learn more about how the theme logo was developed in [this article](#).

SCHOLARSHIPS DELIVERED TO LOCAL STUDENTS

Each year our club gives out several scholarships through a few different programs. We have a \$1,000 scholarship executed by Dollars for Scholars, who chose Drew Gates as this year's recipient. Then we do two \$500 gifts to graduating BOCES students and they can use the funds towards whatever their next chapter entails. This year's recipients were Quatae Dorsey and Nyesiah Taylor. Lizzy attended Moving Up Day, the ceremony where they present all the scholarships for Baker High School Seniors, and was able to meet Quatae, his mother and sister (shown in top photo). He wants to be a video game designer. Next we give out three scholarships to students talented in the arts with the Deborah Stebbins Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts. Bruce says, "(The) most important is the Excellence portion!" Each winner receives \$500 and this year's recipients were Kaleena Bernardo - ceramics (middle left), Elijah Haynes - photography (middle right), and Caitlin Sacco - drawing/painting (bottom photo of artwork). And finally, we also give \$500 to a graduating senior who is an active member of Baldwinsville Interact, the junior and senior high version of Rotary. The 2022 recipient is Tara Casson (photo to come). Congratulations to all of this year's scholarship winners, the entire class of 2022 and, in case you lost count, that's \$4,000 that we awarded in total.



CHARITY OF CHOICE IN REVIEW

Many thanks to the members who attend meetings and take the time to enter for their chance to win \$100 to their favorite charity. This program is designed to show support for the causes our members care about and we were able to give to a wide variety of charities this past year. Congrats to all the winners and good luck to everyone and their charities in the coming year. Remember that this program is free to participate in for all members and you get to enter every time you attend a meeting.

July: Lizzy for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Aug: Lizzy for YWCA of Syracuse

Sept: Laurie Zahn for Make a Wish Foundation of CNY

Oct: Marcia for Doctors Without Borders

Nov: Audrey Grant for Honor Flight

Dec: Katie Reap for CNY Diaper Bank

Jan: Joan Patchett for Humane CNY

Feb: Marv Joslyn for B'ville Food Pantry

March: Bill Rosentel for Honor Flight

April: Brian Walsh for Autism Society of CNY

May: Katie Reap for Jack & Jill of America Syracuse Chapter

June: Bruce Stebbins for Food Bank of CNY

Take a look at the charities our club already donates to in our Year in Review on page five and help us diversify. Give some thought to causes that you care about that would make a great Charity of Choice!

FINAL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

June brought us the final Students of the Month presentation for both the school and Rotary year. It was a full house with three students and their families (plus a new member induction and several guests!). We got to meet Reilly Priest, Aidan Kalin and David Vivas. Reilly is going to West Virginia University and will be studying to become an athletic trainer. While here in Baldwinsville she played soccer and helped organize the cultural festival at school, all of which is very much following in her older brothers footsteps. Aidan is going into the navy to be a diver (also inspired by his brother who is a marine). In his high school career he played football and has earned his Eagle Scout by building a memorial fire pit at the VFW. David moved here from Colombia in fourth grade and he will be going to SUNY Poly for civil engineering. All three students impressed us with their ability to address the group and made their families proud. It was another great year of Students of the Month and we thank Beth Chetney, Andrew McGlynn and Beverly DiCocco, along with the school guidance counselors for helping to coordinate such a special event.

Photo from left to right: David, Aidan and Reilly.



NEED A RIDE?

We have launched our new 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 [this list](#) 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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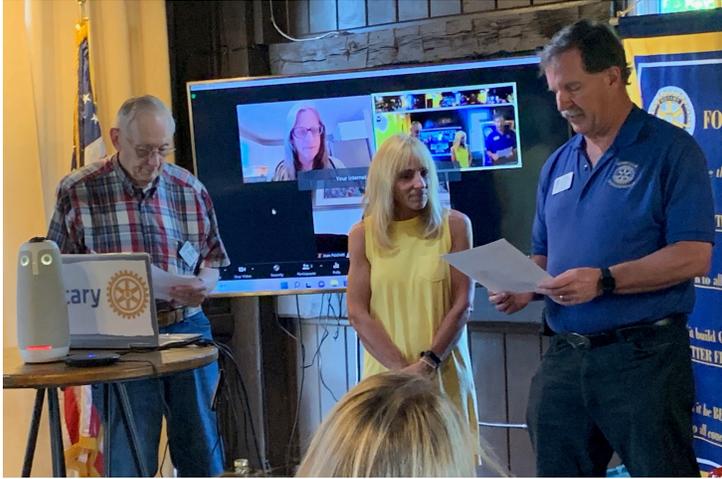
GAVEL GETS PASSED AT PICNIC

This year's Changing of the Guard event was a picnic held in our Rotary pavilion at Lysander Town Park on a gorgeous summer night. The evening is an opportunity to thank our outgoing club leaders and welcome the incoming group, as well as a time to present awards and special recognition. The club has awarded four people with Paul Harris Fellows, with one present to be honored in person (the rest will get presentations in the future). Congratulations to Katie Reap who was given this special honor, named after the founder of Rotary International, in recognition of her commitment to our Baldwinsville Interact Club and for being a leader in our club for many years. We also surprised outgoing President Bill with his first Paul Harris Fellow, which he earned with donations to the RI Foundation totalling \$1,000. Whether earning this award with your own donations or being gifted one because of your hard work, both are truly honors to be celebrated! As one of his final acts as president, Bill also announced that our Rotarian of the Year this year is Scott Northrup. He took on several leadership roles that raised a lot of money for our club and community, well-deserving of this special title. Finally, it was time to pass the gavel to our incoming president Brian Walsh. He introduced his family, and shared with us his vision of "collaboration, cooperation and communication," in the coming year. We also had in attendance some members from the Liverpool Satellite Club, including their incoming chair (which is like a president) Devin Benko. Everyone expressed support for Devin and told the group to reach out to us if we can help them in any way. Many thanks to those who brought delicious food, helped with set up and clean up, and made for excellent fellowship. See who is on the incoming board on the next page.

MEET NEWEST MEMBER: SANDY

In June, we welcomed our newest Rotarian Sandy McDermott. She is an attorney and mom who is looking forward to giving back to the community she loves. She has already worked on the Backpack Program, helped sell duck tickets and attended several meetings. Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome her to the club at upcoming meetings and events!

Photo: Membership Chair Abe (left) and President Bill (right) explain the values of Rotary as part of the induction ceremony for new member Sandy McDermott (center).



NO SUMMER COLLECTIONS

With only a handful of formal meetings in the summer, the Donations Committee is going to take a break on taking up collections for local causes until we all regroup in September. If you know of a charity in need of new or second hand items that our members could donate, please contact Donations Committee Chair Lizzy. Ideas are always welcome!



LIVERPOOL SERVING @ CONCERTS

Liverpool Rotarians will be volunteering to run the concession stand at the 2022 Liverpool Is The Place Concert Series held in Johnson Park (right in the village between Rts 57 & 370) for two nights this summer. These free community concerts start at 7pm each night, where members will be serving up soda, water and popcorn. You can catch Liverpool Rotarians at work on Wednesday, July 13th and again on Wednesday, August 3rd. View the concert schedule and sponsors of this community event [here](#).

Thanks to new Liverpool Rotary President Devin for coordinating this volunteer opportunities for members of the satellite club and stay tuned for more activities they will be doing to put Service Above Self!

MEETING INFORMATION

No more dollar meeting fee

Food or drinks available, please order and pay at the bar. View the menu [here](#).

Happy dollars are optional

Raffle is optional - tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2

Charity of Choice is free for members - you get one entry for each meeting you attend

Virtual attendees can put their charity in the chat to be entered for their chance to win

Virtual attendees can send in happy dollars via Venmo

@BvilleRotary or just bring to their next in-person meeting

2022-23 BOARD MEMBERS

President: Brian Walsh

President Elect: Jenny Doane

Immediate Past President: Bill Rosentel

Secretary: Lizzy Martin

Treasurer: Bruce Stebbins

Board Members: Katie Reap, Mary Schmutz and Lynn Rosentel

Board meetings are moving to the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm (prior to regular meeting). They will continue to be hybrid as needed. Remember that board meetings are open to all members unless in executive session (which is rare). Speak to anyone on the board if you have questions or wish to attend.

HAPPY NEWS

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Abe Morelli - July 22

Brian Walsh - July 28

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

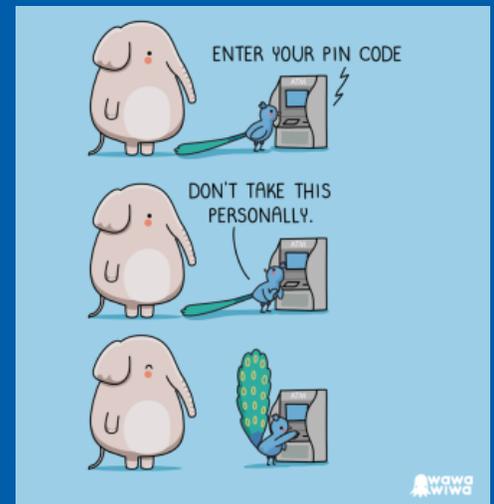
Doug & Cheryl Tosh - July 12

Sean & Debbie Becker - July 21

Sally & Pete Fedrizzi - July 24

Watch your email for an invite to update our birthday and anniversary database so our Sunshine Committee gets you all the well wishes you deserve!

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



A YEAR IN REVIEW

Let's reflect, tally and put into perspective our club's impact in the past year.

OUR PROJECTS

Parade of Lights

Dictionary Project

Students of the Month

Donations Committee:

- Board Games
- Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement
- Interfaith Works Refugee Resettlement
- Humane CNY Pet Food

Weekly Bread Run

Old Newsboys

Ukraine Peace Vigil

B'ville Big Chill

Pizza for Pantries

Earth Day Community Clean Up

Backpack Program

Between donations and purchases the club funded, over \$15,000 worth of food was distributed this past school year. All schools in the district participated and we have plans to get things up and running earlier in the school year for this fall. Great work to Mary and everyone who helps make this program run smoothly each week!

Seneca River Days (Parts I & II)

For the first (and hopefully last) time ever, we had TWO Seneca River Days festivals in one Rotary year. First, we did a one-day event in August 2021 chaired by Ken. Then we went back to the two-day format for a June 2022 event (*summary on page 2*), chaired by Scott. Both brought joy and opportunities for fun in the community, and both were excellent fundraisers to help us continue our projects and donations in the coming year!



OUR DONATIONS

- RI Foundation (DG Donation) \$100
- Canton Woods Senior Center \$225
- Running for Heroes \$200
- Flags of Honor & Gratitude \$15
- Bee Full Pantry \$1,500
- Honor Flight \$500
- CNY Books for the World \$250
- Mayfield KY Tornado Relief \$3,000
- B'ville Little League \$575
- Vera House \$1,000
- ShelterBox USA \$1,000
- Interfaith Works of CNY \$1,000
- B'ville Christmas Bureau \$500
- MOST Sensory Friendly \$1,000
- B'ville Center for the Arts \$200
- RI Disaster Relief/Ukraine \$1,000
- Charity of Choice \$1,200 (*see list on page 3*)
- Bee Full Pantry (second donation) \$1,000
- B'ville Marching Band \$1,000
- Greater B'ville Ambulance Corps \$500

TOTAL: \$15,765

And this doesn't include the cost of purchasing dictionaries, what our club put into the Backpack Program, the \$800 we raised for Old Newsboys and the \$3,000 we gave out from the Pizza for Pantries funds raised. That puts us over \$20,000 for the year!

WHAT WAS NEW & DIFFERENT IN 2021-22?

Scott and Ken helped bring Ken's vision to life with Pizza for Pantries, raising \$3,000 for local nutrition programs (including our own Backpack Program). Lizzy formed the Donations Committee to provide another way for members to help others in the community.

We held the Ukraine Peace Vigil after war broke out in Europe, with calls for Russia to stop the attack.

Our Backpack Program made connections to work with ALL the schools in our district this year.

We collected a new record high of just over \$800 for Hope for the Holidays Old Newsboys to support the CNY Christmas Bureau.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEW YEAR

Many plans and ideas are still coming together as President Brian finds committee chairs and gets people to take the lead on important tasks, but know that he is embracing the theme of Imagine Rotary so bring him your ideas. Some things to look forward to:

Our club will turn 50 years old this fall. Save OCT 14TH to celebrate!

We plan to do a community clean up in the fall (like at Earth Day).

We hope to start the Backpack Program earlier in the school year (instead of Oct/Nov).

District Conference is moving to the spring. Save the weekend of May 5-7, 2023 to join us in Clayton at the Thousand Islands Resort.

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET INVOLVED WITH ROTARY AS WE CONTINUE TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE, CONNECT AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, HAVE FUN!



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MEETING SCHEDULE

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

TUESDAY 7/5 from 5-7PM
Club in a Pub at San Miguel's

WEDNESDAY 7/13 at NOON
Learn about the restored Oktoberfest coming to B'ville this fall
Meeting at The Wood

TUESDAY 7/19 at 7PM
Let's adventure to downtown Syracuse to see the newspaper press in operation and learn about the process. *Families especially invited!*

BOARD MEETING - TUES 7/26 at 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY 7/27 at NOON
Join us for the official visit with District Governor Jerry
Meeting at The Wood

TUESDAY 8/2 from 5-7PM
Club in a Pub at the new BG1 (at the four corners)

WEDNESDAY 8/10 at 6:30pm
Syracuse Mets Game - Ticket details to come!

TUESDAY 8/16 from 5:30-7PM
Dish-to-Pass Picnic at Sally's

WEDNESDAY 8/24
SERVICE PROJECT: Senior Picnic at Canton Woods

TUESDAY 8/30 from 5-7PM
Rotary Cornhole Tournament at The Wood

SAVE THESE DATES TOO!

Saturday, Sept 24th - Rotary Leadership Institute at VVS High School

Friday, Oct 14th - B'ville Rotary's 50th Birthday Party

May 5-7, 2023 - District Conference in Clayton, NY

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