



President Lizzy Martin

There's a lot to be proud of in our club. We have a lot of opportunities to serve, to socialize and to make the most of membership. We are often recognized at district events for being vibrant, growing and innovative. If you have ever attended a district training or Rotary Leadership Institute, you would know that we've got it pretty good. We are truly #blessed! What would be our kryptonite? I'd suggest it is complacency. Resting on our laurels and letting too much time go by before inducting a new member, doing another service project or having fun together can quickly create a stale environment. We need regular discussion of new ideas and new ways of doing things - not because we have to make a lot of changes, but just to keep us sharp. When is the last time you did something new in Rotary? Consider taking on something new (as long as it's still something you have the time and ability to do). We can connect you with mentoring or training where ever needed. We do need people to step up for Seneca River Days, to help with membership and, of course, are open to brand new stuff. Even if you are new to Rotary, there are many ways to learn the ropes. Complacency will find us when we least expect it! Stay sharp!

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**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

BED BUILD

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8
4:30-8PM**

ONLINE SIGN UP REQUIRED

BE SURE TO SIGN THE WAIVER ONLINE TOO!

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CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: HANNAH GOTTLIEB & JORDAN HOFFMAN

February's students were friends who work side by side in our Interact Club - both part of the reason our Rotary Club for high school students grew so much this school year. And it was just a fluke that these two were chosen to receive their awards together! Hannah Gottlieb (on left) brought her parents and sister for the special evening, sharing with us her plans to go on to study early childhood education. Jordan Hoffman (on right) was a familiar face, as his mother is member Shelley Hoffman! Jordan is into sports and plans to study chemistry in college. Both kids were fun to meet and I think we all agree that they are great examples for their fellow Interactors!



"The tragedy of life is not found in failure, but complacency. Not in you doing too much, but doing too little. Not in you living above your means, but below your capacity."

Benjamin E. Mays

WE MET "ROTARY" THE PUPPY

At the district's annual Foundation Gala, held February 22nd at The Craftsman Inn, Rotarians got to meet the puppy we recently sponsored as part of a multi-club district grant. Skaneateles Rotarian Mary Gireaux brought the pup, named "Rotary" and often called "Roty," to the event and shared with us more about how our grant came together. Roty is currently being fostered while he undergoes training that will help he be of service to a local veteran, all part of Clear Path for Veterans' canine program. The program is currently seeking volunteers for fostering puppies. Learn more at clearpath4vets.com.



KEEP PACKING TO FIGHT HUNGER

Thanks to everyone who has been lending a hand with the Backpack Program this year, and especially to Amber, Mary and Michelle for doing so much to manage the logistics of it. We are making sure dozens of elementary students can ward off hunger on the weekends with their weekly snack deliveries and in stocking food pantries for the older kids. Keep up the great work!

APRIL THINK TANK ARTICLE

Learn more about the millions who have fled Venezuela through the personal stories of three individuals. [Click here](#) to read "Exodus," from the March issue of The Rotarian Magazine.

Then join us to discuss the article with member, Sally Fedrizzi, at our next Think Tank Discussion night, Tuesday, April 7th at 7pm.



INTERACT KIDS TACKLE FOOD SORTING FOR BACKPACKS

A team of our Interact students hit the basement in the library to help us sort through more of the food donations we use for our weekly Backpack Program. They checked expiration dates, unpacked treats and sorted food to help us be prepared for the next big packing event. They made quick work of the task and had fun working together. Thanks kids!



Baldwinsville

TRACKING OUR GIVING

- \$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
- VFW Food Pantry amount TBD
- \$100 Rose Bowl Parade Float
- \$500 to YMCA Youth & Gov't Club
- \$500 to Vera House
- \$1,000 to Trivia for Charity
- up to \$1,000 approved for Backpack Program
- up to \$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

Check here each month for an update and running tally of charitable donations and community spending that the board has recently approved!

WE SNOWSHOED, WE SOUPED

A big thanks to Marv and Jenny for putting together a great outing at Beaver Lake Nature Center for this year's Soup 'n Snowshoe. We had about a dozen snowshoe-ers, including two youth exchange students. We also had two members of the Liverpool Satellite Club and some family and friends in attendance. Back at the nature center we had 7 soups in the competition, ranging from black bean, to Italian wedding, to butternut squash. Winning the soup tasting was President Lizzy with her loaded baked potato soup. We also played a fun guessing game that had us laughing at the end. If you missed out this year, start planning your soup recipes for next year - beginner's luck could be on your side!

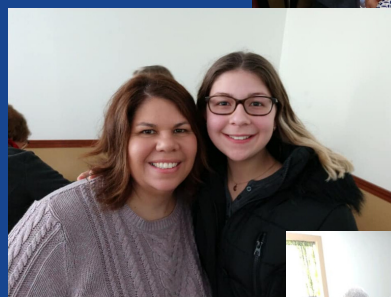


The snow shoe crew



Our youth exchangers

Sylvia & her granddaughter Samantha



Sheree & her daughter Karina

We were a full house!



UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECTS

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BED BUILD

April 8th | 4:30-8pm

519 Brown Ave, Syracuse NY 13208

Come for a hands-on building experience where we will assemble 20 beds for children in need. Jobs for every ability, but be ready to get covered in sawdust. [Click here](#) to sign up and be sure to sign the waiver online.

EARTH DAY CLEAN UP

Sunday, April 26th at 8am

Marble Street Trail Parking Lot

Join Ted and our Interact kids for a quick, morning clean-up of trail at the end of Marble Street (by the Chef & Cook!).

ROTARY TO THE RESCUE

May 9, 2020 | Radisson

Look for a poll coming out soon to gauge interest and availability of volunteers for this new service project to gather leftover yard sale items that will make great donations to the Rescue Mission.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Saturday, May 30th at 6pm

Take the lead or plan to walk in this parade to help promote Seneca River Days

HAPPY MEMBER NEWS

While snowbirding down south, member Ann Smiley met a Rotarian from Waterloo. The two ladies decided to visit the local club, where they got to hear from the local police on keeping their identity secure. She reports back that their meeting was pretty similar to ours, except they sing a fun song to welcome guests. Always fun to visit another club!



SAVE THESE CHANGING OF THE GUARD DATES

Each June we have two changing of the guard events - one for our club and one for the district. Save these dates to attend so you can celebrate and thank our leaders!

DISTRICT CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Thursday, June 25th

Traditions at the Links, East Syracuse

CLUB CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Tuesday, June 30th

Location TBD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

MARY SCHMUTZ 3/4

RAY O'NEIL 3/6

STU HOSLER 3/19

BRIAN BURMEISTER 3/20

BARBARA HUNT 3/21

KATIE REAP 3/21

JIMMY WULFORST 3/24



FOUNDATION CORNER

One of the main areas of focus Rotary works on worldwide is helping mothers and babies. Anyone who has had a premature baby or known a family that has one, the extended stay in the hospital means many obstacles. Add in the challenges of poverty or the less developed world, and it just make a difficult situation worse. [Click here](#) to read about an intercontinental project that helped mothers, babies, hospitals and families.

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MARCH

Meeting Schedule

TUESDAY, MAR 3 - THINK TANK - DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION - LINK ON PAGE 4

WEDNESDAY, MAR 4 - SPEAKER MARTHA RICKEY ON THE HISTORY OF BALDWINVILLE

TUESDAY, MAR 10 - STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Board meeting at 5:30pm and regular meeting starts at 7pm

WEDNESDAY, MAR 11: AVOID PHONE/ONLINE SCAMS WITH MARV

 TUESDAY, MAR 17 - ST. PATTY'S DAY CLUB IN A PUB

WEDNESDAY, MAR 18 - SPEAKER SUSAN BERTRAND WITH MAUREEN'S HOPE

TUESDAY, MAR 24 - LEARN ABOUT THE SUNSHINE HORSE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, MAR 25: B'VILLE BIG CHILL WRAP UP WITH THE CHAMBER

TUESDAY, MAR 31: SPEAKER/MEMBER MARY SCHMUTZ ON HER VOCATION: PHYSICAL THERAPY

APRIL

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 - SPEAKER GLENN "GOMEZ" ADAMS FROM TK99

TUESDAY, APRIL 7 - THINK TANK - EXODUS- LINK ON PAGE 2

 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 - NO LUNCH MEETING - SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BED BUILD - PG 4

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 - STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Board meeting at 5:30pm and regular meeting starts at 7pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 - ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ROTARY ACTION GROUP

TUESDAY, APRIL 21 - CLUB ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 - CLUB ASSEMBLY

 SUNDAY, APRIL 26 - EARTH DAY CLEAN UP - PG 4

 TUESDAY, APRIL 28 - CLUB IN A CANDY SHOP - VISITING SWEET DREAM CANDY SHOPPE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 - THE GOOD LIFE CNY WITH SPEAKER ANNETTE PETERS

ICON KEY FOR MEETING SCHEDULE



Club in a Pub - we will meet up starting at 5:30pm at a local pub TBD



Service Project - read your newsletter and email for details



No regular meeting



We are venturing out for something fun

All meetings are held at the Red Mill Inn. Tuesday meetings start at 7pm and cost \$1 to attend, coffee provided. Wednesday meetings start at noon and cost \$10 for lunch or \$1 to attend, coffee provided. Note any changes to time or location of meeting on this schedule!