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NEWSLETTER

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A note from your president...

"Through the award-winning Rotary Foundation, we protect children from polio. We fight waterborne diseases and help refugees get health care. We promote peace and create safe environments for mothers and children. We help communities recover after disasters.

All of this is built by generous contributions from our supporters, which allow us to maintain and expand our life-changing programs around the world. The Foundation transforms donations into service projects in which we unite to take action and make a lasting impact.

From the PolioPlus program to Rotary Peace Fellowships, the Foundation has used billions of dollars in contributions to reach our humanitarian goals."

The above is from a course in the Learning Center at MyRotary.org. I decided they could say it better than I. But we haven't talked too much this Rotary year about the RI Foundation. While we raise funds to do good things locally, RI needs funds to do big things around the world. They count on Rotarians and friends of Rotary to contribute to the Foundation. Half of what goes in from our District comes back to us. The other half funds the worldwide initiatives. If you haven't already given, if you'd like to make a one-time gift, or better yet, if you would like to become a Sustaining Member (which is giving automatically annually, monthly, or quarterly - very easy), call, text, or email. You never know, I plan on making some personal appeals. Rotary International depends on us. *The need around the world hasn't diminished in this year of hardship.* I'll be in touch.

St. Patrick's Day Feast

Canton Woods Senior Center

Wednesday, March 10th from 4-6pm

Drive thru for delivery!

SOLD OUT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Shifts available from 2:30-6pm, with tasks to help with prepping meals to be delivered, be a delivery driver, prep the pick-up meals and help with the drive-thru,

All volunteers MUST wear masks and practice social distancing. Do not come if you have traveled out of state, been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID or are experiencing symptoms.

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP

Sign up on a numbered line next to the task/shift you want. When all numbered lines are full, we are all fully staffed!

THANK YOU VALENTINE'S!



Thanks to everyone who participated in the Valentine's Day card-writing effort to spread some cheer at McHarrie Life. Scott Northrup led the effort and delivered the cards for us - we are grateful for your leadership on this. Our Interact Students also got on board with well over 100 handmade cards that were beautifully packaged to be delivered to these local seniors. Such a simple project that spreads a lot of happiness during these gray days of winter!

THANK TANK FOR MARCH

This month's discussion has a made in America theme with this article from NPR: [Homegrown Fixes For Shortfalls Of Foreign-Made Items](#)

Join us **Tuesday, March 2nd at 7pm** and read the article prior to zooming in so we can all discuss. These are great meetings for bringing a guest because they are interactive and a great way to get to know one another!



BACKPACK PROJECT UPDATE

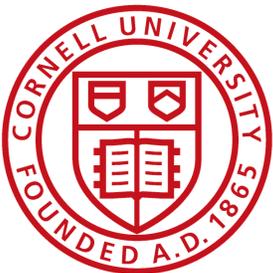
Just a quick update on the collections for the program. The drop off location for donations is now St. Augustine's Church at 7333 OBrien Rd, Baldwinsville, Saturday - Thursday from 10am-1pm. All of this information is available on our web site [here](#). Items we are collecting this year include:

- Breakfast Bars/Granola Bars**
- Peanut Butter/Cheese-Filled Crackers**
- Raisins**
- Fruit Cups**
- Apple Sauce**
- Jiff-to-go & Pretzels**
- Single Serving Microwavable Meals**
- Wheat- and Peanut-Free Items**

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

In February, we met two more impressive young people as part of our Students of the Month awards - Rachel Wall and Aidan Solomon. Rachel is doing well with all virtual school this year, but does miss the communication you can have with teachers in person. She enjoys studying languages, taking Spanish at school and learning Japanese in her spare time (on her own!). She plans to be a commuter student at LeMoyne College studying accounting and language, with a goal of working on international business. Aidan is one of our Interact students and he was project leader on their project to help answer the phones during Movie With A Mission for the Rescue Mission. He is a swimmer and the swim team has managed to work through COVID with many changes to practices and meets, but he is glad they are able to do something and weren't completely cancelled. His dream college is Cornell and he hopes to become a veterinarian, as he loves animals and science. He does have a back-up plan though and that's culinary school!

Join us the second Tuesday of each month through June to meet more great young people worthy of being our Students of the Month, upholding the values of Rotary in their everyday lives.



NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS VOTED IN

Thanks to our leaders-in-training for the upcoming Rotary year. They are busy with virtual trainings these days and looking forward to the new Rotary theme: Serve To Change Lives

- President: Bill Rosentel**
- President Elect: Brian Walsh**
- Vice President: William Day**
- Treasurer: Bruce Stebbins**
- Secretary: Lizzy Martin**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY LIVERPOOL

One year since your first meeting!



WHAT WE LEARNED FROM OCRRA:

In February, we welcomed a speaker from the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency - a fancy acronym for the people who take care of our recycling and more. They are not part of our county government, but are contracted by the county to turn waste into energy at their facility in Jamesville and collect our recycling. The whole system is funded by our collection fees, the energy they sell back from the waste-to-energy incinerator and the money generated from selling recycled goods to processors. It sounds like it's a pretty unique set up. They also only accept trash from our county and nothing else comes into their facility, which burns garbage and turns that energy into power. What is able to be recycled locally is determined by how our recyclables get sorted/processed and what industries are currently buying materials for processing. This is what can create confusion, occasional changes to the rules and why it might be different in other parts of the state or country. Here are some important tips we learned about recycling that could help your household turn out "high quality" recyclables that will earn our county more money on the recyclables market and maybe help keep our collected fees from going up any more!

What makes recyclables high quality? Rinse off any food residue and only recycle things that can truly be recycled locally!

Having trouble remembering if a plastic is recyclable? Remember this catchy phrase: **BOTTLES, JUGS, JARS & TUBS**
So when it comes to plastics, that means:

NO CLAMSHELLS **NO CUPS**
NO FLIMSY PLASTICS **NO WRAPPERS/BAGS**

Some waxy cardboards can be recycled and others cannot. How to tell the difference? If it's for food that goes in the fridge, you can recycle. If it's for food that goes in the freezer, it CANNOT be recycled because it has extra insulation in there that is no good for reuse.

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT! You can add costs and slow processing of recyclables by putting incorrect things in your bin, while accidentally throwing a recyclable in the trash will still get turned into energy. Learn more at www.ocrra.org!

STILL TO COME...

Rotary International has asked all clubs to hold virtual meetings through the end of this Rotary year (June 30th) in order to be cautious in the pandemic. There will still be opportunities for us to safely serve, learn and enjoy each other's company though! If you wish to get involved in any of these events as a helper or a leader, reach out to President Doug, douglastosh@yahoo.com or Service Chair Scott Northrup, srnorthrup@yahoo.com.

EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP

Be ready for some outdoor time cleaning up our waterways and community to do our part in our newest area of focus, supporting the environment!

SRD PLANNING

The committee has been formed to explore what we might be able to do for a fundraiser this fall. Connect with Ken Schmidt if you have ideas.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The second Tuesday of each month will still feature two students with a virtual awards presentation.

THINK TANK DISCUSSIONS

The first Tuesday of each month will be a time to share our thoughts and responses to various articles and videos. Have an idea for a discussion you'd like to lead? Connect with Sally Fedrizzi.

DISTRICT/STATEWIDE EVENTS

The Multi-District Membership Committee will continue to host Membership Mondays in the spring, so watch for invites to these substantive sessions.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Be prepared to celebrate our change in leadership at the end of June or early July and give thanks to those that have stewarded us through another challenging Rotary year!



HAPPY NEWS

John LaCasse and his wife Jake are excited to announce the arrival of their EIGHTH grandchild, Paisley Quinn!

*Welcome
Paisley!*



Happy Birthday

MARY SCHMUTZ MAR 4

RAY O'NEIL MAR 6

STU HOSLER MAR 19

BRIAN BURMEISTER MAR 20

BARB HUNT MAR 21

KATIE REAP MAR 21

Our Meetings

TUESDAY, MARCH 2 at 7PM

THINK TANK DISCUSSION WITH SALLY

Read this NPR article for discussion:

[Biden Signs Order Seeking Homegrown Fixes For Shortfalls Of Foreign-Made Items](#)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 at NOON

SPEAKER MARV JOSLYN ON ROTARY ACTION GROUPS

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

5:30PM BOARD MEETING

7PM STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 at NOON

SPEAKER & ROTARIAN FRIEDA WEEKS WITH [HOPE FOR HEATHER](#) 

Consider wearing teal to support ovarian cancer awareness!

TUESDAY, MARCH 16 at 7PM

SPEAKER MARV JOSLYN ON ROTARY ACTION GROUPS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 at NOON

SPEAKER JOE O'HARA WITH [PEACE, INC](#)

ST PATTY'S DAY FEAST 2PM-6PM - SEE PAGE 1 FOR LINK FOR VOLUNTEERS! 

TUESDAY, MARCH 23 at 7PM

SPEAKER GRACE BANG WITH [GIRLS WITH GOALS](#)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 at NOON

SPEAKER & ROTARIAN BILL CONOLE ON HARRIET TUBMAN

TUESDAY, MARCH 30 at 7PM

SPEAKER CLIFFORD RYAN WITH [OG'S AGAINST VIOLENCE](#)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31 at NOON

MEETING TOPIC TO BE ANNOUNCED

Coming up in April

Students of the Month, sharing ideas at our Think Tank, an Earth Day Clean-up Project, details on the school's budget proposal and more!