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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

We just completed a very busy, profitable and enjoyable month of February. We held our first ever Pizza for Pantries event, which yielded over \$3,000 to be split between the Baldwinsville Community Food Pantry, the veterans pantry at the VFW and our Backpack Program. Special thanks to Scott and Ken for organizing and for all the Rotarians that assisted. Through the generosity of our members, we collected 99 lbs of dog and cat food to support Humane CNY as our donation program and we decorated lunch bags for Meals on Wheels to help bring a smile to those receiving them.

We brought back the Soup 'n Snowshoe event, with ten soups to taste and vote on. The weather even cooperated dumping about five inches of snow on the trails the day before. This is always a fun event for all that attend. Continuing our social activities, we held our Club in a Pub at Tassone's. These events bring back the comradery to our club. It is a great opportunity for more members to stop in for a little while or have dinner together. The beauty is that there is no amount of time you are expected to be there, stay as long as you are able and reconnect with some Rotarians.

As we move forward, planning has already started for Seneca River Days, June 10-11. While it is great to get a lot of volunteers on the days of support, there is a lot of planning leading up to it. Join the committee and get involved in the other aspects of Seneca River Days. Many hands make for lighter work. We are not sure if the village is going to have a Memorial Day Parade this year, but we want to be ready if they do, and need a chairperson for that event. This is not a big task, but it's important to have a point person.

Our programs team has continued to do an excellent job from month to month and we had some great speakers in February. We heard from Lara Mosley on the Symphoria Orchestra, Christine Corbett about David's Refuge which support caregivers, Lu Zaya our past exchange student from Argentina, awarded our Student of the Month, heard from Bill Conole about Harriet Tubman and celebrated Rotary's 117th birthday with cake and trivia. So, our meetings were both informative and fun! March's lineup is just as good, so please stop by a meeting, especially if you haven't been in a while.

With the state lifting masking mandates, we now only require masks for unvaccinated members and guests. It is good to see people's faces again.

I also want to congratulate the leadership team for 2022-23, President Brian Walsh, President-Elect Jenny Doane, Secretary Lizzy Martin and Treasurer Bruce Stebbins.

And I especially want to congratulate Lizzy on her selection, by the district, to be our District Governor Nominee Designate (DGDN) which means Lizzy will be our District Governor in 2024-25. I couldn't think of a better choice. Lizzy was also published in the March Rotarian on Pg 15, check it out.

Sincerely,
Club President Bill Rosentel

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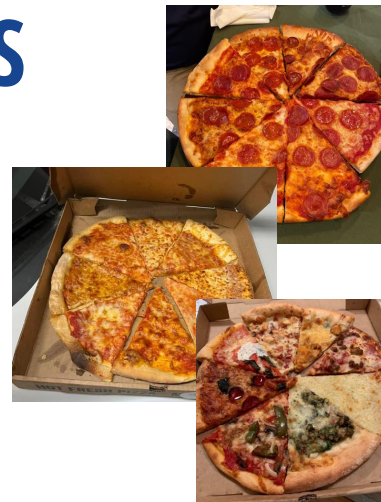
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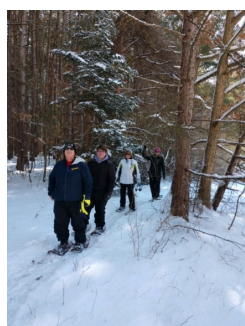
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PIZZA ROUNDUP A TASTY SUCCESS

Friday, February 11th marked the inaugural Great B'ville Pizza Roundup, where we made eight slices from eight local pizzerias into one pizza so people could enjoy and compare several local pies at one time. Pies were sold as all cheese, all pepperoni or "best of," which was the best specialty slice from each pizzeria (see photos). With purchases made in advance of the pick up date on our web site, www.bvillepizzaroundup.com, we sold out before the Feb 9th deadline. Thanks to Scott and Ken's leadership and our team of volunteers, the pizzas were fast and furiously assembled to go out to the drive-thru pick up line. \$3,000 was raised, which was divided evenly between the Baldwinsville Community Food Pantry, the veteran's pantry at the VFW and our club's Backpack Program. This event was not only successful in raising money, but also awareness. We reached A LOT of people on social media with posts on our page (organic and paid) and posts throughout other community groups on Facebook. People were calling for us to do this again before it was even over. Stay tuned for another pizza roundup in February 2023!



BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR SNOWSHOE & SOUPS



This year's Soup 'n Snowshoe event was led by Jennifer J and Marv who must have also scheduled the perfect weather. After a warm up earlier that week that melted all the snow, we got a quick half foot on Friday, just in time for our event on Saturday, Feb 26th. In addition to great conditions for snowshoeing, we had a fantastic turn out with TEN soups to sample and vote on. There were veggie soups, minestrone soups, pasta soups and seafood soups. To complement them, there were also breads and event desserts for a sweet ending. Everyone enjoyed sampling and we invited the staff to join in. Ultimately, there were three winners:

- 1st: Doug Tosh with his potato-bacon soup
- 2nd: Jennifer H with her white chicken chili
- 3rd: Lizzy with her carrot-ginger soup

Special thanks to Jen and Marv for coordinating, to everyone who made soups and sides, to everyone who just came to take part and to the staff at Beaver Lake who waived admission for our group. It was a magical winter day with friends that we won't soon forget. See even more photos on our [Baldwinsville Rotary Facebook page](#).

MEMBER ORIENTATION

The next orientation session will take place on Zoom at **7pm on Wednesday, March 23rd** with Lizzy. The topic will be Rotary's Partners. Just as our club collaborates with other groups like local churches, the chamber and more, Rotary International collaborates too. We'll learn more about who are partners are and what kinds of partner programs exist. As with other orientations, the topic will be a 25-30 minute lesson, followed by less formal discussion and orientation topics. Come for one or both parts - whatever is most useful to you! Watch your email for the zoom link when the date gets closer.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

We say it every month, but it truly was a pleasure to get to meet Ethan Hettler and his parents as we recognized him as our February Student of the Month. Ethan is a powerful force in our Interact Club, so it was extra special to hear about his extensive experience with and passion for volunteering. He has especially enjoyed working with We Rise Above The Streets in providing food for people living on the streets and most recently he completed his Eagle Scout by coordinating a bed build session with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We were sure to check that he does normal teenager stuff too and he said he likes to play video games. He has applied to the University of Buffalo, Clarkson, RIT and Binghamton and where ever he lands he wants to study engineering. Rotarian Katie, who is the Interact Club liaison and has worked with Ethan for many years, said he does a great job at observing and turning what he sees and hears into positive action. We look forward to having three Students of the Month in March since Isabella couldn't attend our February meeting. Come on March 8th to meet the next group!



CHARITY OF CHOICE

Are you remembering to enter your Charity of Choice? This program is a perk of membership that could earn your favorite cause a \$100 donation. For every meeting you attend (in person or online!) you get an entry to win. If you are there in person there are slips you can complete with your name and charity, and if you are joining online you can put your charity in the chat so someone can complete a slip on your behalf. It is free for members to participate. At the last meeting of the month we draw the winner and send their charity a check in their name. The purpose of this program is to ensure the club is supporting causes our members care about. Think there is something we could do more for your cause than the \$100 donation? Bring that request to the board for consideration!

RECENT WINNERS...

January - Joan Patchett for Humane CNY

February - Marv Joslyn for B'ville Food Pantry

March drawing will be Wednesday 3/30

INTERACT UPDATE

As usual, our Interact students have been keeping busy being helpful where ever they can. They helped sort donations for the Backpack Program (top photo) and helped with bringing up books for the library's most recent book sale (bottom photo). We'll be learning more about what Interact is up to at our March 9th noon meeting as they zoom in to tell us about their activities past and future. They will also be joining us to lead the Think Tank discussion in May. Watch for more information on what reading they choose for us!



LIVERPOOL UPDATE

Liverpool Rotarian Scott Swayze took the lead on a fun service project to collect and deliver valentine's to a local senior living facility. With the support of our member Janet and in coordination with fellow Liverpool Rotarian Glenna at the Liverpool Library, a holiday box was put out as a central location to drop off cards. There were handmade and store-bought ones. Because of COVID, members could not personally deliver the cards, but the staff was happy to hand them out. Scott was so happy when dropping them off you can see his smile through his mask! Great work Scott. Watch for more social and service projects for Liverpool in the months ahead. Connect with Janet if you want to get involved or if you know of someone in the Liverpool area that would enjoy Rotary too!



HAPPY Birthday

Mary Schmutz - March 4

Ray O'Neil - March 6

Ray Byrne - March 18

Stu Hosler - March 19

Barb Hunt - March 21

Katie Reap - March 21

Don't see your birthday or anniversary listed? We're probably missing that information about you. Submit details to Lizzy at emartin@advancedmediany.com.

MEETING PROTOCOL

\$1 to attend (max \$1 per week)

If you want food or drinks at either meeting, 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 are asked to submit their meeting and happy dollars too

MASK UPDATE



Following state and local guidance, masks are now only required if you are unvaccinated. Vaccinated members and guests can go mask-free. Of course you are welcome to wear one any time you wish. Please refrain from attending Rotary events if you are exhibiting symptoms or have had a known exposure to someone who tested positive.



DICTIONARIES GO OUT TO ALL THIRD GRADERS

Each year Baldwinsville Rotary distributes a dictionary to every third grade student in our school district - including home school and private schools. Due to COVID, we have been unable to visit the schools when the books are handed out, but the program has continued. It is a tradition for our young people who often take these dictionaries off to college with them! The school was nice enough to take and share photos of the students, including one of the kids with a thank you sign. Thanks to Meg for continuing to coordinate this treasured program for our club and community, and to all who regularly pitch in to prepare the dictionaries with our stickers and letters to parents. Cheers to another year of dictionaries!



MEET NEW MEMBER: TIM TAYLOR

Inducted March 1st (after some COVID delays), we are happy to introduce you to our newest Rotarian Tim. He was joined by and officially pinned by his brother Dennis at his induction. Dennis is a member of the Red Creek-Fair Haven Rotary Club, so Tim isn't too green when it comes to what Rotary is all about. He, his wife, a radiologist, and two sons live here in Baldwinsville. Tim just started a new job as the head of marketing at SUNY Oswego (also his alma mater), so he has a lot of great new things going for him. He froze as a plunger watcher at the Big Chill and has been to many meetings. Please make it a point to introduce yourself if you see him at an upcoming meeting or event!



GETTING OUR DUCKS IN A ROW

The Seneca River Day committee is now meeting regularly as we start to secure sponsors, activities, entertainment and plan out our two-day festival. Now is the time to jump in and help with our club's largest fundraiser, and we do ask that every member contribute in some way. There are three main ways to get involved - 1. Join the committee, 2. Sell duck tickets, and 3. Volunteer at the event. Joining the committee is something you would want to do now so you can learn the planning process and volunteer alongside an experienced committee member. It's important that we get new members on the committee so more Rotarians can take on subcommittee roles. Below are the details so far:

Two-day event, all on Paper Mill Island, the second weekend in June

Chairperson: Scott Northrup

Immediate Past Chair: Ken Schmidt

Sub-Committee Chairs

Tickets: Abe Morelli

Sponsors: Dave Horan

Activities: Jenny Doane

Volunteers: Marcia Benson

Food Trucks: Scott Northrup

Signage: Doug Tosh

Web Site/Social Media: Ken Schmidt

Contact Scott to get involved!

scott@scottnorthrupinsurance.com

99LBS OF PET FOOD COLLECTED



A big thank you from the Donations Committee to all members who contributed cat and dog food for Humane CNY, an animal rescue located on Taft Road in Liverpool. Donations Committee members Lizzy, Marcia and Tori loaded up all the contributions and dropped them off. The rescue was busy and the Rotarians hurried out before they ended up with a new family member. Stay tuned for the next donations collection seeking second hand items we might have around the house and be happy to part with!

UKRAINE PEACE VIGIL

Our club hosted a candlelight vigil in Baldwin Canal Square on March 4th. The purpose of the event was to bring together people who are concerned and wishing for peace for Ukraine, and to send that energy into the universe as we feel a sense of helplessness in the situation. Candles and blue and yellow ribbons (the colors of the Ukrainian flag) were provided, along with signs calling for peace and declaring unity with Ukraine. The vigil



opened with the Ukrainian national anthem as candles were lit, people of all ages in attendance shared prayers, thoughts, quotes and their hopes for an end to Russia's attack, and later the group sang Let There Be Peace On Earth. PAC-B was present and filmed a lot, so we look forward to seeing their video when it's put together. Thanks to all who were able to attend and further the message of peace through Rotary!



I THINK YOU KNOW THE NEW DGND...

Special note from the editor

It's always a little awkward to have to write about oneself as the editor of the club newsletter, especially when it's big news. Everyone should have received an email or heard at recent club meetings that I have been selected as our District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND), which is a fancy way of saying that I will be the District Governor in the 2024/25 Rotary year. In the time between now and then, I join the rest of the District Governor line and district leadership team to learn the ropes, participate in district-wide events and prepare for this great honor. You may have also heard that our district is currently in talks with neighboring districts to revisit our map and turn three districts into two. That change will take effect with the 2024 year. We don't yet know what that will look like, but we'll be prepared to roll with the changes and take this as an opportunity to reinforce the importance of the connections we make in Rotary. You can read about my background and qualifications in the email sent out this past week from DG Dana or in the district newsletter coming out this week. I appreciate all the kind words, messages of support and the confidence you all have in me. I need a great club to support me and I know I've got the absolute best! Now, whose going to be club secretary so I can fit this new role into my busy schedule?

BUILD YOUR RESILIENCY

After the last two years, we could all use some tips for regaining our confidence and strength to get back out into the world. Check out [this great article](#) from Rotary with tips on how to bounce back!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Here are opportunities for you to get involved, take the lead or learn something new!

March:

Wednesday, 3/23: Member Orientation - Rotary's Partners

April:

Saturday, 4/2: Super Saturday Club Leadership Training

Tuesday, 4/5: Duck Sorting Party

Watch your email for an opportunity to sign up, open to all!

Earth Day Clean Up - take the lead or pitch in this April

May:

Memorial Day Parade - help with a float if this parade comes back again

June:

Seneca River Days - June 10 & 11 - Get on the committee (pg 4)

Club Changing of the Guard - Tuesday, June 28th

District Changing of the Guard - TBD (but probably June 30th)

Remember, the second Tuesday of each month is Students of the Month and the third Tuesday is Club in a Pub!

And Beyond:

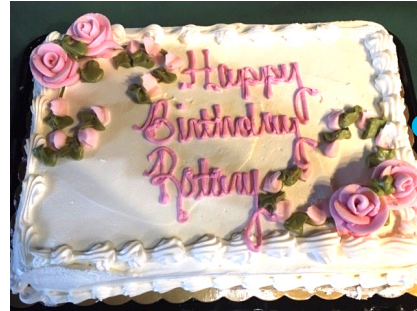
Be a Leader - join club leadership, talk to incoming President Brian

Plan Something Fun - all are welcome to submit ideas for social events

May 2023 - District Conference at Thousand Islands Resort

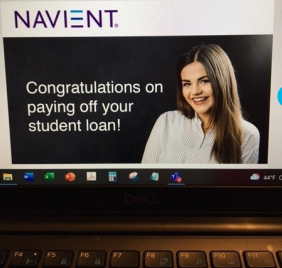
HAPPY NEWS

Sally and her husband Pete took a road trip in February with a stop in Savannah, Georgia where she snapped this photo with their golden Rotary sign!



We celebrated Rotary's 117th birthday at our meeting on February 23rd with a tasty cake and some really challenging Rotary trivia from Marv. Thanks for stumping us Marv!

Ann Smiley shared this fantastic and festive throwback photo of her and Marv all decked out for a St. Patty's hooley, which our club used to put on at McHarrie Life. Thanks for the fun flashback Ann!



Lizzy celebrated paying off her student loans - #adulting #winning

Submit your happy news (a photo and caption is all we need) for future newsletters. Anything that happened in your life that made you happy - a new car, a finished project, a family gathering. We love to connect with each other this way!

FUNNIES



MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

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Tuesday, 3/1 @ 7pm Think Tank Discussion	Sally will lead us in a discussion about the impact of buying local and we'll brainstorm ways Rotary can support that - click here to read a study prior to the discussion
Wednesday, 3/2 @ 12pm Speaker John Hall	Come see how Honor Flight is working through the pandemic to fulfill their mission
Tuesday, 3/8 @ 5:30pm @7pm	Club Board Meeting - members welcome Students of the Month - a monthly cub event honoring students who exemplify the values of Rotary. Come meet their families and celebrate with cake. Don't miss this!
Wednesday, 3/9 @ 12pm Zoom with Interact	We'll be zooming in with the students from our Interact Club to hear about their projects past and future
Tuesday, 3/15 @ 7pm Speaker LTC John Dickens	Lieutenant Colonel Dickens will discuss the educational opportunities that the Army offers and the positive impact of veterans in the local community
Wednesday 3/16 Speaker Erin Engle	Hear the story of how Erin founded Griffin's Guardians after losing her child to cancer, dedicated to supporting other families whose children are going through treatment now
Tuesday, 3/22 from 5-7pm Club in a Pub	Location TBA. Come for a drink, stay for dinner or just pop in to say hello at this social gathering
Wednesday 3/23 @ 12pm Speaker Dr. Katie Duff	Dr. Duff is a Doctor of Audiology who will come to speak with us about hearing loss
Tuesday, 3/29 @ 7pm World Down Syndrome Day	Meet speaker Kayla McKeon, who has Down Syndrome and draws on her experiences as a person with a disability to help fight for inclusion and inspire people of all abilities to reach their personal best in life
Wednesday 3/30 @ 12pm Tanzania Project	DGE Jerry Seguin & Rotarian Bill Lynch from Fulton Noon Rotary will share about an international project

Remember to submit your program ideas to Programs Chair Barb Hunt, bhunt@nscsd.org

Attend Virtual RLI

Complete all three levels of the Rotary Leadership Institute and graduate sooner by signing up for one OR ALL of these upcoming virtual sessions. This is an interactive training program where you can connect and share with fellow Rotarians to emerge with a better understanding of our organization and new leadership skills. It's beneficial for you personally and professionally as well. How could it get any better? Well *the club pays for you to attend!* So once you register, forward your payment confirmation to our treasurer Bruce to get reimbursed. Review upcoming dates and click register to visit their web site, www.rlinea.org. There will be more opportunities again this fall!

REGISTER TODAY



SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH

SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH

Each event goes from 8:30am-3pm
Sign up for levels I, II, III or Graduate
Graduate topic: Rotary's Areas of Focus