

BALDWINSVILLE ROTARY NEWSLETTER



50 Years of Service

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Submit your articles, news and
photos to the editor by the 25th
of each month.



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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT BRIAN:

Although the winter weather is not gone yet, spring is right around the corner! It is a time of rejuvenation and starting anew. We as Rotarians, can help the people of our community to experience this feeling of springlike optimism. "How?" you ask!

You can get involved in any one of our many local Rotary projects : Backpack Project, the Bread Run or Seneca River Days to name a few. You can donate to our club's foundation, End Polio or to the Rotary International Foundation. This is a perfect time for you to "spring" into action!

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Carpe Diem,
Brian



ARE YOU ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

There are a TON of Rotary resources on social platforms to help you get news from your club, our district and Rotary International. Use the links here to connect with and follow some key pages that will help you get tidbits of Rotary info in your newsfeed!



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March 2023

SOUP & SNOWSHOE WINTERY FUN

Baldwinsville Rotary's annual social event at Beaver Lake Nature Center was a big hit again in 2023. It was a gorgeous and snowy day, but not quite the right conditions for snowshoeing, so a crew of Rotarians and guests set out for a short, winter stroll on the nature trails. Then inside there were crockpots filled with homemade soups of all kinds for the competition part of the event. Attendees tasted all the soups and cast their vote for the ones they liked best. This year's winner was a cream of chicken and mushroom soup from Marcia Benson, with Janet Joslyn in second and Jennifer Joslyn in third. For those who have never been, consider making it a point to go next winter because this is a really fun and relaxed afternoon together. Members who like to cook get to showcase a dish and members who like to eat get to enjoy tasting them all. A big shout out to the event creator, Marv Joslyn, and to this year's co-chairs Jennifer J and Jennifer H. Thanks to the Jennifers coordination, it was a smooth event for all!



Members John LaCasse and Norma Widmann tasting soup samples.



Rotarian Dave Horan and his wife Ann enjoyed all the soups.



Guests Cindy and Dom Losurdo are familiar faces we love to see!



Snowshoers stuck to their boots in the loose, newly fallen snow for a winter hike before they went inside to warm up with soup samples.



Our 2023 winners 1-Marcia, 2-Janet and 3-Jennifer - Congratulations!



From L to R: Marcia Benson, Marilyn Powell, co-chair Jennifer Holman and co-chair Jennifer Joslyn.



Jenny "Cornbread Queen" Doane and past champ Doug Tosh filling up on soup and more.



Two lovelies - Sylvia White and Joan Patchett had fun being soup judges.

B'VILLE ROTARY RAISES MONEY & MORE AT WINE CLUB

Thanks to wine club charter members Bill & Lynn Rosentel, Rotary is the recipient of the 50/50 raffle at the Cirque D'Vin Wine Club once each year and we dedicate the funds to a local cause. This year it was Sleep in Heavenly Peace. In addition to the raffle, attendees were encouraged to bring twin size bed sets, blanket and pillows - and they delivered in a big way! The raffle netted just over \$900 as the winner returned their winnings to the cause, and our club board rounded it up to an even \$1,000 for an organization that provides free beds for children in the Syracuse area. Our local chapter is one of the most active in nation. [Click here](#) to learn more.



CHARITY OF CHOICE UPDATE

Just a friendly reminder that every time you (as a member of our club) attend one of our regular meetings you will have a chance to enter into our drawing to win \$100 for a charity you treasure. There are slips at each of the meetings (when held at The Wood) that you fill out with your name and charity. If you attend via zoom you can enter your charity in the chat and someone will complete a form for you. This program is for members only and is our club's way of supporting charities you care about. Watch your newsletter each month for a round up of who has won and what charities are receiving donations in their name.

September: Jenny Doane for 100 Black Men of Syracuse

October: Janet Joslyn for 100 Black Men of Syracuse

November: Marilyn Powell to the Rescue Mission

December: Jenny Doane for Clear Path for Veterans

January: Marcia Benson for B'ville Community Food Pantry

February: Bill Rosentel for Josephs House for Women

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



February's honorees were Cassidy Primrose and Zack Sauro. Cassidy is a talented athlete, playing lacrosse, basketball and participating in track. She is hoping to study engineering after graduation this spring. Zack is a member of our Interact Club, also participating in environment club and

competing in lacrosse and swimming. Outside of school, he enjoys cooking and jet skis! Zack wants to study Business Administration when he heads off to college. As always, we are impressed by these young leaders, nominated by their guidance counselor for upholding the values of Rotary - kindness, fairness and service above self.

We have just a few more months of honorees before the school year ends, so be sure to make time the second week of the month, on a Tuesday night at 7pm. Don't forget that we celebrate with cake!



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www.CNYRotary.org

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FOOD DRIVES NET DONATIONS

Four drop off days and two locations proved fruitful for our Backpack Program's food drives in February. Special thanks to the Volunteer Center and the library for being drop-off points, to the members who helped cover the library drop-off days and to all who gave contributions. There will be more drives this spring to continue to keep our food stores in stock and sustain us through the end of the school year. Our Backpack Program provides breakfast and snack items for 130 children in our school district at risk of hunger on the weekends. Learn more [here](#).



BVILLE ROTARY HELPS ADDRESS VETERAN SUICIDE

Earlier this year our club had a program with Ron Zaleksi of the Long Walk Home Foundation (and Englewood, FL Rotary). Ron is a veteran whose organization provides mentorship that helps veterans transition from military to civilian life, providing the connections and support that will hopefully prevent suicide. You can learn more about his organization [here](#). In response to learning about Ron's work, our board approved a \$500 donation, which President Brian recently presented to Ron at an Englewood Rotary meeting, near their winter home in Florida. This is one of many



contributions our club has made that all member should be proud of because your work at things like the Big Chill and Seneca River Days provide the funds for them. See page four for more about donating to causes you care about!



SAVE THE DATES Seneca River Days 2023

JUNE 9 & 10 | PAPER MILL ISLAND

Food Trucks | Live Music | Fireworks | Duck Pluck

GET SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION AT
www.SenecaRiverDays.com

REGISTER NOW

DISTRICT CONFERENCE | May 5-7, 2023

1000 Islands Harbor Hotel, Clayton, New York

**EARLY BIRD RATE EXTENDED
TO MARCH 17TH!**



Discounted packages available for teens and children, so bring the whole family!

All three districts are invited to be part of a weekend filled with celebrations, connections and fun!

IMPORTANT: You must register for conference AND ALSO book a stay directly with the hotel

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY FUN: Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Pesos for Polio

A portion of all drink sales go to End Polio, learn about our progress towards eradication, and enjoy seeing old friends and meeting new

SATURDAY LEARNING: Get inspiration & explore the area

We'll spend the morning hearing from local organizations doing great work, with all three districts sharing some key projects from their areas. Then in the afternoon attendees will have free time to shop, taste and see the beautiful riverside community. In the evening, we will celebrate Youth Exchange and get the latest from CNY Rotary at dinner.

SUNDAY SEND-OFF: A time to reflect and look ahead

After breakfast we will remember Rotarians we have lost at the memorial service, following by a look ahead to the next conference, then say, "See you soon!"

Rotary
District 7150



Rotary
District 7170



Rotary
District 7190



LEARN MORE



HELP GIVE BACK

MEMBERS CAN PROPOSE PROJECTS & DONATIONS

Each year our club puts tens of thousands of dollars back into the community, both through the programs run by our volunteers and through donations to organizations that do important work to help our friends and neighbors in need. We even do international projects to support growing economies, build schools and provide clean water. The money used for these contributions is raised collectively through our work at events like the Big Chill and Seneca River Days. Members are invited to submit ideas to the board for causes they care about and that align with Rotary's values. The club is also always looking for projects that could be funded by our club. Not everything that comes to the board will be guaranteed to be approved, but you will be heard. Download a [Donation Request Form](#) and complete it in order to have a request added to the next board meeting agenda. If you want the club to support an existing Rotary project, work with a Rotary partner or support Rotary's Foundation, those messages can go directly to President Brian. In fact, reach out to him if you have any questions about how to submit a request for funds or idea for a project!

CLUB PRESIDENT NEEDED FOR 2024-25

Fewer meetings to run.

It will be the first year of CNY Rotary.

Lizzy will be CNY Rotary President.

It is a truly valued service to all of our members.

If you are interested in being our leader during a big year for Rotary in our region, speak to Jenny or Brian!

**CLICK THE ICON BELOW TO VIEW OUR FULL
MEETING SCHEDULE THROUGH JUNE 2023!**



DICTIONARIES DELIVERED

Special thanks to Meg and her crews that prepared and delivered dictionaries to all five elementary schools. We provide one for every student in our district, even the private schools and homeschooled kids. This project is done as part of Rotary's overall effort to promote literacy and will continue for as long as the schools and students feel the dictionaries will be useful to the students. As you can see, they are happy to receive their books and learn some of the features in them, like sign language instructions and the longest word.



ROTARY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES GALORE!

Spring is a busy time for training club leaders to prepare them for the new Rotary year ahead. Please note these dates and remember that all of these training events are open to ALL members, whether or not you are currently in or planning to be in leadership. You will learn a lot about Rotary and expand your network by attending. It is especially encouraged that you attend the free events or ones covered by the club!

SUPER SATURDAY District Training Assembly

Saturday, April 1 at VVS High School

8am-12pm with breakfast provided!

All are welcome to attend this FREE training for members who want to learn more about specific club roles, and topics like membership, foundation and public image. Includes an opportunity to attend the Grants Management Seminar.

[Click here to register](#)



Empire Multi-District PETS

Multi-District President Elect Training Seminar

March 17-19 | Sheraton at SU, Syracuse

OPEN TO ALL ROTARIANS & GUESTS - \$135/person

Register at www.RotaryEmpireMDPETS.org by March 9th

Rotary Leadership Institute

Saturday, Sept 23 at VVS High School

Save the Date: Sept 23

Complete levels I, II and III and then enjoy graduate courses on different topics each year.

Our club will reimburse you for the cost of attendance!



CURRENT

20 members have made a donation to the Rotary International Foundation

GOAL

Every club wants to have 100% of members donating to the RI Foundation

Learn more about donating to the RI Foundation at www.rotary.org/give or speak to our Foundation Chair Doug Tosh douglastosh@yahoo.com



GIVING SUPPORTS GRANTS

We encourage members to support the Rotary International Foundation for several reasons. It is the charitable part of our organization that funds amazing projects and impactful work around the world. It is also a highly rated charity that is worthy of donations that will truly do good. But most importantly, half of all the money we all give to the Annual Fund comes back to our district in the form of District Grants. The amount of money we have to give out in grants is directly tied to how much our district's members have contributed. Our club uses these grants every year! So when you give to the Rotary International Foundation's Annual Fund, you not only help do good all around the world, but you are also sure to see a portion of those dollars return to our region for club projects and scholarships. That's a lot of bang for your buck!

HAPPY NEWS, FUNNIES, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mary Schmutz - Mar 4

Ray O'Neil - Mar 6

Stu Hosler - Mar 19

Katie Reap - Mar 21

We have another new baby in our Rotary family! Andrew & Bridget McGlynn welcomed baby Callum Michael on Feb 6th, debuting at 8lb 3oz. Andrew is one of our Interact Chairs and Callum's birth now has both Interact Chairs out on parental leave. Wishing them all the best as they care for these precious bundles!



Welcome to our newest member Bill Welch. He and his wife Betty just relocated to the Syracuse area after a stint in Oregon, but they are originally from Connecticut. Bill is actually a transferring member and has over 40 years of experience in our organization. Be sure to introduce yourself and say welcome!

Member Bruce Jones with a statue commemorating the Rotary Club of Aruba. It's always fun to encounter Rotary things in our travels!



A contingency of Rotarians took a cruise together last month, making many stops in the Carribbean, including to Aruba where they met up with another member and his wife. Rotarians present include Jennifer Holman, Marcia Benson, Bruce Jones, Joan Patchett and Janet Joslyn, plus family and friends!

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



SMILES ARE CONTAGIOUS



NEED A RIDE?



Don't forget about our 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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MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday 3/1 at Noon
Club Assembly - Get caught up on club affairs!

Tuesday 3/7 at 7pm
Students of the Month

Tuesday 3/14 from 5-7pm
Club in a Pub at Angry Smokehouse
PLEASE RSVP TO JENNY - jennyjames47@gmail.com

Wednesday 3/15 at Noon
Come learn about Rotary Leadership Institute

Tuesday 3/21 at 6:30pm
FIELD TRIP: VIP Tour at Redhouse Theatre and dinner
[Click here](#) for details and to RSVP

Tuesday 3/28 at 5:30pm
Board meeting - held on zoom, open to all members

Wednesday 4/5 at Noon
Meeting Program TBA

Tuesday 4/11 at 7pm
Students of the Month

Tuesday 4/18 from 5-7pm
Club in a Pub - Location TBA
Come when you can, leave when you have to, eat, drink and be merry

Wednesday 4/19 at Noon
School officials will present on the upcoming budget vote and capitol project

Tuesday 4/25 at 5:30pm
Board meeting - held on zoom, open to all members

Tuesday 4/25 at 7pm
Learn about Autism Awareness Month with James Walsh

Share your program
ideas with our Programs
Chair Chris Walsh, at
cwalsh7@twcny.rr.com

MEETING DETAILS

All meetings are free to attend.
Food or drinks available, please order and pay at the bar.
Happy dollars are optional
Raffle is optional - tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2
Charity of Choice is free for members - one entry for every meeting attended
As much as possible, all meetings will be available in person and on zoom

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