



President Lizzy Martin

I don't know about all of you, but I'm beat! I never thought staying home would be SO exhausting. All the demands at work, overlapping zoom meetings, ordering groceries I don't even know if I'll still want in five days, at least four Rotary meetings each week, disinfecting all of our masks, virtual trivia nights and happy hours, this doesn't feel like staying home at all... yet somehow I'm still in my pajamas every day. Maybe you are tired from working from home and making sure your child gets their school work done while not being on a device for 20 straight hours. Maybe you are struggling to find a new routine you like or figuring out new technologies so you can keep in touch with friends and family. Or maybe you're still trying to get your unemployment. All of this is taxing. It's understandable that with this monumental shift in

our lives, Rotary has taken a back seat for many of our members. While it might not be attainable for everyone, I hope you will consider making some time for Rotary this month. Those who are attending regularly are choosing to make that time because it's worthwhile for them. Whether it's the personal connections, a certain speaker or just a chance to cheers a glass of wine virtually with friends, it's an hour of positivity and a nibble of normalcy for those present. We still do Charity of Choice, happy dollars and recite the Four Way Test, you know! If that's what you could use some more of these days, check out the schedule on the last page and block off an hour or two that will work in your new way of life. I'd love to see you! And on your way to the schedule, please also take a look at what other members are doing to pass the time and some really sweet, smiling faces thanks to a recent donation from our club. Sending you wishes of peace and good health friends!

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CLUB IN A PUB *goes virtual!*

Toast to connecting online
two Tuesdays this month:

MAY 12 & 26

starting at 7pm



Links to the meeting will be emailed out the day of the meeting. Grab a coffee, cocoa or cocktail and join the meeting to catch up with Rotary friends!

STAYING BUSY IN ISOLATION

We've flipped another page on the kitchen calendar (mine has chihuahuas on it!) and everyone is getting creative to pass the time. Here are some snaps of what everyone is up to! Send more to Lizzy for the next edition.



Jennifer is keeping busy with baking adventures, like these hot dog and hamburger buns and bagels, as well as sewing masks and donating them to the local hospital!



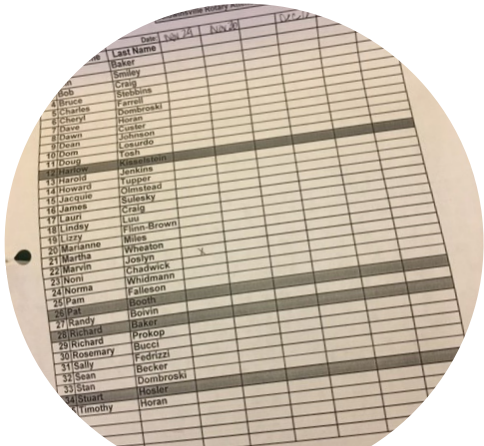
Abe is putting our meeting sign to good use in his home office!



Interactor and Student of the Month Jordan Hoffman socially distanced while helping Marv with mulching around the house.



Marianne is making art for a friend (it's of her Boston terrier) and sewing 48 masks for local workers.



Lizzy was going through some old files and organizing her home office when she came across old attendance sheets for our club. Back in 2012 we only had 35 people on our attendance sheet!



Norma and Stu had fun answering the challenge from the Getty Museum to recreate famous works of art with whatever you have around the house. Behold: Baldwinsville Gothic (their take on American Gothic by Grant Wood).

10 THINGS WE LEARNED LAST MONTH

Knowing people's personal stories for fleeing their home country creates a new perspective on asylum

Katie & Bob are celebrating the end of 14 straight years of having a kid in college

Use #goodlifecny when posting great things about CNY and help attract people to live here

Mary TWICE had a possum in her kitchen and Lizzy had a bat in hers

We've reached our goals to attain the Rotary Citation at the silver level

Don is isolating down in Florida still

Jennifer has a green screen, so she has fun backgrounds when on Zoom meetings

Efforts for polio are being refocused to help with the coronavirus pandemic in really meaningful ways

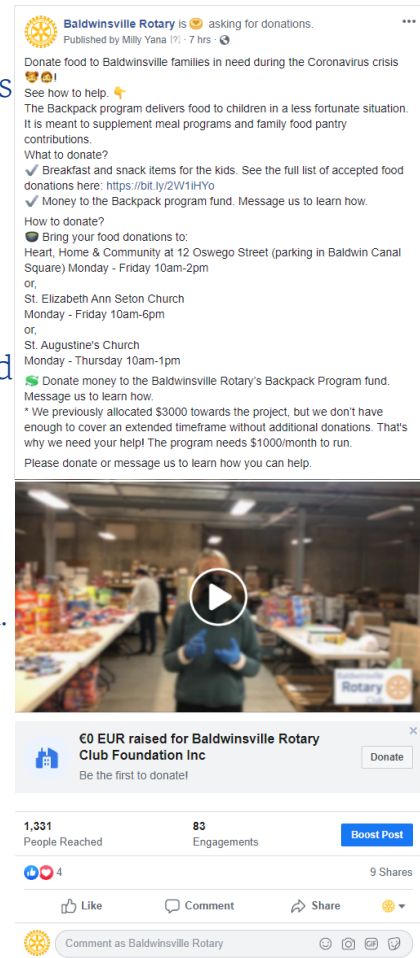
Scott Northrup won \$100 for the Rescue Mission in the April Charity of Choice drawing

Most people are NOT watching the Tiger King!

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU WILL LEARN WHEN YOU ATTEND A VIRTUAL ROTARY MEETING!

BACKPACK PROGRAM KEEPS GROWING, SEEKS FUNDING

We are now providing over 575 bags of breakfast and snack items to children in need EVERY WEEK. Can you believe it? It's amazing how many hundreds of families we are serving right here in our community. Thank you to everyone who has been able to help out in person and to those who have made monetary donations. We are seeking more partnerships in the community both to provide food and money to help us extend this through the rest of the school year (now that we know they are closed). We spend as much as \$1,000 each week to purchase the items needed to combine with community donations and ensure we pack enough breakfast and snack items to get a child through the weekend. How can you help? Share our new Facebook campaign where people can donate to us right through Facebook! [Click here](#) to access the post and share it out to your friends. Be sure to add your personal message to the post when sharing so they know why it's important to you!



Baldwinville Rotary is asking for donations. Published by Milly Yana · 7 hrs ·

Donate food to Baldwinville families in need during the Coronavirus crisis 🙏🏻

See how to help. 🙋🏻

The Backpack program delivers food to children in a less fortunate situation. It is meant to supplement meal programs and family food pantry contributions.

What to donate?

- ✓ Breakfast and snack items for the kids. See the full list of accepted food donations here: <https://bit.ly/2W1H4Yo>
- ✓ Money to the Backpack program fund. Message us to learn how.

How to donate?

- 📍 Bring your food donations to: Heart, Home & Community at 12 Oswego Street (parking in Baldwin Canal Square) Monday - Friday 10am-6pm or, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Monday - Friday 10am-6pm or, St. Augustine's Church Monday - Thursday 10am-1pm
- 💰 Donate money to the Baldwinville Rotary's Backpack Program fund. Message us to learn how.

* We previously allocated \$3000 towards the project, but we don't have enough to cover an extended timeframe without additional donations. That's why we need your help! The program needs \$1000/month to run. Please donate or message us to learn how you can help.

€0 EUR raised for Baldwinville Rotary Club Foundation Inc. Be the first to donate!

1,331 People Reached 83 Engagements 9 Shares

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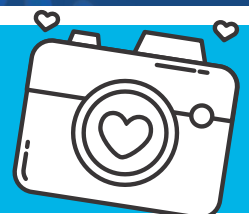
SAVE THE DATE

NOW MORE THAN EVER, ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD:
THE 2020 ROTARY VIRTUAL CONVENTION

20-26 June 2020 | Starting 1 May, learn more at riconvention.org



SUBMIT YOUR STAY-AT-HOME PICS OF HOW YOU ARE KEEPING BUSY, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT IT'S GETTING NICE OUTSIDE!



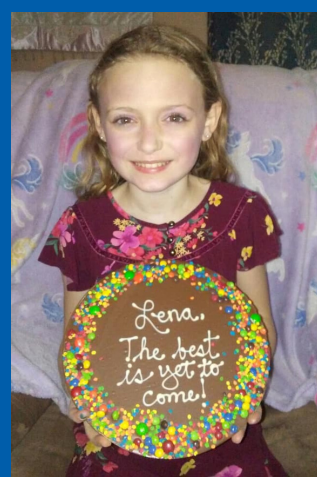
TRACKING OUR GIVING

- \$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 \$3,000 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
- \$250 for Colonial Days
- \$150 for brick at Shacksboro Museum
- \$1,500 for Maureen's Hope
- \$500 to Keep The Ball Rolling After Prom Party
- \$300 for three students - Syr Sunrise Music Fest
- \$1,000 for Erin's Angels
- \$100 Women's Garden Club Hanging Baskets
- \$500 Interact Student Grant
- \$5,000 CNY Community Foundation COVID-19 Response Fund (to be matched by Syr Rotary)
- \$1,000 Make-A-Wish CNY

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

SHARING SMILES UNTIL WISHES CAN COME TRUE!

Last month, our club answered the call from the Make-A-Wish Central New York group to help cheer up all the local children who are waiting to have their wishes granted. All wishes have been put on hold because of the pandemic, so the group wanted to provide all of the waiting kids with a little gift to keep their spirits up. With our \$1,000 donation they were able to send each child their own chocolate pizza (and support a local business while doing so!). Here are some photos of the children, including one that a parent shared with us via Facebook while saying thank you for our contribution. You helped raise that \$1,000. You should be proud that you helped grant a mini-wish for 70+ little children who were already sick before the pandemic and deserving of getting their wishes granted!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SHAUNA TEELIN 5/3	DAWN CUSTER 5/22
BRUCE STEBBINS 5/4	LYNN ROSENTEL 5/23
ANN SMILEY 5/14	LUKE BOSHART 5/24
TED CROUCHER 5/21	

celebrate

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

JENNY & PAUL DOANE 5/14
BARB & FRANK STONE 5/16
LIZZY & SCOTT MARTIN 5/17
TORI & NICK SHIRES 5/23

MAY

Meeting Schedule

TUESDAY, MAY 5 AT 7PM - THINK TANK - A WAY TO WASH WATER CLEAN

It all starts with our rivers. [Click here](#) to read this article from the April edition of The Rotarian Magazine and join us to discuss.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 AT NOON - SPEAKER KEVIN KELLY, MAJOR GIFTS OFFICER ROTARY INTERN'L

TUESDAY, MAY 12 - BOARD MEETING AT 5:30, CLUB IN PUB VIRTUAL AT 7PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 AT NOON - SPEAKER DANA JERRARD ON RAISING MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

TUESDAY, MAY 19 AT 7PM - FUN MEETING SURPRISE!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 AT NOON - MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER/NFL PLAYER LEROY COLLINS

TUESDAY, MAY 26 AT 7PM - CLUB IN A PUB VIRTUAL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 AT NOON - SPEAKER ABDUL ASH-SHAEEED SHAKIR WITH SYRACUSE INNER CITY ROTARY

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Many thanks to the district for lending us their Zoom account to use for all of our meetings.

You will receive a unique link for each meeting, emailed the day of that meeting. You can share these with someone through email when inviting them to join us, but please do not post publicly (like on Facebook) in order to keep our meeting space secure.

Please be aware of background noise and mute your audio when you are not speaking. The only exception would be during Club in a Pub, when the meeting is strictly social and we want everyone to participate freely. Buttons for muting your audio and video are in the bottom left of the screen on Zoom. Double check anytime that you want to speak or you are called upon to speak that you UNMUTE yourself too!

"Happy Dollars" are now our virtual opportunity to share our blessings and challenges. It's a time to let each other know what we need, how we are finding joy and if we are struggling. Sometimes just letting it out makes you feel better, and many of us are experiencing the same feelings. Please set aside your dollars for when we come back together again!

You are welcome to invite guests, potential members, family and friends to join us in these online meetings. Many are looking for ways to connect during this time and our virtual environment is a very kind and caring place to be!

And always remember, if you can't get the Zoom video stuff to work, you can always just call in to the phone number provided and use the meeting ID to participate that way!