

BALDWINSVILLE ROTARY NEWSLETTER



50 Years of Service

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Are you on a committee?

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Did you take a photo at a recent club gathering?

Have happy news to share?

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



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT BRIAN:

In 1787, President George Washington proclaimed November 26th as a day of "Thanksgiving". In 1863, President Lincoln changed Thanksgiving to the last Thursday of November. President Franklin D. Roosevelt made it an official national holiday in 1941, and we have had the pleasure of celebrating with a day off ever since.

Most people celebrate by giving thanks for their family, the food on the table, and their health. Let's look at Rotary's Four-Way Test and ask ourselves, "What does Rotary give me that I am thankful for?" And throughout the month of November, show that thankfulness.

"Joy is the simplest form of gratitude." – Karl Barth

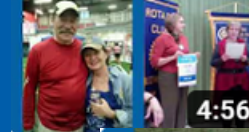
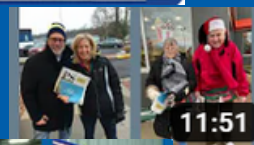
Carpe Diem,
Brian E Walsh



50 YEARS OF MEMORIES

At our club's 50th birthday party, we shared videos of newspaper clippings and photos from throughout the years. We also had a fun surprise from our guest speaker, Heather Beebe, featuring some past Youth Exchange students wishing us a happy 50th too. All of these videos are available on our club's YouTube channel. [Click here](#) to view the playlist.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the photos and memories we shared!



B'VILLE ROTARY CELEBRATES MILESTONE

Our club turned 50 years old last month, an milestone worthy of a special event. We did just that with a dinner at the Fireside Inn, attended by members past and present, and guests from around the district. The evening included a social hour before dinner and a program. We kicked it off with wise words from current President Brian Walsh and a quick trip through the last 50 years by emcee Lizzy Martin. Throughout the evening, videos played images from over the years for all to enjoy during dinner. After the meal and cake, guest speaker and Utica Rotarian Heather Beebe surprised everyone with a fantastic video of past exchange students wishing us a happy birthday before sharing her thoughts on why it's so important that our Rotary legacy continue on. The life-changing opportunities we provide through our programs, funding and hands-on work are simply irreplaceable - both for those we serve and for ourselves. She encouraged us to take steps to ensure we are around for another 50 years and beyond. We also received and distributed awards, with a proclamation from Baldwinsville Mayor Dick Clarke and two recognitions presented from our district and the Greater Liverpool Chamber of Commerce. District Governor Jerry Seguin came up to the mic to help present three Paul Harris Fellows - a +2 for Dave Horan, a +7 for Sean Becker and a Paul Harris to recognize the work Matt Hunt does for the B'ville Big Chill. Dave and Sean earned theirs by supporting the Rotary International Foundation and Matt earned his through his hard work, worthy of recognition and honor. We wrapped the night with a toast that you can read in its entirety on our club's Facebook page [here](#). It was a night of fellowship and revelry. The theme throughout, from President Brian, to our guest speaker Heather, to the DG Jerry and emcee Lizzy (with no coordination for the record!), was that the friendships we gain through our involvement with this organization are what really keep us going. When Rotary is done right, it feels like family and it lasts for generations. Cheers to many more years!



If you missed it, you can still commemorate our club's milestone with one of our custom 50th anniversary pins for \$3 each, available at any club meeting.



Thank you to the party planning committee: Jenny Doane, Jennifer Holman, Lizzy Martin, Bruce Stebbins and Ken Schmidt

HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



PEACE DONATIONS

Watch for an opportunity to support local families in need through PEACE's holiday gift program. We will ask members to purchase specific items for their clients through a sign up.

NOTE: The board made a \$1,000 cash donation to the Volunteer Center's Christmas Bureau, so we are supporting them as well!

PARADE OF LIGHTS | Nov 26

Ken is the chair of this event that will serve food to first responders at the firehouse on Smokey Hollow and feature a Rotary booth in the village square by the community tree that will be lit that night. Watch for a sign-up and event details. Please step up if you are available!

OLD NEWSBOYS | Dec 9 & 10

We will once again be hawking newspapers in front of Dunkin to raise money for the CNY Christmas Bureau that helps thousands of local families have food, gifts and books each holiday season. Watch for a sign up to take a 1-hour shift. It's most fun with a friend, family member or to team up with another Rotarian, and holiday attire is encouraged!

CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY | Dec 11

Marcia has graciously offered to host this year's holiday gathering for our club on a Sunday afternoon. A sign-up for snacks and drinks will go out soon. Reach out to Marcia if you wish to help with the event mbenson214@aol.com.

SUPPORT ERIN'S ANGELS FOR GIVING TUESDAY

This year, in honor of Giving Tuesday (the Tuesday after Thanksgiving), we will be taking up a soup collection for Erin's Angels. This program is much like our Backpack Program, serving the Phoenix School District. We are specifically seeking kid-friendly soups in the 10.5 oz cans. If you want to bring other soup donations, we can ensure they get to the local food pantry. **Bring your soup donations to any meeting in November, with the final collection on Giving Tuesday 11/29.**

Kid friendly soups are needed!



Kid friendly 10.5 ounce cans only please.
(Remember these are elementary students and big cans of soup are heavy!)



Everyone needs help sometimes.
Erin's Angels ensures that children who rely on subsidized lunches continue to receive food vital to their growth and development through our Backpack Program and Food Pantry.

CLUB PRESIDENT NEEDED FOR 2024-25

Fewer meetings to run.
Lizzy will be CNY Rotary President.
It will be the first year of the new district.
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!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH RETURN FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

We had a great turn out at our first Students of the Month presentation for this school year, including Rotarians, guests, students and their families. Emma Mantione is a well-rounded student involved in field hockey, Key Club, student council, track, art club and more. After high school she hopes to attend college on a path to becoming an elementary school teacher. Will Mallen presented a first for us in all our years of honoring local high school seniors because he already has a business of his own - First Light Fishing Co. He's very much into fishing steelhead, salmon and trout and started selling fishing equipment online, setting up a full-fledged business. He still plans to attend college to have that college experience and learn ways to grow his business. Many were impressed to learn he runs this business while attending school and being an avid fisherman. You can follow him on Instagram [here](#). Congratulations to Emma and Will, and thanks to our program chairs Bev and Andrew for helping us kick this off. We will continue to have Students of the Month the second Tuesday of each month and hope you will come out to meet these impressive young leaders!



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 Winner: Jenny Doane for \$100 to 100 Black Men of Syracuse
October Winner: Janet Joslyn for \$100 to 100 Black Men of Syracuse

HAPPY NEWS, FUNNIES, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

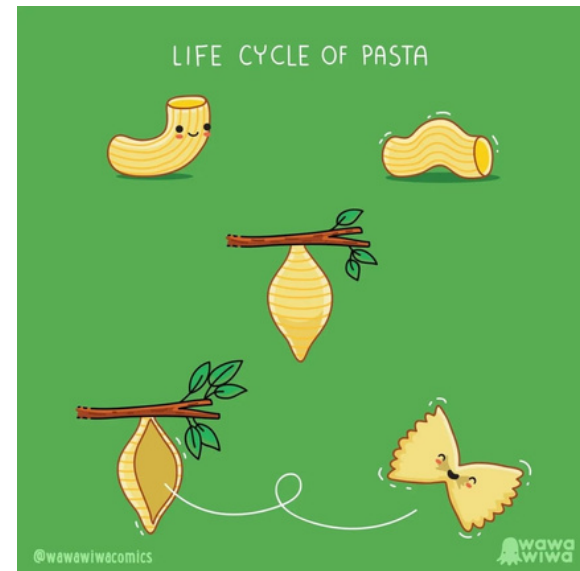
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lizzy Martin - Nov 5
Barb Stone - Nov 6
Marv Joslyn - Nov 11
Doug Tosh - Nov 25

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

John & Jake LaCasse - Nov 21

**HELP US TO
CELEBRATE YOU!**
[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT
YOUR BIRTHDAY &
ANNIVERSARY DATES](#)



October's Club in a Pub was a private event at Lock 1 Distillery in Phoenix. We got to tour their production space, try samples of their spirits and they even opened the kitchen just for us. Sounds like they have a lot of fun events like brunch and live music if you are ever looking for something to do!



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

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!

FOUNDATION MONTH

In honor of November being Rotary's Foundation Month, consider spending two minutes reading more about what our foundation does around the world - [click here](#). Our foundation has had a perfect score on Charity Navigator for 14 years now and is worthy of support from all Rotarians. You can express that support by donating, but also by being knowledgeable about our impact and sharing that information in your circles.

B'VILLE ROTARY MARKS WORLD POLIO DAY WITH BREWS

Every October 24th is World Polio Day. It is a day dedicated to creating awareness and raising funds. Clubs are encouraged to host events that will accomplish one or both of those missions and Baldwinsville Rotary rose to the occasion with Pints for Polio. Similar to past events, it was held at WT Brews, featured educational signage in the tasting room, live music and a portion of all proceeds going to our cause. This year we had a couple of fun games attendees could participate in for prizes too. In total, the evening raised \$559, which will be matched 2:1 by the Gates Foundation, making our total contribution to eradicate polio \$1,677. It was a great turnout with many Rotarians in their End Polio Now red shirts and guests from around the district in attendance. The music from Del Sexton was awesome and hopefully people learned something new about our efforts to erase polio completely. You can check out the Facebook event [here](#) and go to the discussion tab for some of the factoids every Rotarian should know.

Thanks to Mike and Michelle at WT Brews for hosting, and their generosity in donating the proceeds. Thank you to Sally and Lizzy for setting up and promoting the event. Thanks to Meg for printing materials. And thank you to everyone who attended!



NEED A POLIO SHIRT?

[Click here](#) to order one so you will be prepared for the next World Polio Day!

CNY ROTARY UPDATE GET INVOLVED!

Check out your 7150 NEWS (district newsletter) this month for another update from the CNY Rotary steering committee. Transition Action Groups have been formed to help map out what our larger committees are going to look like for the six key areas of district leadership and programs: Membership, Foundation, Public Image, Finance, Admin and Youth Exchange. Obviously there is much more to be done for other youth programs, Rotaract, a new Service Committee and more. **We need you to step up and be part of the planning process.** Being on a transition group does not obligate you to be on the CNY Rotary committee in 2024. Want to be part of the process or lend your skills? All members are welcome to ask questions or join in the process by contacting us on the form at www.CNYRotary.org. Be sure to [follow CNY Rotary on Facebook](#) for updates too!

BACKPACK DONATION RECEIVED

Our Backpack Program recently received a generous donation from the staff at Seneca Savings. Each month, employees across their company can pay \$3 to be able to wear jeans to work and all the funds raised go to a charity. We received \$422.22 and recently had a check presentation in our food sorting space at the library.



**WATCH YOUR EMAIL & FACEBOOK FOR WAYS TO HELP PROMOTE
FOOD DRIVES FOR THE BACKPACK PROGRAM IN NOVEMBER**



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MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday 11/1 at 7pm

Interact Takes Over The Think Tank

Join our Interact Students in a discussion about segregation in our schools by reading [this article](#)

Wednesday 11/2 at Noon

Speaker Linda Lowen

100 Things to Do in Syracuse Before You Die

Tuesday 11/8 at 7pm (Election Day)

Students of the Month

Wednesday 11/9 at Noon

Speaker Haji Adon, Director of Refugee and Immigrant Self-Empowerment (RISE)

Learn about their programs to support education, employment and development

Tuesday 11/15 from 5-7pm

Club in a Pub at Potter's Pub in Radisson

Come when you can, leave when you have to, eat, drink and be merry

Wednesday 11/16 at Noon

Speaker Dr. Greg Connors with the Upstate Foundation

BOARD MEETING - TUES 11/22 at 5:30PM

Tuesday 11/22 at 7pm

Bunco Night! Come socialize and play this easy dice game

Hosts Lynn Rosentel and Jenny Doane

Wednesday 11/23 - NO MEETING

Happy Thanksgiving week everyone!

PARADE OF LIGHTS - SEE PAGE 3 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tuesday 11/29 at 7pm

Giving Tuesday: Erin's Angels Soup Collection

Wednesday 11/30 at Noon

Speaker and Member Dr. Jamie Bodenlos is back!

Mindfulness Practices for Holiday Peace & Joy

Share your program
ideas with our Programs
Chair Chris Walsh, at
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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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