



October was not a month in my Rotary career that I will soon forget. Our club accomplished so much in so many avenues of service! We tackled vocational service with our Pride of Workmanship dinner, hosting over 60 guests at this awards dinner to honor local employees that represent Rotary's values in their work. We nailed international service with our version of World Polio Day - Pints for Polio - raising thousands of dollars to help in the fight to eradicate the disease worldwide. A big thanks to Meg for providing the refreshments at the district's World Polio Day event in downtown Syracuse as well! In club service, your board is taking the lead to get the club involved in new service projects and the membership committee is doing an amazing job at promoting growth. Be sure to invite your friend, neighbor,

coworker or family member before November 20th to get points for your team and have a positive impact on the future of our club! We should be proud of how often our members came together to do great things in such a short time frame, and keep up the good work as we move into the holidays. There will be more gatherings, more service and more festive fellowship in store!

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SAVE THESE DATES DEC 6-7: OLD NEWSBOYS DEC 7: CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC 17: SNOWBIRD SENDOFF

PLUS THE FULL NOVEMBER & DECEMBER MEETING SCHEDULES

# Old Newsboys is coming!

Are you ready to raise money to support families in need this Christmas? Don your caps (and lots of layers) to hawk newspapers for charity. Sign up for a one-hour shift either or both days. Bring a friend, a



child, a spouse or pair up with another Rotarian to spread some holiday cheer. Click the register button below for details and to register as a volunteer with your shift of preference. More instructions will go out to all volunteers the week of the event!

FRIDAY 12/6 & SATURDAY 12/7 at the Dunkin on E Genesee St.

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## **NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH**

If you check your email you will know that we've already kicked off our new Foundation Fridays emails. This five week educational series will culminate the week of #GivingTuesday (Dec 3rd). That week, both of our meetings will be about the Rotary International Foundation. Understanding how the foundation gets money, what that money is used for and why members should consider giving requires a lot of conversation over time. There's so much to take in that it can be difficult to absorb all in one session. The hope of our Foundation Chair Marcia Benson is that these bite-sized foundation emails will help you wrap your brains around ALL that goes with giving and what the foundation does around the world. We will also cover all the ways that you can give, from writing a check, to automated donations, to putting Rotary in your will! Please take some time to read this information each Friday morning and ask questions at any time (ask Lizzy or Marcia!). The Rotary International Foundation should be a charity that you trust and believe in so you are inspired to include it in your annual giving!

## **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

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

## **PROGRAMS CHAIR NEEDED**

Do you enjoy the programs we've been having at our meetings so far this Rotary year? That's the work of our Programs Chair. This is a short-term commitment (2-3 months) that is vital to having a great meeting experience for all of our members. President Lizzy needs some help starting with a February-April shift. Most meetings are already booked, so it's much less work than it might seem.

You will need decent computer skills to be able to research and communicate with potential speakers. Guidelines and helpful information will be provided. You will not be alone in working on this as President Lizzy has lots of ideas for you to expand upon. Talk to her if you are interested in trying out this fun club service position!

#### PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP HONORS FIVE WINNERS

On a rainy Thursday evening at The Reef in Memphis we welcomed over 60 guests to our Pride of Workmanship dinner. The event recognized five hardworking people from our community whose employers nominated them for being phenomenal at what they do. Rotary honors this work because of the value it brings to our community and to encourage high ethical standards in our local businesses. Winners and their nominators attended, along with family and friends. The event chair, Mic Jenkins, spoke about the importance of vocations and the history of how this program came to our district. Our emcee was Past District Governor Phyllis Danks from the Marcellus Rotary Club. Each nominator shared why they were inspired to nominate their employee and each winner thanked the group for this recognition. As you can imagine, they were all so humble about the amazing work they are doing. A huge thanks to Mic for finding a beautiful venue and coordinating a really lovely evening for everyone!



Photo from left to right: Winner Suzanne McCarthy and nominator Meg Van Patten with the Baldwinsville Public Library - New York Winner Louise Corrigan and nominator Steve Darcangelo with the Village of Baldwinsville Department of Public Works Nominator Shauna Teelin and winner Cathy Neider with Howard Hanna Liverpool Winner Joe Thomas and nominator DeAnna Germano with The Chef & The Cook Winner Elli Brown and nominator Bernie Corbishley

Winner Elli Brown and nominator Bernie Corbishley (representing Donna Ascenzi) with Ascenzi & Corbishley CPA's

# **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH IS OFF TO A GREAT START**

Shannon McCarthy, shown below left with her parents, was one of two students honored in October as our Student of the Month. Students are chosen by their guidance counselor for being committed to their studies, having a good heart and exhibiting kindness to those around them. Shannon shared that she wasn't always the best student, but with the support of her parents and teachers, she has excelled and enjoys being in chamber choir. The club enjoyed her candor and poise as she shared about her interests and family. John Burns, shown with his parents and grandmother on the right, was our second honoree. It was a pleasure to get to know John, who is a swimmer and wants to someday study medicine. Some students naturally get a little

nervous about having to address our club, but John was very well spoken and came across as a cool kid to know. He had a great attitude and credits his strong work ethic to his dad.



## FILL A BAG FOR THE VFW



Many members were moved by a recent program from the VFW Food Pantry, which provides monthly food deliveries to local vets. We learned that many veterans are too proud to accept traditional means for help, like food stamps, despite truly being in need. The club is going to give back in several ways, but wanted to provide an opportunity for members that want to get hands-on with helping out. At upcoming meetings you will find empty Wegman's bags with a tag attached featuring a list of items the veterans need. Please take a bag, fill it up and bring it back to a meeting before the end of the month. We will coordinate getting everything to the VFW. There will be 31 bags to fill in honor of the 31 veterans they are currently serving on a regular basis. Any bags that are not taken to be filled by late month will get filled with funding from the club, so no pressure if you don't have the time or money to help in this way. Your work as a Rotarian has helped us raise funds just for this kind of project! Stay tuned for more news following the November board meeting about how else the club and our members are stepping up for veterans this month.

## THINK TANK DISCUSSION

#### November 5: Veteran Entrepreneurship

Click here to read an op-ed piece on local entrepreneurship and veterans. Plan to join us for a lively discussion about how we can be of service when it comes to the vocations of our men and women in the military after they come home!

## **CHARITY OF CHOICE WINNER**

October's winner was Abe Morelli and his charity of choice was Catholic Charities. They will receive a \$100 donation in honor simply because he attended meetings, filled out the form and was lucky enough to be chosen! Be sure to fill out a Charity of Choice slip with your name and a charity you support or are passionate about every single time you attend a meeting. Our club wants to support what matters to you!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed three new members in October - Shelly Kasprzak, Heidi Kortright and Audrey Grant. Shelly works for PEACE Inc and won a free membership after signing up for our drawing at Seneca River Days. She has already brought in a prospective member for our new satellite club too! Heidi Kortright is sponsored by Bruce Stebbins and is the current director Beaver Lake Nature Center (you know, Bruce's old job!). Audrey works as a realtor for Howard Hanna and was sponsored by Sylvia White. All three bring that energizing new member vibe so please make sure to introduce yourselves over the next few weeks!



Left pic: Shelly shares about herself as Membership Chair Abe looks on. Right pic: Left is Heidi and right is Audrey, celebrating their induction into the club.

### **HELP NEW GENERATIONS**

If your business is open to hosting some professional exchange students to shadow your workplace, please contact New Generations District Chair Tom Taylor at ttaylor@bhlawpllc.com.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

LIZZY MARTIN - 11/5 BARB STONE - 11/6 MARV JOSLYN - 11/11 TIFFANY TURNER - 11/12 DOUG TOSH -11/25 DEAN JOHNSON - 11/27



## **MEMBERSHIP CONTEST**

We are entering the final weeks of our membership push. Have you asked someone to join Rotary yet? We covered some basics early on about how to make asking someone to visit us easy. Listen to what they are interested in, tie that in to some of what Rotary does, know the facts about where and when our club meets and be sure to share with them why you love Rotary. Asking someone to join means you think they have a good heart. That's a nice thing to do even if their final answer is a "not yet," or a "no thank you."

Really just not comfortable asking someone to join Rotary? That's okay! You can refer leads to the membership team to have them send the invitation.

### WHO WILL YOU BRING TO ROTARY?

Also be sure to follow up with any guests you've already invited. Getting an application submitted is two more points and if they are inducted before the November 20th deadline, that's three more points. Applications need to be in by November 6th if you want them to be reviewed and inducted before the deadline!



Are you TEAM GOPHER or TEAM GORILLA?

Click here for a list of team members and team captains



Please thank your club for funding a pallet of book for the Books For the World with the Mohawk Valley Rotary Club. The pallet is ready for shipping with both your club name and the Mohawk Valley Rotary Club name on each box.

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## PINTS FOR POLIO RAISES MONEY & AWARENESS

This year's inaugural Pints for Polio event was a massive success on so many levels. We reached thousands on Facebook in the weeks leading up to the event where we shared facts and information about the fight to eradicate polio. At the event, we had posters and information on the television about our effort as well. We had awesome attendance from our own members, from Rotarians that traveled in from Moravia, Sauquoit and all around, and from the community.

The food and music were awesome and helped cheer us up from the rainy day. We even sold a few pumpkins to be painted! When all was said and done we had fun, hopefully taught people more about why polio needs to be eradicated and how they can help, and we raised thousands of dollars. WT Brews donated a percentage of all beer sales, which the club will match, which will then get a 2:1 match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, for a grand total of \$4,000! A huge thank you to event chair Sally Fedrizzi for hearing an idea and stepping up to make it happen. The generosity of Mike and Michelle with WT Brews should also be celebrated. Everyone involved

has made a positive impact on the world with the money and awareness we've raised! Cheers to bigger and better in 2020!

# HAPPY MEMBER NEWS

Last month we honored member Ann Smiley with an Adirondack Chair at Lysander Town Park for her years of service in Rotary and her decades as the head of the parks department. You can sit in the chair next spring! And a big congratulations to our own Shelley Hoffman for being chosen as the Business Woman of the Year. Click here to read more about why she was chosen for this well-deserved award. She will be the honoree at the chamber's annual meeting on November 12th!

### **CHECK OUT YOUR DISTRICT NEWSLETTER FOR A RECAP OF DISTRICT CONFERENCE!**





#### **CLICK HERE FOR SOME PHOTOS!**



Meeting Schedule

## **NOVEMBER**

 SATURDAY, NOV 2 - CHARTER NIGHT, 5PM AT THE WOOD, DETAILS ON PAGE 4
TUESDAY, NOV 5 - THINK TANK DISCUSSION WITH SALLY Discussion details on page 3
WEDNESDAY, NOV 6 - MILITARY TRIVIA WITH FUTURE DISTRICT GOVERNOR DANA JERRARD
TUESDAY, NOV 12 - STUDENTS OF THE MONTH Board meeting at 5:30pm and regular meeting starts at 7pm
WEDNESDAY, NOV 13 - SPEAKER TONY BURKINSHAW WITH TOWN OF LYSANDER PARKS & REC
TUESDAY, NOV 19 - ALLI HUNT, OUR RECENT OUTBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT WEDNESDAY, NOV 20 - SPEAKERS VEENA & MUKESH KOHLI, THE STORY OF THEIR LOCAL BUSINESS
© SUNDAY, NOV 24 - SYRACUSE STAGE OUTING
TUESDAY, NOV 26 - TURKEY SHOOT COMPETITION WITH MARV, DETAILS TO COME WEDNESDAY, NOV 27 - TURKEY SHOOT COMPETITION WITH MARV, DETAILS TO COME

## DECEMBER

TUESDAY, DEC 3 - MARK MATT, DISTRICT FOUNDATION CHAIR WEDNESDAY, DEC 4 - MARK MATT, DISTRICT FOUNDATION CHAIR SATURDAY, DEC 7 - CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY, DETAILS ON PAGE 5

TUESDAY, DEC 10 - STUDENTS OF THE MONTH Board meeting at 5:30pm and regular meeting starts at 7pm WEDNESDAY, DEC 11 - ALLI HUNT, OUR RECENT OUTBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT

TUESDAY, DEC 17 - SNOWBIRD SEND OFF Some info on page 5 with more details to come! WEDNESDAY, DEC 18 - COACH JACK EMMER, WEST POINT LACROSSE COACH

Mo meetings the last two weeks of the year! Our next meeting will be January 7, 2020

#### ICON KEY FOR MEETING SCHEDULE



Club in a Pub - we will meet up starting at 5:30pm at a local pub TBD Service Project - read your newsletter and email for details





All meetings are held at the Red Mill Inn. Tuesday meetings start at 7pm and cost \$1 to attend, coffee provided. Wednesday meetings start at noon and cost \$10 for lunch or \$1 to attend, coffee provided. Note any changes to time or location of meeting on this schedule!