



Baldwinsville  
**Rotary**



# SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

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Greetings! It is hard to believe that the summer is behind us and school has started. The exchange students have arrived, including Jo from France who is sponsored by our club. Soon we will be ordering dictionaries for the 3rd grade students in Baldwinsville too.

Some Rotarians have met with people from the B'ville Chamber to get things rolling for the Big Chill. Ken Schmidt and Nancy Howe from the library have met with me to start the process for hosting a community forum to identify community needs, interests, and priorities. The goal is for community organizations, municipalities and groups to be armed with useful information as they plan their future goals. More information will be forthcoming in the near future.

Within the next couple of weeks you will be receiving an email invite to participate in a couple of surveys. One survey will be related to proposed changes for lunch at the Wednesday meetings. Another survey will have proposals for Acts of Kindness where we are looking for input on which ideas we should put into place, as well as who will volunteer to help make it happen. The email will have a link where all you need to do is click on the link to answer the survey. Please do take the few minutes to complete the surveys as it is with the input from all that we can make the best decisions for the overall good of the club.

DG Marv Joslyn has encouraged all District 7150 clubs to perform acts of kindness. These are not a one time activity, nor are they something that can only be performed by groups. Acts of kindness can happen every day and can be big or small. As is stated by Aesop, "no act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Each month you will find a challenge in the newsletter with a couple of simple acts that do not need money or a lot of time. My wish is for you to try to do some or all each month!

Have a great September and see you at the meetings!

**MEG VAN PATTEN**  
**CLUB PRESIDENT**



# ROTARY QUIZ TIME!

Can you answer these three Rotary trivia questions?

1. When is Rotary's "birthday?"
2. What is the name of the current Rotary International President?
3. What was the first Rotary project?

Email your answers to [megv@bville.lib.ny.us](mailto:megv@bville.lib.ny.us) to be entered to win a prize. Correct answers in next month's newsletter.



## GET YOUR MATINEE TICKETS

ELF THE MUSICAL AT SYRACUSE STAGE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

PROLOGUE AT 2PM, SHOW AT 3PM

\$35/ADULT & \$25/CHILD

This holiday season channel your inner elf and join Buddy on his journey from the North Pole to New York City to find his family. Contact Laurie at [lauriemaddaloni@hotmail.com](mailto:lauriemaddaloni@hotmail.com) to book your tickets now. Seating is limited!

## ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Rotary training is coming up soon and you need to register now so you can join us Saturday, September 22nd from 7:30am-3:30pm at VVS High School.

They are currently offering all course levels (I, II, III and graduate) so you can get started in the program or move to the next level. This is a great training program for anyone looking to learn more about Rotary, how clubs run, how they raise funds, how to find worthy causes and much more! You don't have to have aspirations of leadership in order to benefit from the course. The best part? Our club will pay for you to attend!

[Click here](#) to register online, choose to pay by check and forward your email confirmation to Shelley so the club can pay for everyone with one check.



# CONGRATS TO PAM



Pam Fallesen was presented with Paul Harris Fellow during the Welcome Home Dinner last month, in honor of all the work she puts into being the Youth Protection Officer for the District 7150 Youth Exchange Committee. Our club donated 500 of the points, combined with points from members of the YE committee, to make it happen. A well-deserved honor! She is shown here with former Youth Exchange Committee Chair and member of Onondaga North Rotary, Tom Taylor.

## BIRTHDAYS

Sept 9: Ken Schmidt

Sept 25: Mic Jenkins

Sept 25: Bill Rosentel

Sept 28: Janet Joslyn

## ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 3: Ken & Jen Schmidt

Sept 14: Abe & Leslie Morelli

Sept 14: Scott & Jane Northrup

Sept 20: Laurie & Jim Maddaloni



# ROTARY + COMMUNITY + ABE = LITTLE FREE LIBRARY



SEE PAGE 1 FOR THE FINAL PRODUCT, AND STOP BY ANYTIME TO PUT A FEW BOOKS IN OR TAKE A NEW BOOK HOME WITH YOU!

A Little Free Library is a cabinet that holds books that have been placed there as donations, free for the taking. A public book swap! Many Rotarians and community members may already be familiar with our first Little Free Library (LFL), designed to look like a miniature of our actual library, to be found near the Volunteer Center. The beautiful recreation was built by our member, Abe Morelli. He was more recently commissioned to build another LFL, this time to look like the former library building and to be located in the community square (behind Dave Horan's office). Upon completion of every little detail the build demanded, including hand-made, tiny letters, Abe recruited members of the club and some from the community to help with putting in the posts and bringing the LFL over to be installed. Helpers included Dan, Brian, Ted, Dick, Bruce, another community member and, of course, Abe. This is a great example of how Rotarians do good in our community through their other networks and how we can tap into fellow Rotarians to assist us with our outside service projects! See page 1 for the final product and stop by anytime to put a few books in or take a new book home!

## UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS

Book Club & Think Tanks are during Tuesday meetings at 7pm at the Red Mill Inn

### TUESDAY, SEPT 11: BOOK CLUB

Reading: "The True Story of Hansel and Gretel" by Louise Murphy

There are six copies being held at the library, just ask at the circulation desk or listen to the audio version on the library's Hoopla system!



## ACTS OF KINDNESS MINI CHALLENGE

*Get an idea of how great it feels to be kind by incorporating these small, but meaningful acts of kindness into your life this month!*

**Offer to take a shopper's cart to the corral/inside**

**Focus on going a whole day without complaining**

**Give a stranger a compliment**



### TUESDAY, OCT 2: THINK TANK DISCUSSION

FOUND IN YOUR JULY ROTARIAN MAGAZINE

Article on page 38

School For Skeptics - How literacy means distinguishing between fact and fiction.

### TUESDAY, NOV 6: THINK TANK DISCUSSION

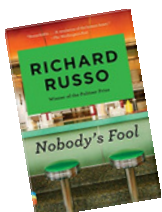
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[Click here](#) to watch this short video for discussion, featuring Rutger Bregman, historian & author

### TUESDAY, DEC 4: BOOK CLUB

"Nobody's Fool" by Richard Russo

Available on Amazon or right at the B'ville Public Library (also made into a movie!)



# SEPTEMBER'S SCHEDULE

TUESDAY 9/4 AT 7PM: SHERI OWENS, NYS COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

WEDNESDAY 9/5 AT NOON: SHERI OWENS, NYS COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

TUESDAY 9/11 AT 5:30PM: BOARD MEETING | AT 7PM: BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY 9/12 AT NOON: THERESA EVANS, OCRRA RECYCLING

TUESDAY 9/18 AT 7PM: THERESA EVANS, OCRRA RECYCLING

WEDNESDAY 9/19 AT NOON: BONNIE KISSELSTEIN, WWII PROJECT

SATURDAY 9/22 AT VVS HIGH SCHOOL: RLI - REGISTER AT RLINEA.ORG

TUESDAY 9/25 AT 7PM: DOUG FOSTER ON SKYDIVING

WEDNESDAY 9/26 AT NOON: DOUG FOSTER ON SKYDIVING

## HELP WITH PROGRAMS

*We want your ideas for great programs. If you suggest things that you think are interesting, then you will find meetings more interesting! Send your ideas to Pam at lizardmom67@hotmail.com and include a contact if you have one!*

## COMING UP

**SEPT 11**

BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

**SEPT 22**

ROTARY LEADERSHIP  
INSTITUTE @ VVS

**LATE SEPT**

RIDE FOR MISSING CHILDREN

**OCT 2**

THINK TANK DISCUSSION

**OCT 24**

WORLD POLIO DAY

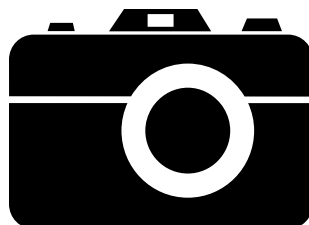
**DEC 8**

SYRACUSE STAGE NIGHT

AREA 5 CHRISTMAS PARTY



Janet received her long overdue past president plaque, honoring her year as service to our club in the role of president for the Rotary year 2016/2017



*snap  
shots*



Meg presented a check for \$250 to two representatives from the local VFW. The funds will go to their food pantry, which delivers monthly groceries to local veterans!