



# BALDWINSVILLE ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Club President  
Janet Joslyn  
2016-2017

## *From the president:*

We have reached the halfway point in our Rotary year. Two of our big fund raisers have been completed: the Rotary 5K Run in November and the Big Chill in January. Throughout the first half of the Rotary year we have provided a Senior Citizen Picnic, Food Pantry Pick Up, Student of the Month program and raised money for the Christmas Bureau by hawking newspapers. Donations have been made by our club to many worthwhile projects and charities.

As Rotary International President John Germ says, "None of us knows the effects that will ripple out from the things we do and say, the decisions we make, the opportunities we seize, and those we let pass."

Let's make sure we seize the opportunities before us in the second half of our Rotary year. We will continue our path of doing good here in Baldwinsville and in communities throughout the world.

## 100 Years of Projects

As you know, the Rotary International Foundation is reaching a big milestone of 100 years of doing good in the world. It is monumental to think of all that our volunteers have accomplished in that time and all that the dollars we have contributed will do to improve the world we live in. Still not sure why you should give or what the foundation does? Check out the top 20 projects being funded with foundation grants through a fun and interactive map at <http://centennial.rotary.org/en/top-foundation-projects>

The one that looks closest to us is from our neighbors in District 7190 (where we are holding District Conference!). It is a project that provides equipment for and educational materials to families of children receiving surgery for a cranio-facial anomaly (like a cleft palette) at a surgery center in Albany.

Other projects include breast cancer screenings in Turkey, sanitation in Colombia, neonatal care in Brazil, nurse training in Nepal, a water program that unites Muslim and Jewish communities in Israel, and more.

## SIGN UP FOR ROTARY DIRECT TODAY

at <https://goo.gl/e0rkio>

Won't you consider signing up to make giving easy in the new year? If you have questions you can chat with foundation chair Marcia Benson or visit [www.rotary.org/give](http://www.rotary.org/give).

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# Club Foundation Giving

Here is a list of what we have given and who has received funds from all of our hard work so far this Rotary year!

Clear Path 4 Vets - \$250  
Senior Citizen Summer Picnic - \$230  
Kellish Music Festival - \$400  
District 7150 Youth Exchange - \$150  
RI Foundation, District Governor - \$100  
Wrestling Booster Club - \$250  
Fan The Flames Fitness Fundraiser - \$300  
Ronald McDonald House of Syracuse - \$250  
Northwest YMCA - \$2,500  
Louisiana Flood Relief - \$1,000  
Canal Sign Installation - \$200  
Flags of Honor - \$15  
Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk - \$1,000  
Dictionary Project - \$1,200  
Ride for Missing Children Meal - \$240  
McHarrie Life Bladder Scanner - \$12,600  
Christmas Bureau \$200  
Vera House \$250  
Scout Troop \$100  
Concert Series \$500  
Honor Flight \$582  
Cub Scout Pack 71 \$360  
More donations pending from January board meeting!

# Grants Recognition

At the District 7150 Foundation Centennial and Polio Plus Gala, our club was one of 18 in the district to receive recognition for the completion of a District Grants Project. Last year we used a grant to install a new sign, welcoming visitors to the Village of Baldwinsville along the new docks on the canal (on Marble Street), thanks to the world of Rotarians Ann, PJ, Bruce and Dean. President Janet shared the news and showed off our certificate to the club at a recent meeting.



# Big Chill was a Big Success

81 people jumped into the Seneca River to raise money

The top three fundraising teams were:

VFW Post 153 - \$3,991.76  
WT Brews Crew - \$3,220.00  
Pastime Athletic Club - \$1,910.95

These teams will get to choose their charity of choice to make a donation to!

Katie from North Syracuse won the best hand in the Poker Bear Pub Crawl and many others who visited more than 5 locations on the circuit won gift certificates.

Thanks to Dawn's hard work coordinating with local restaurants, the Best in Bowl competition was a big success.

The winner of the Judges' Choice was Bull & Bear Fire Grill Catering! Second place went to Lock 24 Restaurant, and third place was claimed by Sammy Malone's.

The winner of the People's Choice was Bull & Bear Fire Grill Catering! Tabatha's Family Tree came in second place, and Mangia Italian Grill came in third.

The event was a proud example of our partnership with the chamber, with many members belonging to both organizations. Many thanks to all the Rotarians that signed up and showed up to work the event in their stylish new hats!



Youth Exchange Student Matt Luken came out to help

Recognize the plunger in the Rotary hat? Go Eric!

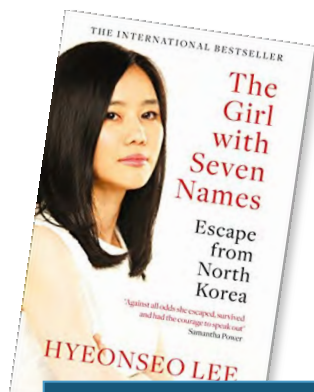




# NEXT Book Club

Join our reading leader Sally at the Tuesday, Feb 28th meeting and be ready to chat about our next book:  
"The Girl With Seven Names  
Escape from North Korea"  
by Hyeonseo Lee

An extraordinary insight into life under one of the world's most ruthless and secretive dictatorships – and the story of one woman's terrifying struggle to avoid capture/repatriation and guide her family to freedom.



**JOIN & SHARE  
THIS EVENT  
ON FACEBOOK!**

Available on Amazon at  
<https://goo.gl/tXdDan>  
or at the Baldwinsville Public Library!

# Sign up for the Painting Party

Join us to try your hand at painting this beautiful spring scene and enjoy fellowship with Rotarians, friends and family!



**Tuesday, Feb 21 at 6:45pm**  
at Painting with a Twist  
Glen Crossing Plaza in Liverpool

\$35/person

**Pre-Registration Required**

Sign up online at: <https://goo.gl/ckujOq>

*Feel free to bring a friend or spouse, bottle of wine and snacks to share!*

## Saturday, Feb 11th at 11am

at Beaver Lake Nature Center

Come a little early if you need to plug in your crockpot before hitting the trail.  
Hike will start at 11 and go for about an hour.

If you don't want to hike, you can just meet us at the nature center building at noon for the soup competition and some indoor fun!



# soup 'n snowshoe



**For Marv, it's about what matters**

"I love being part of Rotary - it provides the opportunity for me to make a difference in both Baldwinsville and throughout the world.

Our club is not locked in to assisting one particular cause or age group. I can choose what is most important to me and focus my energy on causes that I feel really matter. Most important, I get to do this while enjoying the fellowship, fun and support of other Baldwinsville Rotarians - who I feel are truly a special group of people!"

Marv  
Retired Financial Advisor  
In Rotary 9 years





# FEBRUARY

Tuesday, Feb 7th at 7pm: Speaker Jim Maddaloni on Disaster Relief

Wed., Feb 8th at 12pm: Theresa Wilkins w/Pregnancy Centers of Oswego County

## **SATURDAY, FEB 11TH at 11AM: SOUP 'N SNOWSHOE**

Tuesday, Feb 14th: at 5:30pm Board Meeting and at 7pm Students of the Month

Wed., Feb 15th at 12pm: Jamie Rodems with a school district update

Tuesday, Feb 21st at 7p: Social evening at Painting with a Twist


Sign up online at: <https://goo.gl/ckujOq>

*Arrive 15 minutes early to set up!*

Wed., Feb 22nd at 12pm: Suzanne Williams with Habitat For Humanity

Tuesday, Feb 28th at 7pm: Book Talk on "The Girl With 7 Names," by Lee Hyeonseo led by Sally Fedrizzi Pantry

## **JOIN & SHARE THE FACEBOOK EVENT FOR BOOK CLUB!**



Sorry! Six more weeks  
of winter guys!

*Coming up...*

March 18: Special Dinner with RI PE Ian Riseley (more info to come!)

March 21: Hooley at McHarrie Life (Syracuse Home)

April 21-23: District Conference, Saratoga Spring, NY

June 10: Seneca River Day

Submit your ideas for programs to Don Distasio at [donald.distasio@gmail.com](mailto:donald.distasio@gmail.com)  
or Kristin Earle at [kmlearle@gmail.com](mailto:kmlearle@gmail.com)