



Baldwinsville
Rotary



FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE BOARD

"A simple act of kindness can make a tremendous impact on a person's life."

As I write this message the sun is shining and it is a balmy 50 degrees outside. It is such a welcome change to the cold, frigid temperatures we experienced in late January. However, despite the cold it was obvious that it was warm in the hearts of Rotarians in B'ville and in the entire district.

Two points of the four way test are, "Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?," and, "Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?" In January, folks braved the cold and ventured out to enjoy the camaraderie of each other's company to participate in the B'ville Big Chill, for the benefit of so many. The event raised an amazing amount of money to be used for the greater good of the community. THANK YOU SO MUCH to the organizing committee, the plungers, the volunteers, the Interact kids and all who participated by attending the event and/or donated money, all combining to make it such a successful event.

On Friday, February 1st several members of District 7150 gathered at the Yahnundasis Golf Club in New Hartford to celebrate the work of the Rotary Foundation. Folks enjoyed the warmth of each other's company and raised money to support the activities of the Foundation. The chocolate themed raffle basket donated by the Bville Club raised a little over \$100. Charles Rivers, president of the Syracuse Inner City Club, gave a thought-provoking talk about the work of his club and their focus on lead abatement. It is an undertaking that is certainly beneficial to all as it is more than just getting rid of or encapsulating lead paint.

Did you know that February, a month focused on love, is Worldwide Renaissance of the Heart Month? According to Chase's Calendar of Events, "The month is dedicated to compassionately thinking with your heart as well as your intellect. One is asked to take a heartfelt look at the way you think." Thank you to all Rotarians who think compassionately with their hearts for the benefit of so many people locally and around the world.

MEG VAN PATTEN, CLUB PRESIDENT

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BE THE INSPIRATION

UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS

FEBRUARY DISCUSSION | Tues 2/5

101 Small Ways to Change Your City.

Click to read the article in advance and select one of the ideas that we should do in Baldwinsville!

MARCH BOOK DISCUSSION

We will be discussing "Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming by Paul Hawken and Tom Steyer" By prioritizing discussions around the 100 most impactful solutions for slowing down climate change, citizens and whole communities can spend their time, energy and enthusiasm on making a true difference for their future. Many copies available at the library!

APRIL ARTICLE DISCUSSION

Sally is pulling another great article from The Rotarian Magazine's April 2018 issue. Click here to read: "Is it too late to create a narrative where we're all on the same side?"

2019/2020 ROTARY NEWS ANNOUNCED LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

President elect Lizzy presented her slate of officers for a vote from the membership at two January meetings. Members approved the slate as it was, so here is your leadership team for the next Rotary year:

President - Lizzy

President Elect - Doug

Secretary - Kathleen

Treasurer - Bruce S.

Additional leadership positions to be announced.

Rotary International President-elect Mark Daniel Maloney explained his vision for building a stronger Rotary, calling on leaders to expand connections to their communities and to embrace innovative membership models. The theme will be "Rotary Connects The World" and this is the logo.

Click here to read more



ROTARY QUIZ TIME!

Can you answer these B'ville Rotary trivia questions?

1. What is the name of the program that allows you to schedule donations to the Rotary Internat'l Foundation?
2. What is our Youth Exchange Student's name and home country?
3. What is this year's RI President's name?

Email your answers to megv@bville.lib.ny.us to be entered to win a prize. Correct answers in next month's newsletter.

Answers to January's questions:

1. We present Student of the Month awards the second Tuesday of each month. All are encouraged to attend at least once to experience the pride these young people will elicit and enjoy meeting their families!
2. We have sponsored two students to attend RYLA each summer for several years now.
3. Correct answers could include: Meg, Don, Bill, Lizzy, Shelley, Bruce S., Ken, Ted or Marcia.

Congratulations to Jenny Doane, the January winner of the trivia contest. \$10 is being donated to RI and she will receive a pen/paper note keeper with the Rotary logo.

FIRST CHARITIES OF CHOICE AWARDED

	Name: _____
	Charity: _____
<small>Fill out your name and a charity that's important to you each time you attend a meeting. Drawing will be at the last meeting of the month and the winner's charity will receive a \$100 donation in their honor. *Charities must be 501c3 or local organization accepted by the club board.</small>	

The first two months of doing our new Charity of Choice program are behind us and that means two charities are receiving donations of \$100 each. The winners were:

December: Marcia Benson's choice of Female Charitable

January: Bruce Jones' choice of Meals on Wheels

Don't forget to fill out a slip with your charity of choice each time to attend a meeting (that means two submissions if you go to both meetings in one week!).

TWO MORE IMPRESSIVE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

This program truly gets better every single month. If you have yet to attend a Student of the Month meeting, the second Tuesday of each month, please make it a priority to get to one before the end of this school year!

In January we met Madison and Parker. Madison is into field hockey, works on the yearbook and is in National Honor Society. She hopes to study pre-med and will stay fairly local at U of Rochester or SUNY Albany. She is shown below with her parents Robin and Anthony (photo on left).

Parker is really into music, playing trumpet in marching band, pep band, symphoria and youth orchestra. He even wants to keep playing in college! Outside of practicing trumpet, he enjoys catching movies and hanging out with friends. He appreciates his three brothers for believing in him and supporting his musical dream. He is shown below with parents Mary and Brian, and brother Spencer (photo on right).



SOUP & SNOWSHOE FUN

We had a great turnout, and even a little snow, for this year's annual cook off and hiking event. Reports were that it was fun (as it always is) and the debate of whether or not mac and cheese counts as a soup lives on!



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!

Consider giving a sweet valentine to someone who might really need it

Invite a friend to Rotary

We have a phenomenal club.
Don't deny your friends the opportunity to join us!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 5: Norma Widmann
Feb 14: Marcia Benson

Feb 22: Janet & Marv Joslyn
Feb 28: Bill & Lynn Rosentel



TRIVIA FOR CHARITY



This fun give-away runs through the end of February. Have you attended yet? We need Rotarians to join the team each Wednesday at WT Brews. Trivia starts at 7pm, but get there at 6:30 to help distribute info about Rotary and get the best seats in the house. Almost a dozen trivia teams that are there have registered their team and chosen a charity. They are competing to try to win the most points over the 8-week tournament so their charity will get a \$1,000 donation from us! Our Rotary team is in on the competition too. If we win, we will give our \$1,000 to the Boys & Girls Club, as that is the charity the trivia company supports. We can have up to seven people on our team and the theme of the questions is a surprise each week. Let Sally or Lizzy know if you can make it and plan to come at least once because it's a really fun time!

THE BIG CHILL WAS WICKED COOL

Congratulations to all the Rotarians who jumped in the Seneca River last month and are still here to tell about it (and even liked it!)! This year's B'ville Big Chill, our joint fundraiser with the Greater Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce, was a big success. Between making up losing a big sponsor with additional support from the community, having plunge teams that raised a lot of money and getting a great turnout for both parts of the event, we were winning all day! It was cold, but clear and that helped with people showing up at Mercer Park to taste delicious, local food. The vendors were great and reviews of the samples were even better. Thanks to all the volunteers, the people who served on the planning committee and everyone involved!



[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE DRONE FOOTAGE FROM THE DAY](#)
[CLICK HERE TO WATCH OUR TEAM JUMP IN THE RIVER](#)

8 REASONS TO CELEBRATE WITH US IN LAKE PLACID

1. To support District Governor Marv
2. To play in the Murder Mystery
3. To hear two inspiring guest speakers
4. Because it's in a beautiful location, at a beautiful time of the year
5. To meet Rotarians from around the district
6. To help us assemble care packages for children in the foster care system
7. To see the sights and check out Lake Placid
8. To get inspired!

District Conference is a fun, social weekend where you can be surrounded by like-minded people. It's full of friendly faces and new places to explore! DG Marv is making it a big party, to celebrate the accomplishments of our clubs and members. As always, Baldwinsville will be on full display with impressive Acts of Kindness to be featured, a House of Friendship display and the pride of being the home club for this year's district leader. Don't miss it!

LEARN MORE & REGISTER AT
WWW.ROTARY7150.ORG

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

TUESDAY 2/5 AT 7PM: THINK TANK DISCUSSION

WED. 2/6 AT NOON: SPEAKER FROM PROVIDENCE SERVICES

TUESDAY 2/12 AT 5:30PM: BOARD MEETING, AT 7PM: STUDENT OF THE MONTH

WED. 2/13 AT NOON: SPEAKER RUTH RAGONESE, INTERNAT'L CENTER IN SYRACUSE

TUESDAY 2/19 AT 7PM: AUTHOR DAVE FIGURA

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TUESDAY 2/26 AT 7PM: SPEAKER BOB HOLDEN-BETTS, BEE KEEPING

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**EVERY WEDNESDAY THIS MONTH
7PM AT WT BREWS
JOIN THE ROTARY TRIVIA TEAM!**

see page 4 for details

COMING UP

APRIL 6

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY

MAY 3-5

DISTRICT CONFERENCE CELEBRATION

MAY 30

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

JUNE 14/15

SENECA RIVER DAYS

JUNE 29

DISTRICT CHANGING OF THE GUARD

HELP WITH PROGRAMS - NO REALLY, PLEASE HELP OUT!

It's not lip service when we ask for your suggestions. We really want ideas for programs so we can fill the schedule with fun and interesting speakers, topics and events. Feel free to think outside of the box! Send your ideas to Pam at lizardmom67@hotmail.com and include a contact if you have one. We are currently booking for the spring time!



The photographer for the Big Chill hanging out on the ice, just outside of the plunge pool, to get great shots of the polar plunge teams. Brave guy!



Member Bill Rosentel was featured in a commercial for his employer, SRC Inc, that aired during Superbowl LIII. How exciting!