



Baldwinsville  
**Rotary**  
Club



# NEWSLETTER

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**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

As we move into the colder weather, as anyone that was working the Big Chill can attest to, our club is not slowing down one bit. We just had a great day at the Big Chill, the Backpack program is going strong, now serving all the Baldwinsville Central School District's schools, and we have several things to look forward to in the coming months.

We are now actively planning for the pizza for pantries fundraiser. We are hoping to sell 300 pizzas made up of one slice from each of the pizzerias in Baldwinsville, with all proceeds going to one of several food pantries. It also helps support local business since we will be purchasing the pizzas. Help is needed in prepping the pizzas for the event and also to spread the word about this program. This is the first time for this and we hope it will be something that is repeated in upcoming years, so let's make sure it is a great success. We have also started planning for Seneca River Days and are always looking for additional committee members.

For those that attended the Club Assembly meetings, you know that our club is in great shape. We have brought in several new members and have a couple more showing great interest in joining. Our fundraisers have been very productive and we are able to make some sizable donations to well deserving causes locally and for tornado relief in Mayfield, Kentucky.

One area in which are behind is our personal giving to the Rotary International Foundation as we are only at about 25% of our goal for the year. February is the month when we push giving to the RI foundation. For those not aware, these funds support many crucial programs RI is sponsoring around the world, and about 50% of all money collected in our district comes back to the district three years later to fund our district grants. Our club has benefited from district grants every year because we apply to get support in funding our annual scholarships. We sponsor scholarships for students going on to college, but also provide scholarships for BOCES students that will not be going to college. The money helps them get started in their chosen profession, covering tools and other items they might need. We are one of the only organizations that provide BOCES scholarships and it is something we all should be very proud of. So, if you haven't given to the RI foundation, please consider doing so at [www.rotary.org/donate](http://www.rotary.org/donate).

Our meetings are continuing to be hybrid, so you can join in person or on Zoom. Try to come in one method or the other and get more involved in the meetings, bring new ideas for projects and possible donations, and to keep up on what is going on in Rotary. We want to hear from all of you.

Sincerely,  
Club President Bill Rosentel

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## WE WANT YOUR NEWS

Club members are encouraged to submit news for the newsletter each month. It could be something happy from your personal life, an update from a committee you lead or a question for the new Ask Rotary feature.

Send to Lizzy by the  
25th of each month.



# THE BIG CHILL WAS BIG FUN



On Saturday, January 29th mother nature got in the spirit of our winter fundraiser with just single digit temps, but that did not deter our Rotarian volunteers. Bundled up, our crew helped with admission into the tent, selling tickets to several other events being promoted, keeping the plunge lane clear and tallying up the votes in the Best in Bowl food competition. Our Interact students worked the coffee and cocoa booth and helped with both setup and clean-up for the daytime event. Then several pairs of Rotarians hit local bars to deal cards in the poker run. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and made the day possible. For a comeback event still hampered by the latest COVID variant, the turn out was good and we should see funds coming in next month that we can put back into the community.

Congratulations to the Baldwinsville Interact Club's plunge team for raising the most money of any plunge team - over \$4,000 - and winning the first place donation to the Baldwinsville Community Food Pantry. We also had Rotarians on the second place team, the Queen Bees of B'ville who were close behind with over \$3,900 raised.

[Click here](#) for a video of the Interact team's plunge, which includes their two new advisors Beverly DiCocco and Andrew McGlynn who had to plunge after the kids exceeded their fundraising goal. Thanks for taking video Shelley!

And another congrats goes out to our home base, The Wood Golf & Country Club, who won first place in the Best in Bowl food competition with their Guinness beef stew and chocolate bread pudding.

See the winning poker hand and all the polar plunge photos on the [B'ville Big Chill Facebook page](#).



## PUSH PIZZA FOR PANTRIES - FEB 11TH



**ORDERS MUST BE  
IN BY FEB 9TH!**

We have another fundraiser coming right up and need your help spreading the word so we can sell out of our specialty pizzas that will feature a slice from each of our 8 participating pizza places, allowing people to taste test several area pizzerias in one pie. The funds from this event will be distributed among three local food pantries - the B'ville Community Food Pantry, the one at the VFW and our own Backpack Program. Here's how you can help:

**SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

**TELL ALL YOUR LOCAL FRIENDS & FAMILY**

**HELP THE DAY OF THE EVENT**

All pizzas will need to be preordered on our web site - [www.bvillepizzaroundup.com](http://www.bvillepizzaroundup.com) - and then people will pick them up on Friday, February 11th at St. Mary's Church on Syracuse Street. You can choose from all cheese, all pepperoni or the "best of," where pizza places get to provide us with their best specialty pizza and you never know what you will get. Contact Scott at [scott@scottnorthrupinsurance.com](mailto:scott@scottnorthrupinsurance.com) if you have any questions. We do need a few volunteers for this event - [click here](#) for the volunteer sign up.

## MEMBER ORIENTATION

The next orientation session, open to all club members, will be **Wednesday, February 9th at 5:30pm**. It will be held virtually and we will be discussing the Rotary hierarchy. As with other orientations, the lesson topic will be covered in the first 30 minutes and the rest of the session will be a more traditional orientation review. Come for any and all parts of the hour that are useful to you. Watch your email for the zoom link and invitation to attend. The session will also be recorded if you are unable to attend.

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

In January we honored three students after some scheduling conflicts for one in December - Cameron Dougherty, Maeve Bartell and Cameron Brennan. Cameron D is in Key Club, art club and is on student council. He wants to study architecture. Maeve is an athlete who plays soccer and lacrosse, and hopes to continue playing lacrosse at Clarkson where she will be studying engineering. And Cameron B is another athlete who likes baseball and water sports, and even works at Radisson golf course. He said he most admires his grandmother because she is selfless and very supportive. Whether we have one or a dozen students to meet and celebrate at this special event, it's a fun night getting to meet their families and these future leaders. Join us the second Tuesday of each month at our regular meeting to be part of a Students of the Month celebration!





# CHARITY OF CHOICE

Are you remembering to enter your Charity of Choice? This program is a perk of membership that could earn your favorite cause a \$100 donation. For every meeting you attend (in person or online!) you get an entry to win. If you are there in person there are slips you can complete with your name and charity, and if you are joining online you can put your charity in the chat so someone can complete a slip on your behalf.

It is free for members to participate. At the last meeting of the month we draw the winner and send their charity a check in their name. The purpose of this program is to ensure the club is supporting causes our members care about. Think there is something we could do more for your cause than the \$100 donation? Bring that request to the board for consideration!

## WINNERS SO FAR...

**July - Lizzy**

Juvenile Diabetes  
Research Foundation

**August - Lizzy**

YWCA of Syracuse

**September - Laurie**

Make A Wish

Foundation of CNY

**October - Marcia**

Doctors Without Borders

**November - Audrey**

Honor Flight

**December - Katie**

CNY Diaper Bank

**January - TBD**

# MEETING PROTOCOL

\$1 to attend (max \$1 per week)

If you want food or drinks at either meeting, please order and pay at the bar. View the menu [here](#).

Happy dollars are optional

Raffle is optional - tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2

Charity of Choice is free for members - you get one entry for each meeting you attend

Virtual attendees can put their charity in the chat to be entered for their chance to win

Virtual attendees are asked to submit their meeting and happy dollars too

## MASKS REQUIRED



Masks are required for all attending our meetings, regardless of vaccination status. They must be worn at all times unless actively eating or drinking. Preferred masks are KN-95/N95, followed by surgical masks and, while any mask is better than none at all, cloth masks are not very effective against the latest variant. Thank you for your cooperation.

## ASK ROTARY

*Ask anything about Rotary, our club or our language. Submit your questions to Lizzy each month to get your answers!*

**QUESTION:** Is there a dress code in Rotary?

**ANSWER:** Thank you for this very interesting question with many different answers. The dress code for a Rotary meeting is going to vary widely by club, depending on their traditions, culture and location. In some places in the world, Rotarians are primarily wealthy business people, so I would imagine they dress formally. Other places, like in Hawaii where the culture is to wear linens and light clothing, I imagine their meetings would be more casual. For our club, we are pretty casual and you will see people in all kinds of attire at our meetings - from jeans, to dresses, to suits. We really encourage you to come as you are when it's our regular meetings. Sometimes there are special occasions where we ask members to dress up a bit more though, like Charter Night or for the banquet at District Conference. Occasionally we have themed events with fun attire too.

If you are visiting another club, I would recommend scoping out their social media or web site for photos to get a feel for how formal they might be, or just plan to dress up at least a little bit to be safe.

Really though, just slap a Rotary pin on whatever you are leaving the house in that day and you're dressed like a Rotarian!

HAPPY  
*Birthday*

Jessica Schwenn - Feb 2

Norma Widmann - Feb 5

Kishma Alexander - Feb 12

Marcia Benson - Feb 14

Happy   
*anniversary*

**Jennifer & Wes Holman:** Feb 12

**Janet & Marv Joslyn:** Feb 22

**Bill & Lynn Rosentel:** Feb 28

Don't see your birthday or anniversary listed? We're probably missing that information about you. Submit details to Lizzy at [emartin@advancemediany.com](mailto:emartin@advancemediany.com).



# DONATIONS COMMITTEE FEBRUARY COLLECTION

## Pet Food for Humane CNY

The donations committee invites all animal-lovers to join us in the next collection to provide dog and cat food for Humane CNY, a rescue located in Liverpool. Because they need to be consistent in the food they provide the animals, it's important that you only donate unopened bags or cans of the specific brands listed. We also ask that if you purchase online, you choose a reputable pet food retailer like Chewy, one of the pet stores or Walmart. Links provided are to the PetSmart site where they can be purchased for delivery or local store pick up (curbside available), but you can purchase where ever it is convenient for you.

Donations will be collected at Rotary meetings or can be dropped on the porch at Marcia's house through the end of February. If you order online you can ship right to Marcia at 2567 Ellsworth Road, Baldwinsville. If shipping or dropping off, please call her at (315) 638-9307 to give a heads up.

All of these foods should be for adult cats and dogs. Other than the pate style wet cat food, it's important that you only get the brands indicated below.

Purina Pro Plan Dry Adult Dog Lamb & Rice or Chicken & Rice

Purina Pro Plan Wet Dog Food

Purina Cat Chow

Options for Pate Wet Cat Food (Any Brand!)



**We'll be collecting these specific brands of cat and dog food thru the end of February**

## CLUB ASSEMBLY REVIEW

In January, President Bill held two assembly meetings to catch everyone up on club business, what we've accomplished so far this Rotary year and what is still to come. The presentation was very informative, so if you missed it please review the full report [here](#). Highlighted below are some of the ways in which you can get involved in the coming months.

Backpack Program - help sort, pack and deliver any and all weeks through June

Bread Run - Wednesday morning pick ups, booking into July

Seneca River Days - committee starting work now for June event

Pizza for Pantries - share on social, buy a pizza, help execute

Soup 'n Snowshoe - attend and enjoy on Feb 26th

Meals on Wheels Bag Decorating - watch for an invite to get creative

Earth Day Clean Up - take the lead or pitch in this April

Memorial Day Parade - help with a float if this parade comes back again

Be a Leader - join club leadership, talk to incoming President Brian

Plan Something Fun - all are welcome to submit ideas for social events

## Soup 'n Snowshoe 2022

Saturday, February 26 at Beaver Lake Nature Center

Snowshoe starts at 11am and Soup from 12-1pm

Cost: \$5 park entry, \$5 to rent snowshoes (or bring your own!)

Join us for a relaxed, social day at the nature center in whatever capacity you wish - bring soup, don't bring soup, hike or don't hike. Whatever you enjoy most!

If you bring a soup, please bring a ladle.

All other supplies will be provided.

Includes the opportunity to vote for your favorite soup that day and maybe even some games to pass the time together. Bring the whole family!



## GETTING OUR DUCKS IN A ROW

The Seneca River Day committee has had their first meeting to establish an event date and this year's format so we can begin planning this fun festival. Now is the time to decide how you will help with our club's largest fundraiser, and we do ask that every member contribute in some way. There are three main ways to get involved - 1. Join the committee, 2. Sell duck tickets, and 3. Volunteer at the event. Joining the committee is something you would want to do now so you can learn the planning process and volunteer alongside an experienced committee member. It's important that we get new members on the committee so more Rotarians can take on subcommittee roles. Below are the details so far:

Two-day event, all on Paper Mill Island, the second weekend in June

Chairperson: Scott Northrup

Immediate Past Chair: Ken Schmidt

Sub-Committee Chairs

Tickets: Abe Morelli

Sponsors: Dave Horan

Activities: Jenny Doane

Volunteers: Marcia Benson

Food Trucks: Scott Northrup

Signage: Doug Tosh

Web Site/Social Media: Ken Schmidt

**Contact Scott to get involved!**

[scott@scottnorthrupinsurance.com](mailto:scott@scottnorthrupinsurance.com)



# MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

## FEB 2022

<b>Tuesday, 2/1 @ 7pm</b> Lu Zaya, Argentina	A zoom reunion with former exchange student Lu
<b>Wednesday, 2/2 @ 12pm</b> Speaker Lara Mosby	Learn about our local Symphoria Orchestra
<b>Tuesday, 2/8 @ 5:30pm</b>  <b>@7pm</b>	Club Board Meeting - members welcome  Students of the Month - a monthly cub event honoring students who exemplify the values of Rotary. Come meet their families and celebrate with cake. Don't miss this!
<b>Wednesday, 2/9 @ 12pm</b> Speaker Christine Corbett	Hear how David's Refuge helps local families with children who have special needs or serious illness
<b>Wednesday, 2/9 @ 5:30pm</b>	Club Orientation: Rotary Hierarchy - watch email for details on how to attend
<b>Friday, 2/11 @ 4-7pm</b>	Pizza for Pantries - assembly and distribution at St. Mary's
<b>Tuesday, 2/15 from 5-7pm</b> Club in a Pub	Location TBA. Come for a drink, stay for dinner or just pop in to say hello at this social gathering
<b>Wednesday 2/16</b> Speaker Bill Conole	Learn more about Harriet Tubman from a Skaneateles Rotarian
<b>Tuesday, 2/22 @ 7pm</b> Bag Decorating	Come for a social evening where we will be decorating paper bags that Meals on Wheels will use when delivering to local seniors
<b>Wednesday 2/23 @ 12pm</b> Happy Birthday Rotary!	Join us for some fun and games to celebrate Rotary's 117th birthday. Watch your email for details!
<b>Saturday, 2/26 @ 11am</b>	Soup 'n Snowshoe at Beaver Lake - see details on page 4

**Remember to submit your program ideas to Programs Chair Barb Hunt, [bhunt@nscsd.org](mailto:bhunt@nscsd.org)**

## Coming up this spring...

Learn about Honor Flight, diversity in Rotary and audiology, help us sort ducks, meet more Students of the Month, join in more Club in a Pub nights and more!

## SAVE THESE DATES

Friday, Feb 11: Pizza for Pantries (see page 2)

Saturday, Feb 26: Soup 'n Snowshoe (see page 4)

Saturday, April 2: District Training Assembly - sign up to come

Tuesday, April 5: Duck Sorting Party



*Will you make time for Rotary this month?*

Helping others makes us happy. Check out [this article](#) in Time magazine about the not-so-secret secret to happiness and consider getting involved with Rotary to find yours!