

# BALDWINSVILLE ROTARY NEWSLETTER



## 50 Years of Service

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Submit your articles, news and  
photos to the editor by the 25th  
of each month.



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### FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT BRIAN:

#### Soft Hearts for Hard Times

We all have faced hard times in our lives. The past few weeks have been emotionally difficult for the people in our Baldwinsville community. The tragic death of a young girl has hit us hard. Our own Rotary family has also faced a loss with the passing of John LaCasse's wife Jake. This is a time when each one of us can look deep into the "Four-Way Test".

Here we will find a way to use our soft hearts to help our community heal. It will take time, but together we, as a family, can help each other get through this. May the following quote help guide us:

"In all our searching, the only thing we've found that makes the emptiness bearable is each other."

Carpe Diem,  
Brian E Walsh



## SOUP & SNOWSHOE



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 at BEAVER LAKE NATURE CENTER  
Snowshoe Hike at 11am & Soup Competition at Noon

ALL ARE WELCOME - BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Bring crockpot, ladle and list of ingredients (for food allergies). It is not required that you bring a soup to partake in this social event. Feel free to come to any or all of it no matter what!

[Click here](#) to RSVP so we have enough spoons to go around!

February 2023

# SUNSHINE & BIG TURNOUT FOR BIG CHILL

This year's B'ville Big Chill, a joint fundraiser with the Greater Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce, landed on a mild, sunshiny day that attracted big crowds. Some other key attractions that brought people out were the Oscar Mayer Weiniemobile and the special plunge team honoring Ava Wood. A record number of plungers jumped in the open river, at times the Best in Bowl tent was totally packed and food vendors ran out of samples. The sound of weiner whistles filled Mercer Park for a few hours that day. Angry Garlic won Best in Bowl this year and the top fundraising plunge team was the WT Brews team. After all the earlier festivities wrapped, the Poker Bear Pub Crawl started at 4pm with another great turn out. It was a great night to walk around the village and people could be seen comparing poker run tickets as they went from bar to bar. Gary Love won with four Jacks. The chamber also determined the worst hand winner and drew several prizes from the tickets of people who went to all eight participating businesses. You can see more about the day's winners, plus a TON of photos, at the B'ville Big Chill Facebook page [here](#). Special thanks to Shelley Hoffman for stepping up to run the volunteer scheduling this year, the primary part of what Rotary does to support this event. Thanks to all who took the time to volunteer throughout the day. We hope everyone had a great time and we'll keep you posted on the funds raised as proceeds are determined.



## TEACHING YOUR DOG TO TALK

Last month we heard from B'ville resident Heather Snowman on how she started teaching her rescue dog Chance to use buttons to communicate. [Click here](#) to see the clips of him using his buttons. [Click here](#) for more on the book Heather read to get her started. Her main tips were to start with just a few buttons, avoid ones that involve food and be consistent. It helps if you start with a younger dog too!

## CHARITY OF CHOICE UPDATE

Just a friendly reminder that every time you (as a member of our club) attend one of our regular meetings you will have a chance to enter into our drawing to win \$100 for a charity you treasure. There are slips at each of the meetings (when held at The Wood) that you fill out with your name and charity. If you attend via zoom you can enter your charity in the chat and someone will complete a form for you. This program is for members only and is our club's way of supporting charities you care about. Watch your newsletter each month for a round up of who has won and what charities are receiving donations in their name.

September: Jenny Doane for 100 Black Men of Syracuse  
October: Janet Joslyn for 100 Black Men of Syracuse  
November: Marilyn Powell to the Rescue Mission  
December: Jenny Doane for Clear Path for Veterans  
January: Marcia Benson for B'ville Community Food Pantry



# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

In January we met Alyssa Flores and Quintin Miller, along with their families and friends. Quintin had the largest entourage in SOTM history, with family, friends, neighbors and his track coach. You can hear him on the student radio station 90.5FM with his pal AJ on their Q&A sports talk show and he plans to go into a trade, hoping to become an electrician.

Alyssa is a leader in our Interact Club (see page 4), on student and senior council and wants to go to college to study pre-law, then go on to become an attorney. Both were a joy to meet and there was a great energy in the room with so many guests!

Join us the second Tuesday of each month for this fun and special presentation!



# CNY ROTARY UPDATE

## LAST TOWN HALL THIS MONTH

The CNY Rotary steering committee has scheduled three **virtual town hall** meetings to help answer questions and explain the process of building a new district. The first two events in January were well-attended, with a lot of great questions from members. This is one more Town Hall left: **February 16, 2023, 7pm**

Visit [www.cnyrotary.org/events](http://www.cnyrotary.org/events) to register and get the zoom link. A video compilation of the three events will be released for review if you were unable to attend.



# SUPPORTING DISASTER RELIEF AROUND THE WORLD

In January 2023 The Rotary Foundation Trustees established two temporary funds to assist Pakistan and Ukraine, two areas that are facing extreme need. The Pakistan Flood Response Fund and the Ukraine Response Fund address the humanitarian crises caused by devastating flooding in Pakistan and the war in Ukraine. Donors can give directly to relief efforts led by Rotary members. [Click here](#) to read more about how to give and how the funds are being dispersed. **Our district has already applied for and received a \$25,000 Disaster Response Fund grant to provide water filters for Ukranian refugees.**

And since those actions were taken, the big earthquake hit Turkey and Syria hard. Rotary is responding on the ground to help, with Disaster Response funds available for this situation as well. [Click here](#) to read more.

# BACKPACK PROGRAM FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVES

The supplies for our Backpack Program are in need of replenishing so we can continue to provide snack and breakfast items for 130 students each week. In coordination with the Volunteer Center and the library, program chair Mary has set up several drop off days and locations for a food drive this month. This information is being posted all over our social media and we encourage members to share to help spread the word. Here are the dates and locations for dropping off donations:

Tues 2/14 - 9am-noon - Volunteer Center  
Thurs 2/16 - 9am-noon - Volunteer Center  
Sat 2/18 - Noon-4pm - Library  
Sun 2/19 - Noon-4pm - Library

We still need some volunteers for Sunday, Feb 19th from 12-2pm or 2-4pm at the library to help with receiving and sorting donations. [Click here](#) to sign up.

[Click here](#) for the full details on our program and this food drive.



**PLEASE SHARE  
OUR FACEBOOK  
POSTS TO SPREAD  
THE WORD!**

# REGISTER NOW

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE | May 5-7, 2023**

1000 Islands Harbor Hotel, Clayton, New York

Register for Fri-Sun  
or Sat & Sun only

**EARLY BIRD RATES END  
FEBRUARY 28, 2023!**

Discounted packages available for teens and children, so bring the whole family!

All three districts are invited to be part of a weekend filled with celebrations, connections and fun!

**IMPORTANT: You must register for conference AND ALSO book a stay directly with the hotel**

## SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY FUN: Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Pesos for Polio**

A portion of all drink sales go to End Polio, learn about our progress towards eradication, and enjoy seeing old friends and meeting new

**SATURDAY LEARNING: Get inspiration & explore the area**

We'll spend the morning hearing from local organizations doing great work, with all three districts sharing some key projects from their areas. Then in the afternoon attendees will have free time to shop, taste and see the beautiful riverside community. In the evening, we will celebrate Youth Exchange and get the latest from CNY Rotary at dinner.

**SUNDAY SEND-OFF: A time to reflect and look ahead**

After breakfast we will remember Rotarians we have lost at the memorial service, following by a look ahead to the next conference, then say, "See you soon!"

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District 7150



Rotary  
District 7170



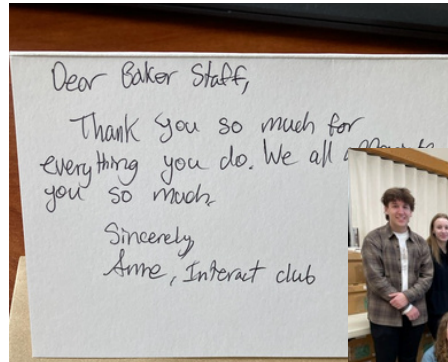
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**LEARN MORE**

## INTERACT GIVES THANKS, HAULS BOOKS

The students in our Interact Club celebrated International Thank You Day on January 11th by giving out cards to the staff at Baker expressing their gratitude. Great work to project leader Alyssa, who also happened to be a Rotary Student of the Month! They also brought up books for the library's latest sale, making quick work of transporting them from the basement to the community room.



## CLUB PRESIDENT NEEDED FOR 2024-25

Fewer meetings to run.

It will be the first year of CNY Rotary.

Lizzy will be CNY Rotary President.

It is a truly valued service to all of our members.

If you are interested in being our leader during a big year for Rotary in our region, speak to Jenny or Brian!

**CLICK THE ICON BELOW TO VIEW OUR FULL MEETING SCHEDULE THROUGH JUNE 2023!**





# HAPPY NEWS, FUNNIES, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS      FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Norma Widmann - Feb 5      Jennifer & Wes Holman - Feb 12  
Kishma Alexander - Feb 12      Janet & Marv Joslyn - Feb 22  
Marcia Benson - Feb 14      Bill & Lynn Rosentel - Feb 28

**ARE WE MISSING YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY?**  
[CLICK HERE](#) TO SUBMIT YOUR BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY DATES



Brian presenting one of our 50 Anniversary pins to speaker Ron Zaleski and President Carolyn Burke at Englewood Rotary's meeting in Florida.

Carolyn Burke presenting a club banner to Brian.



We had a great crowd for Club in a Pub at Suds Factory last month. Here are some happy faces from the evening.



Our incoming District Governor Elise Hereth (middle) from WS Community Rotary completed her training at International Assembly in Orlando. Shown here with her husband Chuck (left) and incoming Rotary International President Gordon McNally from Scotland (right)



Lizzy got to see Dancing With The Stars live at Turning Stone thanks to a Christmas gift from her husband and it was a great show

**Submit your happy news (personal, professional or other) to Lizzy for future newsletters!**

## NEED A RIDE?

Don't forget about our Rotary Rides program to help fellow members who need a lift. Whether it's a doctor appointment, a grocery pick up or help when your car is in the shop, check out [this list](#) of Rotarians willing to give a ride and do not hesitate to call when you are in need. You can also add your name, remove your name or change your availability as needed. One more way that we can all connect and support one another!



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# MEETING SCHEDULE

*More details on special events will be provided via email as events draw near!*

**Wednesday 2/1 at Noon**  
Speaker Dr. Simon Aseno with the Ghana Project

**Tuesday 2/7 at 7pm**  
Students of the Month

Tuesday 2/14 - Happy Valentine's Day!

**Wednesday 2/15 at Noon**  
Speaker Joshua Stapf with Literacy CNY

**Tuesday 2/21 at 7pm**  
Speaker Dr. Sharon Kane on What is "New Adult" Literature?

**Saturday 2/25: Soup & Snowshoe at Beaver Lake**  
[Click here](#) to let us know you are coming!

**Tuesday 2/28 from 5-7pm**  
Club in a Pub at [Pasta's on the Green](#)  
*Come when you can, leave when you have to, eat, drink and be merry*

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**Wednesday 3/1 at Noon**  
Club Assembly

**Tuesday 3/7 at 7pm**  
Students of the Month

**Tuesday 3/14 from 5-7pm**  
Club in a Pub - Location TBA  
*Come when you can, leave when you have to, eat, drink and be merry*

**Wednesday 3/15 at Noon**  
Come learn about [Rotary Leadership Institute](#)

**Tuesday 3/21 at 6:30pm**  
FIELD TRIP to The Redhouse Theatre for a tour - details to come!

Share your program  
ideas with our Programs  
Chair Chris Walsh, at  
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## MEETING DETAILS

All meetings are free to attend.  
Food or drinks available, please order and pay at the bar.  
Happy dollars are optional  
Raffle is optional - tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2  
Charity of Choice is free for members - one entry for every meeting attended  
As much as possible, all meetings will be available in person and on zoom

*50 Years of Service*