



Baldwinsville  
**Rotary**  
Club



# NEWSLETTER

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**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

I hope everyone had very joyous and happy holidays. As we enter into the 2022 year, let us keep up our hope that we will get COVID under control and have a better year than the last two. While 2021 may not have been a stellar year for the world, I am sure each of us had some very good moments, staying focused on the blessings in our lives and thinking less about the challenges.

With the start of a new year, we must ramp up our commitments to serve through Rotary. Make it a new year resolution, but one that is not forgotten by the end of January. Make Rotary and the great works we do for our community, local and worldwide, a priority in your daily life. We have a few events that will be coming very soon. The B'ville Big Chill, our second largest fundraiser, is scheduled for January 29th and our pizza tasting event will be held on February 11th. This year the Big Chill is planning to go back to the original format with plungers and the Best in Bowl tasting event. Many volunteers will be needed for that event, a few to help get things lined up in advance, but mostly for the day of the event. You can sign up on the spreadsheet Lizzy will send out or let myself or Lizzy know and we can sign you up. There will also be sign up sheets at the January meetings. Sean Becker is chairing this event for our club, so if you have questions on the tasks, please contact Sean.

The pizza event will need volunteers to help assemble the pizzas, one slice from each pizzeria in every box. Scott Northrup is heading up this event. This is a new idea, so let's get the club membership behind it to make it successful. We need a rallying of the troops for the month of January amongst our members to make these events successful.

I know that COVID-19 is surging again with the Omicron variant, but we are hoping it will pass soon as many of the other variants have. We will continue to require mask wearing at all meetings and events and offer a Zoom option for anyone that is not comfortable with in-person meetings. We are also hoping many of our snowbirds join us for meetings through Zoom as they head south for winter. Let's get excited about all the good we can and will do in our community, and get involved in Rotary again. The COVID break was necessary, but we need you back.

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.



# CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS YEAR'S B'VILLE BIG CHILL!

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP NOW

On Saturday, January 29th we will see the return of the B'ville Big Chill and WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK! During the day there will be a polar plunge and a Best in Bowl food tasting event at Mercer Park. There are many tasks that need to be done to set up, oversee and then clean up that day. There are multiple shifts from 10am-4pm and all kinds of tasks for all abilities to choose from, so pick one (or two!) that work for you. Click the button above to add your name to the sign up list. If you have any trouble with the spreadsheet, contact Lizzy to get your name added. If you have other questions, contact Sean at ncrdeb@yahoo.com. You will need to dress for the outdoors, whatever the weather might be that day. You will also need to be prepared to have fun! Thank you all in advance for pitching in!



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

**QUESTION:** I have an idea of something fun our club could do. Who do I tell and are people open to new ideas?

**ANSWER:** Ideas are always welcome in Baldwinsville Rotary! An important part of being a member of our club is that it's a FUN experience, so "something fun" is especially welcome. Suggestions for club activities of any kind can always go to the club president - this year that's Bill Rosentel. You can email him at wrosentel@verizon.net or find him at just about any meeting to speak in person. Some ideas could be easy to implement, while others might need board approval. Certainly anything that might cost money will need board approval, but never let that stop you. Seeking board approval on something is not as scary as it might seem. Just write up your idea to have Bill submit to the board and it will be discussed at their next meeting (they meet the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm). Depending on what you are proposing, you might be asked to present it to the board so you can be asked questions. There's no guarantee the board will approve something or that the club will have money for something, but it never hurts to ask and they are a pretty open-minded bunch. Board members are all fellow club members after all! Just know that if you are proposing something that requires work, you will be expected to help with it. And sometimes new ideas spark more new ideas as they are discussed, so please do not keep those ideas to yourself!

## NEXT MEMBER ORIENTATION

December's orientation just didn't come to fruition due to busy holiday schedules, so you haven't missed anything. The lesson on our club's finances has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, January 12th at 5:30pm**. Watch your email for details on attending this quick learning session!

### 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

## YOU HAVE TO PLAY TO WIN

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!

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

December is a busy month, so one of our two honorees couldn't attend the monthly awards ceremony. That meant the spotlight was all on Student of the Month Hannah Esek, who was accompanied by her mom. Hannah was extremely well-spoken in front of the group, thanks to the many leadership roles she takes on, including being a camp counselor. She is into singing and acting, and joined us straight from rehearsal for the school musical, but plans to study Plastics & Polymer Engineering and Science at Penn State. Her parents both went to and met at Penn State, so she'll be second generation, and she hopes to find ways to make plastics more environmentally friendly. Many in the room agreed that we will be hearing about big things from Hannah! Hopefully we can catch up with the other honoree, Cameron Dougherty, at future events. Remember to make time for this special evening the second Tuesday of each month!



# NEW DAY'S LYRIC

*Please enjoy the latest poem from Amanda Gorman to celebrate the new year*

May this be the day  
We come together.  
Mourning, we come to mend,  
Withered, we come to weather,  
Torn, we come to tend,  
Battered, we come to better.  
Tethered by this year of yearning,  
We are learning  
That though we weren't ready for this,  
We have been readied by it.  
We steadily vow that no matter  
How we are weighed down,  
We must always pave a way forward.  
This hope is our door, our portal.  
Even if we never get back to normal,  
Someday we can venture beyond it,  
To leave the known and take the first steps.  
So let us not return to what was normal,  
But reach toward what is next.  
What was cursed, we will cure.  
What was plagued, we will prove pure.  
Where we tend to argue, we will try to agree,  
Those fortunes we forswore, now the future we foresee,  
Where we weren't aware, we're now awake;  
Those moments we missed  
Are now these moments we make,  
The moments we meet,  
And our hearts, once all together beaten,  
Now all together beat.  
Come, look up with kindness yet,  
For even solace can be sourced from sorrow.  
We remember, not just for the sake of yesterday,  
But to take on tomorrow.  
We heed this old spirit,  
In a new day's lyric,  
In our hearts, we hear it:  
For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne.  
Be bold, sang Time this year,  
Be bold, sang Time,  
For when you honor yesterday,  
Tomorrow ye will find.  
Know what we've fought  
Need not be forgot nor for none.  
It defines us, binds us as one,  
Come over, join this day just begun.  
For wherever we come together,  
We will forever overcome.

# 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.

HAPPY  
*Birthday*

Shelley Hoffman - Jan 2  
Sylvia White - Jan 13  
Shelly Kasprzak - Jan 21  
Charlie Farrell - Jan 30

Happy   
*anniversary*

Mary & Chuck Schmutz  
Jan 9

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).

## GET IN THE GROUP

Did you know that we have a private group on Facebook just for Baldwinsville Rotary members? It's a hidden and private group, which means you can't find it on your own. So how can you get in? First, you need to follow our [Baldwinsville Rotary Club](#) Facebook page and then let admin Lizzy know you need an invitation. She can only invite people who are fans of the Baldwinsville Rotary page. Invitations went out to as many members as possible when the group was initially set up, but they expire. So like our club's page and send in your request, then watch your notifications for the invitation to join. The group is a great place for helpful reminders, calls for volunteers and where members can connect for all kinds of reasons. It's not a primary method of communication for the club, but still a fun place to be!

# OLD NEWSBOYS 2021

A big thanks to everyone who took a shift hawking newspapers at Dunkin for this year's Hope for the Holidays campaign. Even though just the drive-thru was open and the weather was really strange, we netted 40% more than the average year with \$836 collected in total. The Baldwinsville community was very generous! That money will go towards next year's Christmas Bureau at the OnCenter that helps thousands of families in need have food, toys and books at the holidays. Check out some fun photos from the two days of hawking and everyone's festive attire!



## HAPPY NEWS

Katie's daughter Elizabeth got engaged to her now fiance Steve in front of the community Christmas tree in Baldwin Canal Square - so merry!



After many, many drawings and with just a few cards left in the deck, Abe won the \$230 drawing at a meeting last month! (Shown here making beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace)

## DECEMBER SNAPSHOTS



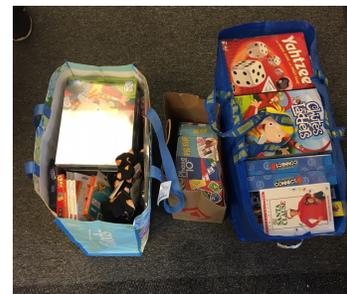
Infinity Dance Group visited to tell us about their local studio and gave us a fantastic holiday show!

Representing the Clear Path for Veterans program that provides emotional support dogs for veterans in need, AJ visited with his dog Reilly (a rescued blue heeler) to tell us about her role in his recovery from PTSD and anxiety.



## DONATIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to this new committee's first collection, with approximately 40 brand new board games going to the Baldwinsville Christmas Bureau in time to be distributed to local families and make their holidays brighter. The committee needs to regroup after the holidays to come up with the next project, so watch your emails to see what's being collected next. Remember that this is just another way that our members can choose to give back to the community and there is no pressure to participate in any or all of these different collections throughout the year!



Make your wish.



I wish everyone who reads this comic, a dream come true.

# MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

## JAN 2022

<b>Tuesday, 1/4 @ 7pm</b> <b>Think Tank Discussion</b>	We'll be discussing our Rotary resolutions with some inspiration from <a href="#">this article</a> .
<b>Wednesday, 1/5 @ 12pm</b> <b>Social Meeting</b>	Come share a happy memory from 2021 (even if you have to dig deep!)
<b>Tuesday, 1/11 @ 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, 1/12 @ 12pm</b>	Program TBA
<b>Wednesday, 1/12 @ 5:30pm</b>	Club Orientation: Our Finances - watch email for details on how to attend
<b>Tuesday, 1/18 from 5-7pm</b> <b>Club in a Pub</b>	Location TBA. Come for a drink, stay for dinner or just pop in to say hello at this social gathering
<b>Wednesday 1/19</b> <b>Club Assembly</b>	Get an update from all club committees
<b>Tuesday, 1/25 @ 7pm</b> <b>Club Assembly</b>	Get an update from all club committees
<b>Wednesday 1/26 @ 12pm</b>	Program TBA
<b>Saturday, 1/29</b> <b>The B'ville Big Chill</b>	Volunteer to help out at this FUN fundraiser - <a href="#">click here</a> to sign up for a task that works for your schedule and skills. We need all hands on deck for a few hours on this BIG and CHILLY day!

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

## NOTEWORTHY DATES

**JAN 12:** Club Orientation at 5:30pm

**JAN 29:** The B'ville Big Chill

**FEB 11:** Pizza Tasting Fundraiser

**FEB 23:** Rotary's 117th Birthday



*Will you make time for  
Rotary this month?*

Laughter is the best medicine and you just cannot make it through a Rotary meeting without a good laugh. Don't take our word for it though. Check out [this article](#) from the Mayo Clinic!

**SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Students of the Month (where we serve cake!)

**THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Club in a Pub (where we have cocktails!)