

Baldwinsville Rotary NEWS

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THE FOUR-W TEST

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Is it the TRUTH?

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Is it FAIR to all concerned?

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Will it build GOODWILL
and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

fourth...

Will it be BENEFICIAL
to all concerned?

Plus

It's time to chill
out in B'ville!

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Meet our newest member Laurie

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December's Students of the Month

Photo: Laughs ensued when Foundation Chair Marcia Benson (left) presented Rotarian Norma Widman with her third Paul Harris Fellow pin.

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FROM PRESIDENT DON



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Club President 2017-18

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I want to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. It was certainly a happy and healthy New Year for our club. The Baldwinsville Rotary Club continues to see a growth in our membership and our income. This allowed us to be incredibly generous last year under Janet's leadership, and we have continued this pattern this fiscal year.

Our activities have been successful at every point this year. I am particularly proud of our Student of the Month Program. It is enlightening and inspiring. The students have amazed me with their

presentations to our club members. This is no easy task for a teen. Special thanks to Beth and the school counselor for making this happen. We once again had an amazing Seneca River Day, surpassing last year's successful event, and we

anticipate a big new Seneca River Days for this year. Our 5K Run/Walk was a success, along with the revival of our Interact, once again distributing dictionaries and continuing the Backpack program,

This past year we have had so many wonderful events and activities thanks to many of our members. There are too many people to thank, so thank you to all who have stepped up to make our club a success.

Finally, one activity which really stood out for me has been the Member Moment. Getting to know our club members has been wonderful! Look forward to working with all of you in 2018.

CLUB LEADERSHIP: YOUR BOARD

Vice President:

Bill Rosental

Immediate Past President:

Janet Joslyn

President Elect:

Meg Van Patten

Secretary:

Lizzy Flinn-Brown

Co Treasurers:

Marv Joslyn, Doug Tosh

Board Members:

Bruce Jones, Bruce Stebbins,
Ken Schmidt

*Want to be a
Rotary leader?*

**VOLUNTEERING IS A GREAT WAY TO
GAIN LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE!**

There are many free opportunities to learn about being a leader through service. Just ask a board member and read your newsletter for details!

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IMPORTANT NOTES

Thanks to everyone
helping with meetings
while President Don is in
Florida!

Are you inviting
prospective Rotarians?

Happy Hour
WT Brews at 5:30pm
Wednesday, Jan 10
Bring snacks!

CLUB CHARITY TRACKER

- \$500 donation of our charity funds to the Rotary International Relief Fund to be used for Hurricane Harvey relief
- \$100 to the Barnes-Hiscock Mansion to provide for 20 city school children to get tours
- \$500 to the Lysander Concert Series
- \$500 to the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk
- up to \$750 to send mosquito nets to Puerto Rico
- up to \$600 to Honor Flight for two plane tickets
- \$400 to feed four families for a week through the Baldwinsville Christmas Bureau
- \$1,000 for two BOCES scholarships
- \$1,000 for scholarship through the Baldwinsville Community Scholarship Fund
- \$325 to sponsor a student attending a YMCA Youth & Gov't Program
- \$1,200 for Dictionary Project

TOTAL: \$6,875

5K SETS NEW RECORD FOR FUNDS RAISED

The race results are in and the Baldwinsville Community Food Pantry is definitely the winner! This year's event netted \$4,061 after all expenses were paid. The increase in profit was a combination of an increase in the number of participants and another strong year for sponsorships. Since we split these funds with the food pantry, that means they will get a little over \$2,000 (approved by the board at the December meeting). Many thanks to race director Mike, event chair Mary, the entire planning committee, all the volunteers and all the participants for making it such a successful event. Stay tuned for news on the 2018 5K and exciting changes that will hopefully help us continue to grow!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The B'ville Big Chill is a great fundraiser that our club was asked to partner on with the Chamber two years ago. Since then it has helped our club net over \$16,000 that we have been able to use for our programs and community donations. The major role our club plays in the event is providing man (and woman) power on the big day - selling tickets, helping plungers, set up, take down and dealing cards for the poker run. ***It's vital that we continue to provide the many hands that can make the day light work for all, so please make sure you sign up to help for at least one shift.*** If you can do two or three (since it's only a few hours overall) that would be very much appreciated as well! Click here to add your name to the schedule: <https://goo.gl/nvScvH>

If you have any questions about what a job entails or just general volunteer questions, you can contact Dona Occhipinti at donagabrielle@gmail.com or call/text 315-335-3781.

DECEMBER STUDENT AWARDS: GREAT TURNOUT & KIDS!

Thanks to all the Rotarians who attended the December presentation for the Students of the Month awards. It was wonderful to show so much support for our two recipients, Matthew King and Emilie Hoy, and their proud parents, as we recognized their hard work and dedication to helping others. As always, the kids were great at addressing a room full of strangers to share with us their passions and hobbies. Matt was a self-professed nerd who has earned his Eagle Scout, plays piano and is interested in studying math and physics. Emilie has been accepted to RPI to study information technology, she does Irish dancing and is active in her church's CYO. The students are shown here with their certificates and family that came to support them.



MAKING LAURIE OFFICIAL

While you may know have realized it, we had a non-Rotarian among us for several months now. Laurie Maddaloni originally came to Rotary with her husband Jim when he became a member, but since work has taken him out of town for long stretches, Laurie has been doing the heavy lifting. Since she is clearly a Rotarian in her heart, she went ahead and made it official by becoming a member. She was inducted in December and the club will continue to reap the benefits of having her in our midst! Laurie is leading the efforts on our Backpack Program, coordinated the recent outing to Syracuse Stage that everyone enjoyed and is part of the "fun committee" to help us plan more fellowship events, including being the point person for our upcoming Soup 'n Snowshoe!



SAVE THE DATE: SOUP 'N SNOWSHOE

Mark your calendars for this year's popular double event at Beaver Lake Nature Center - Sunday, February 11th, from noon until 3pm. This is a two-part event that you can participate in however you prefer. The first part is a snowshoe (weather permitting) along trails at the nature center. The second part is a soup/chowder/chili tasting (and competition) for everyone to enjoy and warm up with afterwards. If you wish to just make a dish and skip the snowshoe, you can. If you want to hike and then head home, that's okay too! Come early to plug in your crockpot at the nature center building and rent snowshoes if needed. Watch your email and pay attention at meetings for more details as the event draws near! Photo: Last year's soup-makers.



NORMA HONORED WITH A PAUL HARRIS +2

Rotarian Norma Widmann was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow plus 2, signifying she has reached the recognition levels three times now. A "Paul Harris" or "PHF" acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary International Foundation.

This recognition was established in 1957 to show appreciation for and encourage substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships. In 2006, the organization had awarded one million PHF's!

Congratulations and many thanks to Norma for her commitment to supporting the Rotary International Foundation. If you want to get started on your first or next PHF, speak with Marcia Benson, our club's foundation chair!



INTERACT POSTS THEIR FIRST WIN



Our newly revived Interact Club did their first big project and it was a bit of a sticky situation. They placed 1,450 post-it notes, covering all the lockers in Baker High School. Each post-it featured a positive message and was marked that it was from the Interact Club. This was a great way to spread happiness during the holiday season and promote their organization. Smart thinking! The project was such a success that they hope to do it again at Durgee Junior High before the end of the school year!



BAKER HS WRESTLING MAT DEDICATION

Earlier this year, the board approved a \$250 donation to support the Baldwinsville High School Wrestling team, to help them purchase a customized wrestling mat. At a tournament in early December, we were thanked for our support at a dedication of the new mat. Our club partners with the wrestlers each June when their team helps us monitor bounce houses and keep Mercer Park picked up for Seneca River Day. It was great to be able to support them in return and nice to be recognized at one of their events! Photo, from left to right: Immediate Past President Janet Joslyn (donation made in her year), wrestling coach Tony Burkinshaw and current club President Don Distasio.



NEXT BOOK CLUB

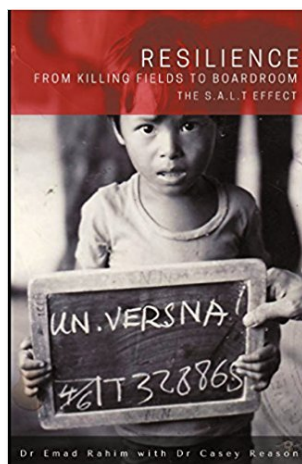
The next book was inspired by a recent speaker who visited our club, Dr. Emad Rahim. You will especially want to read this if you missed his presentation and you will definitely want to participate in the discussion, led by Sally, no matter what. Join us and be sure to share the Facebook event with your fellow, book-loving friends!

"Resilience - From Killing Fields to Boardroom"

by Dr. Emad Rahim

**Tuesday, March 13th
at 7pm
Red Mill Inn**

Click here to join our
Facebook event:
<https://goo.gl/9g8PiA>



MORE FUN

It's official - we are having so much fun that we had to form a committee to manage it all! Ken, Laurie and Lizzy are the fun committee and they've been having fun putting together something extra for Rotarians to do each month. The goal is to provide a mix of events that are informal and open to all members (and their spouses, families, friends, etc.). These will be communicated to you in the newsletter, at meetings and via email so you have time to plan and attend if interested.

First up, happy hour at WT Brews on Wednesday, January 10th at 5:30pm.

Come taste this local brewer's wares and bring some snacks to share.

February will be the Soup 'n Snowshoe event. Stay tuned and be ready to gather with fellow Rotarians for some fun times!

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Tuesday, Jan 2 at 7pm: Assembly

Wednesday, Jan 3 at noon: Annual Financial Report Review

Tuesday, Jan 9 at 5:30pm: Board Meeting, at 7pm: Students of the Month

Wednesday, Jan 10 at noon: Speaker Karen Fink with the Muscular Dystrophy Association

WEDNESDAY 1/10, SPECIAL EVENT : HAPPY HOUR AT WT BREWS, 5:30pm until ?, BRING A SNACK TO SHARE

Tuesday, Jan 16 at 7pm: Speakers Dr. Maggie & Len Argentine on Transforming Lives ~ Bringing Health & Hope to Those Who Feel Invisible & are Struggling

Wednesday, Jan 17 at noon: Dr's Maggie & Len Argentine will join us again

THURSDAY, JAN 18 from 5-8pm: 2018 B'VILLE BIG CHILL Pre-REGISTRATION PARTY at The Office Bar & Grill

SATURDAY, JAN 20: B'VILLE BIG CHILL - SIGN UP & HELP OUT!

Tuesday, Jan 23 at 7pm: PDG Henry "Mac" McDonald on scuba diving & marine life

Wednesday, Jan 24 at noon: PDG Mac will be back again

Tuesday, Jan 30 at 7pm: History of B'ville with Harlow Kisselstein

Wednesday, Jan 31 at noon: Changing Lives with Sean Kelsey

***Please remember to RSVP to Dawn if you are attending Wednesday's lunch
Call Canal Walk at (315) 635-3619 by noon on Tuesdays!***

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sat., Feb 10: District 7150 Foundation Gala

Sun., Feb 11: Soup 'n Snowshoe at Beaver Lake

April 27-29: District Conference - Corning

June 8-9: Seneca River Days

June 24-27: International Convention - Toronto

Submit your program ideas today...

What would you find interesting? Know of an organization in the area we should all learn more about? Submit your ideas and any contacts you have for them to program coordinator Kristen Earle at kmlearle@gmail.com ASAP!