



BALDWINSVILLE ROTARY CLUB

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Rotary



Club President
Janet Joslyn
2016-2017

From the president:

Clean water is a basic human necessity. Clean Water and Sanitation is Rotary's focus for the month of March. This is an important issue around the world, including right here in the United States.

Diana Schoberg points out in "Watershed Moment" (March issue of the Rotarian) that green slime (toxic algae) has returned to Lake Erie. The lake is in peril. In 2014 at the very beginning of the concern, the Rotary Club of Toledo, and other Rotary clubs around the lake began addressing this issue. According to President Elect Andy Stuart of the Toledo Club, "Rotary brings a nonpolitical, nonpartisan environment, where the only agenda is to do the right thing."

With Lake Ontario being one of the sources of water in our area, it would be wise for us to remain vigilant. The Great Lakes (Superior, Huron, Michigan, Ontario and Erie) make up the largest body of fresh water on Earth, accounting for one-fifth of the freshwater surface on the planet.
(Kim Ann Zimmermann, Live Science Contributor)

Making sure the Clean Water Act (CWA) of 1972 remains in effect is very important. The CWA established the basic structure for regulating pollutant discharges into the waters of the United States and it gave the Environmental Protection Agency the authority to implement pollution control programs such as setting wastewater standards for industry.

Let's use our skills as Rotarians to help protect our area's clean water as well as in places all around the world.

New Club Record Set!

At a recent club meeting, Foundation Chair Marcia Benson announced that 31 members have given to the Rotary International Foundation so far this Rotary year - a new record for our club! Thanks to over half of our members!

Can we keep this up? When you give at least \$100 per year each year, you become a sustaining member. The club is presenting all sustaining members with a commemorative foundation centennial pin so we can honor each member who is committed to giving consistently.

And of course we make giving easy! Rotary Direct allows you to schedule a monthly, quarterly or annual donation automatically charged to your debit or credit card. As Ron Popeil would say - set it and forget it! You will also automatically receive your donation recognition form for tax purposes with a total of your direct giving for the whole year.

SIGN UP FOR ROTARY DIRECT TODAY

at <https://goo.gl/e0rkio>

If you have questions you can chat with foundation chair Marcia Benson or visit www.rotary.org/give.

www.baldwinsvillerotary.org

Club Foundation Giving

Here is a list of what we have given and who has received funds from all of our hard work so far this Rotary year!

- Clear Path 4 Vets - \$250
- Senior Citizen Summer Picnic - \$230
- Kellish Music Festival - \$400
- District 7150 Youth Exchange - \$150
- RI Foundation, District Governor - \$100
- Wrestling Booster Club - \$250
- Fan The Flames Fitness Fundraiser - \$300
- Ronald McDonald House of Syracuse - \$250
- Northwest YMCA - \$2,500
- Louisiana Flood Relief - \$1,000
- Canal Sign Installation - \$200
- Flags of Honor - \$15
- Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk - \$1,000
- Dictionary Project - \$1,200
- Ride for Missing Children Meal - \$240
- McHarrie Life Bladder Scanner - \$12,600
- Christmas Bureau \$200
- Vera House \$250
- Scout Troop \$100
- Concert Series \$500
- Honor Flight \$582
- Cub Scout Pack 71 \$360
- Two BOCES Scholarships \$1,000
- B'ville Community Scholarship Fdtn \$1,000

Big Chill Gives Back

The top two polar plunge teams from this year's B'ville Big Chill chose to give their donations to veterans causes, so their check presentations were done as a joint event. The VFW team, which raised the most money for their plungers, and the WT Brews team, which came in second, met with members of the chamber and Rotary Club at a pancake breakfast at the VFW in B'ville on February 19th.

The VFW team will be donating their funds to the Syracuse VA hospital and WT Brews is giving theirs to Clear Path for Veterans. Congrats to both teams on winning in this year's challenge!

Want to get in on this fun? Our club is forming a polar plunge team for next year! Talk to President Janet if you want to learn more.



FELLOWSHIP & FUN



Marv's annual Soup 'n Snowshoe was a success this year, despite not quite enough snow to do the snowshoe part. After a close contest and many delicious soups from our Rotarian chefs, the people's choice winners were:

- First Place Lynn
- Second Place Laurie
- Third Place Jennifer

It was a fun and delicious time!



This year's painting party included Rotarians from multiple clubs, our Youth Exchange student and non-Rotarian guests. Everyone enjoyed painting a pretty spring scene, while sharing drinks and snacks. Lots of laughs and smile all evening!

Our Tile at McHarrie Life Sign up for District Conference



In recognition of the \$12,600 we donated to purchase a bladder scanner, McHarrie Life has posted a tile in their lobby honoring our club. It looks awesome and you can see it in person when we visit for the Irish Hooley this month. We will also be hearing from Audrey Gibbs with McHarrie Life at our April 5th meeting.



If you have never been to a conference before, this is the best year to make it your first year. For the first time in over half a decade, we have moved the conference outside of the district and returned to the days of making it a fun getaway for Rotarians and their families. In a scenic location like Saratoga Springs, there is plenty for your spouse and family to do while you are learning ways to do Rotary better, and our Saturday afternoon service projects are a great way to get everyone involved in giving back! Here is a brief outline of what you can expect for the weekend:

- Friday night will be a fun affair at the Saratoga Auto Museum, with music, dancing, magic, food, photos and all of it in a unique venue filled with classic cars!
 - Saturday morning will be all about learning, with several courses to choose from and relevant, actionable information.
 - Saturday afternoon is free time, or you can join us and other Rotarians from the Saratoga area in some hands-on service projects.
 - Saturday evening has a Kentucky Derby theme (think ladies in hats & men in funky bowties), with a cocktail hour featuring a Country Fair with Youth Exchange and our traditional banquet dinner, followed by local entertainers that are sure to make you laugh!
 - Sunday morning is when we remember Rotarians who have passed, honor our members and clubs with awards, and look ahead to next year's conference.
- Throughout this amazing weekend there will also be wine tastings, social time to spend in the House of Friendship and all in a luxurious location!

Registration includes all meals for the weekend, entertainment and materials provided by your dedicated conference committee!

We Can Help You Get Involved

Have you ever thought about getting involved in club leadership or maybe taking on responsibility for one of our events, but aren't sure how? The best way to start is to contact the committee chair or speak with the club president so you can start the learning process. By shadowing someone with experience, it doesn't have to be scary to take a bigger role in Rotary. In fact, it's very rewarding when you play an integral part in a successful club event or program! Start today!

"I feel it is a privilege to be a member of the oldest and largest fundraising organization in the world. Giving back to the community in which I live is a great feeling. That is why I give as much of my time as I can. As a Rotarian, it is about being a part of a family of individuals who really care about each other and the world."

Jenny
Retired Hospital Administrator
In Rotary 16 years

For Jenny, it's like family



We're coming into the
HOME STRETCH!

Please join us in beautiful, historic Saratoga for a fellowship & learning weekend designed just for you

REGISTER TODAY

District Conference Registration Deadline: March 27th

March



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Wed., March 1st at 12pm:

Lauren Kochian from the
Museum of Science & Technology (MOST)

Mon., March 6th at 5pm:

Seneca River Day Committee Meeting | Red Mill Inn

Tues., March 7th at 7pm:

David Hass speaking on StoryCuse

Wed., March 8th at 12pm:

Kristen Denick speaking on Syracuse Crunch

Tues., March 14th:

5:30pm Board Meeting
7pm Student of the Month

Wed., March 15th at 12pm:

Chris Baker speaking on
The Post Standard

Saturday, March 18th at 6pm | Sheraton at SU

People of Action Dinner featuring Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley
Register online at www.rotary7150.org before it sells out!

Tues., March 21st at 7pm:

Irish Hooley at McHarrie Life
Followed by fellowship at a local watering hole!

Wed., March 22nd at 12pm:

Combined Luncheon with the Great
Baldwinsville Chamber

Tues., March 28th at 7pm:

Speaker Jim Maddaloni
on disaster relief

Wed., March 29th at 12pm:

Jamie Rodems speaking on the
Baldwinsville Central School District

Coming up...

April 1: District Training Assembly

April 21-23: District Conference, Saratoga Spring, NY

June 10: Seneca River Day

June 28: Club Changing of the Guard

Submit your ideas for programs to Don Distasio at donald.distasio@gmail.com
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