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# NEWSLETTER

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## Note from your president...

Well Rotarians, you can be proud of yourselves. In spite of the challenges, we've just completed a busy month. We had numerous activities, including two in-person events in a Club In A Pub and our World Polio Day events that featured a walk from Mercer Park to Baldwin Canal Square, and the Pints for Polio and Waffles at WT Brews. Many thanks to WT Brews by the way, for making this event so successful. The month concluded (okay, one day later) with a unique Charter Night celebration featuring two of our original members teaching us about the origins of our club.

We offer thanks to them, to all the organizers, and to all the participants who made these events work. Read the rest of the Newsletter to see what's happening next.

But most of all, continue to be careful and safe. The COVID numbers around the world, across the US, New York State and locally are all disturbingly up. Be vigilant and use best practices, so we can all meet again when this is over.

## THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

**Your club leadership team is putting together a schedule of small, in-person events over the next two months to practice coordinating frequent, mini-gatherings that can be socially distant and fun. Watch your email for more information to come!**

**Plus we still have some virtual events coming up that will be fun and unique!**

**Tues, Nov 17 - Game Night with Marv**

**Tues, Nov 24 - Virtual Foundation Event with Jennifer Jones**

**First week of December - Virtual Old Newsboys**

**December - Club Christmas Party (virtual again, sorry!)**

# VIRTUAL CHARTER NIGHT CELEBRATES OUR BIRTH

This year's typical Charter Night celebration was yet another event that had to go virtual. Thanks to everyone who had the patience to attend yet another Zoom meeting or who tuned in on our Facebook page where it was also broadcast live! This year's Charter Night committee included Lizzy, Bill, Norma and Doug. Special thanks to Sheree for helping with cupcake delivery to her Liverpool crew too. The evening was honoring our club's 48th birthday (which was technically October 31st) and the theme was exploring our birth on our birthday. The first 15-minutes was just for socializing in small groups where hopefully it's easier to have normal conversation virtually. Then we went live and started the program with a welcome and door prize drawing - the first of five. The featured video was a surprise Paul Harris Fellow presentation with an award each for Mic and Marylyn Jenkins, give on behalf of the club for their years of service to Rotary. Then Lizzy interviewed two of our Charter Members (or founding members), Mic Jenkins and Stu Hosler. Both recalled being invited to join a new club by Liverpool Rotarian Linus Duger, who wanted to bring service to Baldwinsville and was a well-respected member of the community. Did you know that our "fines" (aka happy dollars) used to be just 10 cents!?! We learned more about Mic and Stu, about our club's early projects and programs, and Marylyn shared about the Women of Rotary group that was formed for the spouses of Rotarians before women were allowed to join in 1989. Many thanks to all who participated and attended this fun evening that culminated in everyone making a birthday wish with their gift of a cupcake and candle, hand-delivered earlier in the day, baked by Jessicakes. Cheers to many more years of putting Service Above Self in Baldwinsville!



[Click here](#) to watch the full program on our Baldwinsville Rotary Facebook page.

## MORE AWESOME THINK TANK DISCUSSIONS

**Tuesday, Nov 3 at 7pm: Racial Equity Habit Building**

Last month we encouraged everyone to sign up for the United Way's 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge. Those who did received daily emails featuring articles, videos and more on the topic of racial equity. *If you didn't get a chance to sign up, just email Lizzy and she can forward you a few emails to review before the meeting.* The goal is for everyone to discuss something that impacted them from the many resources made available by the campaign.

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**Tuesday, Dec 1 at 7pm: Hillbilly Elegy**

We had a discussion on the book years ago and now the story is coming to Netflix on November 24th. Watch it that week and join us to discuss the story of a Yale Law student drawn back to his Appalachian hometown, reflecting on his family's history and his own future.

**WANT TO WATCH HILLBILLY ELEGY TOGETHER?**

We will host a Netflix Party, Monday 11/30 at 8pm, to preview the movie together.

[Click here](#) for instructions on using Netflix Party and watch for the emailed link just before 8pm Monday night.

Feel free to watch the movie on your own time prior to the Think Tank on too!

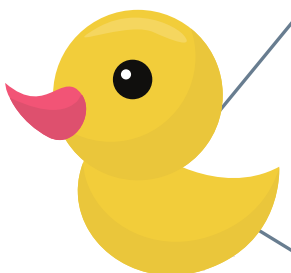


## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PAYING IT FORWARD?

In August, our club launched the Pay It Forward program, a scholarship system to provide financial support for club dues to members experiencing a hardship or for a new member who has been unable to join due to cost. The club started the fund with \$1,000, but it is up to members to maintain the fund moving forward. If you are able, please consider giving to support access to Rotary in our community. You can send a check to the club or donate online [here](#) and put "Pay It Forward" in the memo line. You can speak to Lizzy or Bruce if you have questions about submitting a donation to this fund. And don't forget that the fund is available if you are aware of someone who would be an active member, but needs financial support to cover dues, or if you are experiencing a hardship when dues will renew this spring. Contact anyone on the Membership Committee or Lizzy for an application.

## DON'T FORGET YOUR HAPPY DOLLAR\$

The dollars we usually put in the duck are for fun and optional to all members, but they are also a helpful source of income for the club to cover the costs of things like Charter Night, our PO Box, our web site and more. If you are someone who enjoys doing happy dollars at our virtual meetings, please also take a moment to send them to us in real life. You can mail a check to us at PO Box 713, Baldwinsville NY 13027 or you can donate online at [paypal.me/baldwinsvillerotary](https://paypal.me/baldwinsvillerotary). Thank you!





# WE BUILT 25+ BEDS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

On Saturday, October 10th, Rotary volunteers came together at the headquarters for Sleep in Heavenly Peace Syracuse, an organization that provides complete beds for children who are otherwise sleeping on the floor, sharing sleeping quarters or are on improvised beds. The organization has chapters all around the US, with our Syracuse chapter being very busy delivering over 1,300 beds since it was started just a couple years ago. Our club funded this build for \$3,500, which is enough to provide 25 beds, including the frame, mattress and bedding. More than a dozen volunteers that included Interact students, potential members, friends and family, came to saw, sand and assemble for a little over three hours on a sunny Saturday morning. Thanks to everyone who signed up and showed up to participate in the assembly line, getting your hands dirty to help families in CNY. Check out photos on our Facebook page! Great work team!



# WE MARCHED

Our club kicked off World Polio Day on Saturday, October 24th with a march through the village that included Interact students, Rotarians from around the district and our District Governor Cheryl Matt. Everyone gathered at Mercer Park for a check presentation from the district to D7150 Polio Chair Randy Wilson. Marchers carried banners with messages about Rotary's commitment to fight disease around the world. We chanted and greeted the community on the walk to Baldwin Canal Square, where signs were put into the ground, and Randy spoke about our progress and a future without polio. Check out more photos on our website!



# WE RAISED MONEY TO FIGHT POLIO

Immediately following the march, our drive-thru fundraiser at WT Brews began with custom beer and freshly fried sugar waffles available for sale. Dave Horan and volunteer Alan Lindsey took the lead on teaching everyone how to fry sugar waffles, while WT's members Michelle and Mike stationed the drive-thru. They brewed a maple cinnamon amber ale, called MC Amber, and bottled it for sale at \$7 each. There were a couple of times when the drive-thru was full, but thanks to the cold, rainy day it was slow going. At the end of the day, thanks to our work and the generosity of WT Brews, we still raised over \$1,100! \$75 of that came from the sale of End Polio Day face masks sewn and donated by Jennifer Joslyn too. With the matching dollars from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, our event will net over \$3,000 to help combat polio and support healthcare delivery systems that will also work towards tamping down coronavirus. Even with a lower turn out from the community, it was rewarding for all the volunteers to have something meaningful to do, together, in real life. Thanks to Sally for taking the lead once again on this Pints for Polio event!



**pints for polio**  
Check out more photos on our web site!

# FLAGS ON DISPLAY NOW

Onondaga North Rotary Club's Flags of Honor & Gratitude will be up in front of the Wegman's on Rt 57 in Liverpool through November 14th. Be sure to stop and see the 500 American flags blowing in the wind - it is a sight to be seen!





# FOUNDATION BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

The board that oversees our club's foundation, the 501c3 arm of our club, held their annual meeting last month and made several important changes to note.

Elections were conducted as follows:

- Ann Smiley elected to 1 year term
- Brian Walsh elected to a 2 year term
- Abe Morelli elected to a 3 year term
- Bruce Stebbins elected to a 3 year term
- Marianne Miles elected to a 3 year term

The trustees in attendance then elected officers in accordance to the by-laws as follows:

President: Bruce Stebbins (although there was a desire to elect Sean Becker in his absence!)

Vice-President: Abe Morelli

Secretary: Ann Smiley

Treasurer: Marianne Miles

*Officers terms are through the next annual meeting in September 2021*

Thank you to those giving their time to lead this important part of our club's finances and giving!

# HAPPY MEMBER NEWS

Member Ann Smiley, dressed as Rosie the Riveter, ran into Chittenango Rotarian Sherry Meninger - a very nice treat at a Halloween event!



Jenny Doane's husband Paul, dressed as Sylvester the cat, got creative with a candy chute for safe trick or treating!

Lizzy was also in the Halloween AND patriotic spirit with a reminder for everyone to VOTE!



*Send your happy news to Lizzy anytime to be included in future newsletters!*

## Happy Birthday

LIZZY MARTIN - NOV 5

BARB STONE - NOV 6

MARV JOSLYN - NOV 11

TIFFANY TURNER - NOV 12

DOUG TOSH - NOV 25

# B'VILLE BIG AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Baldwinsville Rotarians can once again be proud about their club's participation as leaders at the district level at this year's Virtual District Conference. The virtual event included a series of 13 sessions of two and a half days that mixed up entertainment, education and Rotary fun. Janet Joslyn, District Membership Chair, led a session on vibrant clubs that included members Lizzy and Sheree. Sally presented our Chalk Art Contest as part of the Club Project Showcase at a happy hour session. We share not only how successful the event was, but provided the tools and details other clubs would need to replicate this event in their community in the future. Congrats to all of the Baldwinsville Rotarians who serve as leaders well beyond our community, stepping up to support other volunteers.

# BRING YOUR GUESTS!

We are entering month two of the FEEL THE ENERGY membership contest. Through December 10th, bring a potential member to any B'ville or Liverpool meeting to earn points for your team. Get a new member application in for 5 points! We each have a team and an area of focus we are playing for - [click here](#) to see what team you are on. We have some great programs coming up in the next six weeks where people can learn about Rotary, the community and have fun. It is the ultimate compliment to be asked to join Rotary!

## SCORES AS OF OCT 30

Sheree's Basketball Team: 10

Jennifer's Tennis Team: 2

**Abe's Football Team: 14**

Bill's Hockey Team: 0

Brian's Golf Team: 1

Dave's Soccer Team: 4

Katie's Baseball Team: 4

# LET'S GROW ROTARY!

# Our Meetings

## **TUESDAY, NOV 3 at 7PM** **BE SURE TO VOTE!**

THINK TANK DISCUSSION WITH SALLY: RACIAL EQUITY CHALLENGE

*Read some of the messages from the United Way's 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge and share with the group what impacted you the most.*

## **WEDNESDAY, NOV 4 at NOON**

SPEAKER JACKSON HAU, A POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE

## **TUESDAY, NOV 10**

5:30PM BOARD MEETING

7PM STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

## **WEDNESDAY, NOV 11 at NOON**

SPEAKER JEFF ROGERS, OWNER OF THE ANGRY GARLIC

## **TUESDAY, NOV 17 at 7PM**

GAME NIGHT WITH MARV

## **WEDNESDAY, NOV 18 at NOON**

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

*Special guest District Foundation Chair Mark Matt*

## **TUESDAY, NOV 24 at 7PM**

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR AN INVITE TO A SPECIAL EVENT WITH FUTURE RI PRESIDENT JENNIFER JONES

## **WEDNESDAY, NOV 25 at NOON**

GIVING THANKS WITH PASTOR BILL MUDGE

*Happy Thanksgiving all!*

## **MONDAY, NOV 30 at 8PM**

NETFLIX PARTY TO WATCH HILLBILLY ELEGY

*Link will be emailed shortly before movie time!*

## **TUESDAY, DEC 1 at 7PM**

THINK TANK DISCUSSION ON HILLBILLY ELEGY - THE MOVIE VERSION

# Coming up in December

Sunshine Horse Program

Attend High School Forensics Class

*Only two weeks of meetings due to the holidays!*