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NEWSLETTER

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Note from your president...

If you're like me, you watch the COVID data and statistics daily to see how we're doing with cases and hospitalizations. While many other states have their ups and downs, New York State and Central New York are generally doing well, with low numbers. Let's all help continue that trend, so we can get back to normal as soon as possible.

Cheers are in order for Sally and the Sidewalk Chalk Contest. Winners to be announced this week. Community participation was excellent and you can read more on the following pages.

Last Tuesday we had a successful and fun Club in a Pub at The Wood, masks and all. We all enjoyed seeing our Rotary friends in person for a change. We have another Club in a Pub scheduled for Tuesday, September 8th. Hope to see you there.

On September 15 and 16, our Membership Committee will reveal the Membership Competition Kickoff. Be thinking now about what great candidates you are going to invite to our meetings or activities!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT 8: CLUB IN A PUB

At The Wood from 5-7pm | Masks Required

SEPT 19: LIBRARY BOOK SALE

See details on page 4

SEPT 22: DG CHERYL VISIT

Get another chance at her official visit on a Tuesday night

OCT 10: BED BUILD

Join us for a hands on, outdoor project to assemble 20 beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, going to children in CNY in need

**More fundraisers and service activities are
being planned. See page 2 for more details!**

FUNDRAISERS & PROJECTS

Prepare yourselves for several upcoming events that you can get involved in as we work on new fundraisers in different ways. They will typically involve remote collaboration and small group work in order to follow guidelines and look out for the health and safety of us all. Here are some upcoming projects and their chairs, if you wish to get involved, as well as some other fundraiser ideas that need leaders!

DINNER ON THE ISLAND

Chair: Ken Schmidt

Tasteful fundraiser event on Paper Mill Island

CUTEST DOG PHOTO CONTEST

Chair: Amber Cavallaro

Similar to chalk art contest, community submits photos and we get votes with club sponsoring prizes

FLAGS FOR RENT

Possible Interact Project

Contact: Katie Reap

Renting flags for patriotic holidays year-round

WORLD POLIO DAY - PINTS & WAFFLES

Chairs: Sally Fedrizzi and Dave Horan

Tentative plan to sell sugar puff waffles at a drive-thru near WT's where we will have a similar Pints for Polio event, on a smaller scale. Will need small group of volunteers to help with cooking waffles and serving beers.

Still in need of leaders...

DUCK/SNOWBALL RACE

Chair: You?

A virtual replacement for the normal duck race.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Chair: You?

Coordinate a virtual or in-person trivia night at a local establishment by partnering with a local trivia company.

BIRTHDAY FUNDRAISER

Chair: Anyone Who's On Facebook

Anyone on Facebook can set up a fundraiser for their birthday that goes to the Baldwinsville Rotary Foundation!

UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

Chair: You?

Think ugliest Christmas sweater party, but virtually. Everyone shares a photo of themselves in the worst sweater and then we vote for our favorite. Cost of entering is to donate a sweater to the Rescue Mission (not the ugly one!).

If any of these sound fun, you won't be on your own if you take the lead. Speak to President Doug to claim one and come up with a good time to make it happen.

Thank you for being people of action!

CHALK IT UP TO SUMMER FUN!



Member Sally Fedrizzi had an idea that would give our community something fun and competitive to do that is also COVID-safe - a Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest - and she made it happen. For less than \$250, and thanks to a generous donor for the Community Choice Award prize, our club was able to put together, promote and provide three prizes for this free competition. Using local media and social media, thanks to paid ads and members sharing on our behalf, we reached thousands to spread the word - draw something awesome in chalk and submit a photo for a chance to win. It was free to enter and open to all residents in our school district. There were three age groups and all were asked their favorite charity. After submitting their artwork, then it was time to get votes because the one with the most votes won \$200 for their charity (and bragging rights, AND a gift card to Sweet Dream Candy Shoppe donated by Robin!). Rotarians selected the rest of the winners, one for each age group, who will get a beautiful candy gift basket (purchased from Sweet Dream too). Here are the stats and the winners. Be sure to share all of this when it goes live on Facebook!

24 Submissions

659 Votes

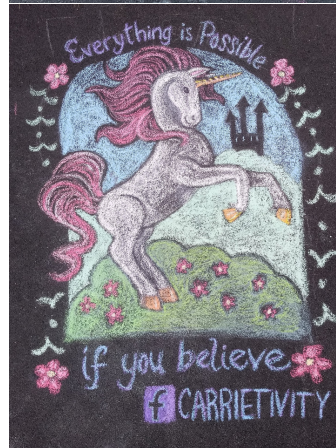
34 new Facebook followers

16,600 people reached on Facebook

750% more traffic to our web site than in 2019



LEFT: Community Choice Award Winner, Artist: Ella M., Helping Hounds
BELOW: 1st Place Elementary Age, Allyson F.



ABOVE: 1st Place Age 13+ Group, Carrie G

RIGHT: First Place Family Group, Leah H.



HAPPY MEMBER NEWS

Many member are reporting excellent harvests in their gardens this year, including Joan and Mary S. If you need a tomato, you know who to call!



No photos were submitted from Club in a Pub (we were probably just so happy to be in 3D, instead of on a screen), but a few Rotarians were back at The Wood for trivia night a few days later and they posed for a minute: Jeny, Lizzy & Sally

Lizzy and her husband Scott completed their first ever 5K walk as part of a fundraiser for the Onondaga County COVID-19 Relief Fund, hosted by Lizzy's employer. This was the "before" picture.



SEND YOUR HAPPY NEWS TO LIZZY FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!

THINK TANK

This month's discussion will be on a very important topic we should all be aware of - human trafficking. Read the summary from the UN's latest report on the status of this crime around the world and then join us for a discussion led by Sally.

GLOBAL REPORT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Tuesday, Sept 1 at 7pm | Virtual

Coming together is a beginning
Keeping together is progress
Working together is success

TECH TIPS FOR ROTARIANS

How to track your giving to the Rotary International Foundation:

Go to www.rotary.org and click on My Rotary at the top

Log in or set up an account

Click on your name at the very top of the page

In the menu that appears, click on My Donations

On the Donor Self-Service page, click on Donor History Report

Click on Donor History Report again on the next page

That will open a new tab that shows your donor history

AFRICA IS POLIO FREE - WORLD POLIO DAY ON OCT 24

Rotary is celebrating all around the world a new milestone in our commitment to eradicate polio - the continent of Africa has been declared polio-free! There have been no new cases of wild polio virus in Nigeria, the remaining affected country, in 4-years. We are down to just two remaining countries (Afghanistan and Pakistan) before we have fully eradicated this crippling disease - only the second time in human history that a disease will be completely erased from the planet.

And, since we are in the middle of a pandemic for another disease, it is important that Rotarians know that the systems used for tracing cases of polio have been used for COVID and, when a vaccine is more widely available, we will use our networks for distribution and vaccination to administer that too! We have improved the health of people around the world in many ways, simply by connecting to fight polio!



Happy Birthday

KEN SCHMIDT - SEPT 9

BILL ROSENTEL - SEPT 25

JANET JOSLYN - SEPT 28

Happy Anniversary

HEIDI & RUSSELL KORTRIGHT - SEPT 3

KEN & JEN SCHMIDT - SEPT 3

ABE & LESLIE MORELLI - SEPT 14

SCOTT & JANE NORTHRUP - SEPT 14

LIVERPOOL HITS 20 MEMBERS!

Our satellite club was born on January 15, 2020 with 15 charter members. They only got to have two in-person meetings before COVID-19 struck and they have been virtual until this summer, when they resumed in-person happy hours. Club President Sheree is a powerhouse at membership and talks up Rotary everywhere she goes, including in a mega radio interview. They are a young, fun group that is working to innovate in how Rotary can serve their sprawling community. Visit them at a virtual meeting the first and third Friday of each month at noon or find them at the Home Team Pub for happy hour at 4:30pm on the second and fourth Thursdays. [Follow them on Facebook](#) to see what is on the meeting agenda and stay connected. This group will continue to be a part of our club until they are fully ready to leave the nest!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

This fall's District Conference will be two days of virtual sessions that you can choose from, including educational seminars, fun workshops and entertaining events. Topics will cover members, live music, Rotary alumni and a virtual 4K for Literacy. Online registration will be opening soon where you can select the sessions you want to attend. It will be a great opportunity to connect with Rotarians from around the district - friends old and new - and all for FREE!

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

TWO DAYS ONLY! Cruise through the library for a bag sale. \$5/bag for the genre of your choice! Sat, 9/17 from 10am-4pm and Sun. 9/18 from 1-5pm Enter from the parking lot in your mask, get your temperature taken and head to the Community Room to claim your bag. Please follow proper social distancing while indoors. Each bag is a mystery except for the topic you have chosen. All sales are final.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BED BUILD

20 VOLUNTEERS TO BUILD 20 BEDS

On Saturday, October 10th starting at 10:30am we will begin assembling 20 twin beds that will go to children in need in CNY. Are you ready for some hands on work? This will be at their facility (519 Brown Ave, Syracuse), mostly outdoors and masks will be required. It should take 2-3 hours to complete the task and all volunteers will need to sign a waiver. The sign up will be online where you can both commit to volunteering and sign that important waiver at the same time! The club donated \$3,500 to cover the cost of these beds. It includes all the materials we will use for assembly, plus mattresses. When the beds are delivered, kids get pillows and all the bedding too! You can [follow them on Facebook](#) to see photos of their delivery days - it is very sweet to see the smiling children who will no longer have to sleep on the floor or the sofa, and who now feel like they have something of their own! Watch your email for the sign up soon.

DOING GOOD IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH

Doing good doesn't only benefit other people. It helps us, too. Studies show that helping others boosts serotonin, a neurotransmitter that makes us feel satisfied. Another benefit to feeling rewarded when we do good: It lowers our stress levels. Who couldn't use that right now? Facing the COVID-19 pandemic, people everywhere are feeling anxious about their health, their families, their jobs, and their futures. [Click here](#) to read more from Dr. Mary Berge, a Rotarian who spoke to us at one of our first few virtual meetings after we went into lock down.

ROTARY'S VISION STATEMENT

Together, we see a world where **people** unite and take action to **create** lasting **change** - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

**DO YOU KNOW
OUR NEW VISION
STATEMENT?**

Our Meetings

TUESDAY, SEPT 1 at 7PM

THINK TANK DISCUSSION WITH SALLY (details on page 3)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 2 at NOON

CONNECT WITH ROTARY ALUMNI

Lu Zaya, Inbound Youth Exchange / Alli Hunt, Outbound Youth Exchange / Chandra Hewitt, RYLA

TUESDAY, SEPT 8 FROM 5-7PM

CLUB IN A PUB AT THE WOOD

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 9 at NOON

SPEAKER MARV JOSLYN, CORAL REEFS

TUESDAY, SEPT 15 at 7PM

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST KICK-OFF!

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR OFFICIAL VISIT, TAKE TWO!

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 23 at NOON

SPEAKER ANDREA MARSHALL, ONPOINT FOR COLLEGE

TUESDAY, SEPT 29 at 7PM

DISCOVER DOMINICA WITH OUR MEMBER, KISHMA ALEXANDER

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 30 at NOON

SPEAKER NICOLE WATTS WITH HOPE PRINT

Coming up in October

Return of Student of the Month
World Polio Day
Connect with more Rotary Alumni
Visit from Assistant Governor Charlie