

# BALDWINSVILLE ROTARY NEWSLETTER



## 50 Years of Service

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Submit your articles, news and photos to the editor by the 25th of each month.



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### FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT BRIAN:

September marks the start of the yearly harvest, which reminds me of the old parable of the wealthy man who had a large harvest, so much so that he had a sizeable surplus. But instead of spreading the surplus to the needy in the community, he built a bigger barn to store it. That night the man was struck down with a near-fatal illness. The lesson here is when good fortune comes our way, share that good fortune with those around us.

This parable fits into our Rotary Four-Way Test: Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? This past week I found something in my father's Rotary briefcase that had a profound effect on me. It was a nickel and a dime taped to a small piece of paper that was given to him with a note stating: "This 15 cents can help a child break free from a life of poverty" (circa 1972- 50 years ago!).

So, do we build a bigger barn, or do we share our wealth and make a difference?

Carpe Diem,  
Brian E Walsh



## CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF US!

Friday, October 14, 2022

5-8pm at the Fireside Inn | \$40/person

Cocktail attire

Keynote Speaker Heather Beebe, Utica Rotary

Come take a trip down memory lane and give some thought to how we can shape the next 50 years of B'ville Rotary

[Click here](#) for more details & to reserve your seats by October 1



Have photos of Baldwinsville Rotary from over the years?  
Submit the best ones to [bvillerotary1@gmail.com](mailto:bvillerotary1@gmail.com)!

September 2022



**Saturday, Sept 24th**  
**VVS High School, Verona**

7:30AM - 3PM

Breakfast at 7:30am

Program 8am-3pm

Lunch also provided

*Offering Levels I, II, III and Grad*

## WE PAY FOR YOU

RLI is \$75 per person, but our members can forward their payment receipt to treasurer Bruce for reimbursement after you attend.

Attend this Rotary-partner program to learn more about how clubs are run, how projects can be more impactful and what resources are available to support clubs. Connect with fellow Rotarians as you share your challenges and successes. Complete all three levels and then take graduate courses on new topics each year.

Additional nearby trainings:  
 Rochester - October 1, 2022  
 Melville - October 8, 2022

**REGISTER NOW**

[www.rlinea.org](http://www.rlinea.org)

# SENIOR PICNIC GOOD TIMES

With some slight changes and a little bit lighter crowd, this year's Senior Picnic at Canton Woods was a delightful return from the pandemic break for this event. Ruth with Canton Woods helped us fill the room, Chairperson Meg VanPatten found a food supplier that made delicious sides, many volunteers showed up to make it light work and Lisa Kisselstein made a lot of smiles with her music trivia. As usual, we served picnic fare with hot dogs and hamburgers, mac salad and coleslaw, but this year it was extra special with Meg's homemade cookies for dessert. Jennifer Joslyn brought some fun costumes to help volunteers get in the spirit too! Thanks to everyone who helped and to Meg for taking the lead. Without someone assuming a leadership position, we would not have opportunities like this for everyone else to volunteer.



## CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT IN THE BAG

The inaugural Baldwinsville Rotary Cornhole Tournament was a success, despite mother nature's best efforts to shut it down. When the rain wasn't going to let up, we moved it indoors and still had a great time. Six teams competed in a winner-keeps-the-board style competition with the luck of the draw determining the next team to play. There were some close games, some not so close games and lots of laughs. Ultimately the champs were Lizzy & Scott Martin's team the Martinbaggers. Remember that you can play cornhole at The Wood anytime the weather is nice - just ask at the bar. You have just under a year until next year's tournament to step up your game!



## OOPS! WE FORGOT PHOTOS 🤔

You will have to take our word for it that everyone enjoyed a lovely picnic in Sally's backyard last month. We had wonderful food in all the dishes-to-pass, nice lawn games, a fire when it started to cool down and good company all around. A mega thank you to Sally for hosting a fun, summer tradition that we were glad to get back this year!



# BALDWINSVILLE ROTARY & BAKER HIGH COLLABORATION RESTORES COMMUNITY SIGN

Most communities have signs as you enter their town or village that showcase various community organizations. The VFW, American Legion, Kiwanis, Elks and Masons are some you might see. More often than not, you will see that iconic Rotary wheel as well. But did you know that the responsibility for maintaining that sign falls to whoever's logo is in the upper left? Baldwinsville Rotary's logo was in the upper left of the sign on Route 370, as you travel east into the village (aka Salina Street), and it was in disrepair. The club's board had a decision to make. Are signs a thing of the past or worth investing in? Since there are still great organizations in our community to feature here, let's honor those legacies and make it nice again.

Baldwinsville Rotary Club board member Katie Reap, a teacher in our school district, suggested we find a way to partner with local students to help on the project and she agreed to take the lead. With her network and great communication, she partnered up with the Baker High School Production Systems Technology class, led by Jamie Cuyler. The students came up with a strong design that the club loved, with the bridge element suggested by student Erin Gregoire who wanted to include it because it is, "a historical landmark in the heart of Baldwinsville." All said, over 30 students got to put their skills to action on this project that helped beautify our community. Student Nick Foster said that, "building, designing and seeking approval of all parties involved took a lot of time, but that is needed when you want to give back to a community and show visitors how nice your town is." Another student, Derek Morich, has been inspired to explore a trade after graduation thanks to his experience on this project. Reap also worked with the other local organizations to refresh their logos so everything would look bright and new. The team was supported by local sign expert John McFall with Atlantic signs.

Now, when you see that sign, you will know it is the result of a purposeful collaboration that supported educational opportunities and community beautification, showcasing the volunteer organizations in Baldwinsville who are making a difference with their time and energy. Other organizations will be happy to know that there will be hooks on the bottom of the sign for temporary signage promoting events and other activities in the community. Baldwinsville Rotary gives their heartfelt gratitude to all who helped out and hopes that this inspires more collaborative projects that will make Baldwinsville an even more beautiful place to live.



From left to right: Jamie Cuyler, Baker High School Technology Instructor, student engineers Derek Morich, Erin Gregoire and Nicholas Foster representing their classmates, and Rotarian Katie Reap

## CHARITY OF CHOICE REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder that every time you attend one of our regular meetings you will have a chance to enter into our drawing to win \$100 for a charity you treasure. There are slips at each of the meetings (when held at The Wood) that you fill out with your name and charity. If you attend via zoom you can enter your charity in the chat and someone will complete a form for you. This program is for members only and is our club's way of supporting charities you care about. Watch your newsletter each month for a round up of who has won and what charities are receiving donations in their name.



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## NEED A RIDE?

Don't forget about our Rotary Rides program to help fellow members who need a lift. Whether it's a doctor appointment, a grocery pick up or help when your car is in the shop, check out [this list](#) of Rotarians willing to give a ride and do not hesitate to call when you are in need. You can also add your name, remove your name or change your availability as needed. One more way that we can all connect and support one another!

# HAPPY NEWS, FUNNIES, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

We had a fun night out at a Syracuse Mets game with Rotarians from multiple clubs. Here is our club name up on the big screen! Thanks to Bill Rosentel for arranging for these group tickets. →



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Ken Schmidt - Sept 9  
Bill Rosentel - Sept 25  
Janet Joslyn - Sept 28

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Jen Schmidt - Sept 3  
Frieda & Gary Weeks - Sept 10  
Abe & Leslie Morelli - Sept 14  
Scott & Jane Northrup - Sept 14

Watch your email for an invite to update our birthday and anniversary database so our Sunshine Committee gets you all the well wishes you deserve!

*Submit your happy news (personal, professional or otherwise) to Lizzy for future newsletters!*

## MEETING INFORMATION

\*\*\*No more dollar meeting fee\*\*\*

Food or drinks available, 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 can send in happy dollars via Venmo

@BvilleRotary or just bring to their next in-person meeting

## 2022-23 BOARD MEMBERS

President: Brian Walsh

President Elect: Jenny Doane

Immediate Past President: Bill Rosentel

Secretary: Lizzy Martin

Treasurer: Bruce Stebbins

Board Members: Jennifer Holman, Katie Reap, Mary Schmutz and Lynn Rosentel

*Board meetings are moving to the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm (prior to regular meeting). They will continue to be hybrid as needed. Remember that board meetings are open to all members unless in executive session (which is rare). Speak to anyone on the board if you have questions or wish to attend.*

## CNY ROTARY UPDATE

Check out your 7150 NEWS (district newsletter) this month for another update from the CNY Rotary steering committee. As the future of our district, CNY Rotary will have about 3,000 members and over 100 clubs, which means we need a broader bench to lead us. We're also switching up some of the language so it's easier for both Rotarians and non-members to understand. Be sure to [follow CNY Rotary on Facebook](#) for updates too!



## WHAT IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL FUND?

The Annual Fund is the funding source for a broad range of local and international Foundation programs. Rotary members volunteer their time and expertise to work with communities on meaningful projects that use contributions to the Annual Fund wisely. In 2020-21, donors gave US\$139.4 million to the Annual Fund. These contributions come from members, other people who support Rotary's goals, corporations, and workplace giving programs (some of which can be matched by employers to increase your donation). **Does your company have a charitable matching program?**

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees.

If your company is eligible, request a matching gift form from your employer, and send it completed and signed with your gift. We will do the rest. The impact of your gift to our organization may be doubled or possibly tripled! Some companies match gifts made by retirees and/or spouses.

[Click here](#) to search the database and see if your company matches donations.



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# MEETING SCHEDULE

*More details on special events will be provided via email as events draw near!*

**Tuesday 9/6 at 7pm**

Think Tank Discussion with Sally - Topic: LBJ's Great Society Speech  
*Read the speech [here](#) and come to discuss*

**Wednesday 9/7 at Noon**

Speaker Sheila Dion, Founder of [Erin's Angels](#)  
*Learn about this food program for Phoenix schools*

**Tuesday 9/13 at 7pm**

Speaker Al Amin Muhammed with [We Rise Above These Streets](#)  
*Learn about their If We Eat, They Eat movement*

**Wednesday 9/14 at Noon**

Speaker Dr. Jamie Bodenlos (a member!) on Staying Healthy, Inspired and Driven  
*Learn about self-care for volunteers like us*

**Tuesday 9/20 from 5-7pm**

Club in a Pub at the [Sand Wedge Bar & Grill](#) (Hickory Hill)  
*Come when you can, leave when you have to, eat, drink and be merry*

**Wednesday 9/21 at Noon**

Speaker TBA

**BOARD MEETING - TUES 9/27 at 5:30PM**

**Tuesday 9/27 at 6:30pm (starting early!)**

Speaker Kathryn Woods, Baldwinsville Theatre Guild Director  
*A mini talk-back for A Chorus Line*

**Wednesday 9/28 at Noon**

Speaker Rich Comins with [ShelterBox USA](#)  
*Get an update on what this important Rotary partner is doing around the world*

Share your program ideas with our new chair, Chris Walsh, at [cwalsh7@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:cwalsh7@twcnny.rr.com)

## ROTARY THEATRE NIGHT

A Christmas Story (the musical) at The Redhouse  
Thursday, December 15 at 7pm

\$35/ticket

Tickets must be reserved *and paid for* by Sept 30th



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