

Baldwinsville Rotary NEWS

Sept 2017



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Grinding Mill

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Our Newest Paul Harris Fellows

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Photo : District Govnoer Phyllis Danks, of Marcellus Rotary, presents President
Don with the theme banner for this year - Rotary: Making a Difference

Rotary



FROM PRESIDENT DON



Club President 2017-18
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Hard to believe summer is almost over. Now, it is time to get ready for what should be a busy fall for the club. On September 8, 9 and 10 we have families hosting inbound exchange students for the weekend. Our new chair of Student of the month, Beth Chetney will begin the process for our first presentations along with Shelly Hoffman jumping in to help revive our Interact club. The club will also have its second Think Tank on Wednesday, September 13. The first Think Tank took place on a Tuesday night in August.. It was fun and very interesting. This work along with a survey that will be presented by Ken Schmidt will help the club establish a strategic plan and goals for our club. On Tuesday, September 19, 7:00 pm at

the Red Mill Inn we will have our recruitment night; pasta and beef tenderloin will be served. There will be special, brief presentations from McHarrie on the bladder scanner, along with Honor Flight for our vets, and YMCA summer scholarship program for needy kids. It really should be a special night. As of today, we have 10 people attending. If we do this right, the club can pick up a number of new members and have a lot of fun doing it. Our club has received word that the corn mill grinder purchased for the African village is up and working. This will do wonders for this village.

The club has a date for our annual 5K run/walk to benefit the food pantry - November 11th. Mary Shmutz, our chair, is very excited with a new approach on recruiting runners,, a new location to host the run and a new course.

She is expecting a big breakthrough this year. Finally, it is a real pleasure to know that Meg VanPatten reached out to Lizzy, who has agreed to be the club president following Meg (in 2019/2020). Congratulations to Lizzy and a fantastic move for the Baldwinsville Rotary club!

IMPORTANT NOTES

Be ready to follow up on Think Tank ideas

Pulled pork at Ken's on 9/14 for SRD Committee, 5:30pm

More good food at Membership Night, 9/19

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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 leader?
ROTARY CAN HELP!

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

CLUB CHARITY TRACKER 2017/18

No new donations were approved at the August board meeting, but check in to the monthly newsletter for a running tally of all charity the club does during the year!

NEWS PLEASE!

If you are the chair of a committee, please consider submitting news to share with the club to be featured in this newsletter. Info is due to Lizzy by the 25th of each month. Photos and details will help keep the club informed and maybe even motivate people to join your committee!

HOW TO INVITE A GUEST TO ROTARY

Inviting someone to visit a Rotary meeting doesn't have to be scary. While time is still a premium, many people are seeking out ways to give back to those around them. There are loving hearts and willing hands all around us, and a well-organized club like ours is a great place for them to gather!

Identify a Potential Rotarian

If you know of someone who already lives by The Four Way Test, has a passion for one of our many avenues of service or who may be looking for a way to connect with others in their community, you have a great candidate for a Rotarian.

Be Personal

In speaking with this person, try not to overwhelm them with everything our club does (we do a lot!). Instead, consider what things you know this person would find interesting or rewarding and expand on how they could get involved through Rotary. Share your Rotary story and make that personal connection.

Go for the Ask

Don't be afraid to invite them to an upcoming meeting or event. We put together great meeting programs and you always know the schedule in advance. We also have special events, like Charter Night, that make for a great ice breaker.

Hopefully this will help with inviting someone to our upcoming Membership Night. President Don has assembled a group of speakers that will attest to the impact our club has had on the local community. Our goal is to inspire our guests with our love of service while breaking bread.

Baldwinsville Rotary
INFO NIGHT
Tuesday, September 19, 2017
7pm | Red Mill Inn

*Includes a free pasta dinner
for all Rotarians who bring a guest!*

Showing our community the
positive impact of putting
Service Above Self

Featuring speakers from...

McHarrie Life
Northwest YMCA
Honor Flight Syracuse
and Rotary District 7150

**CLICK HERE
FOR DETAILS**

REGISTER NOW FOR ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

This interactive leadership training is perfect for any Rotarian, regardless of leadership aspirations. It's the perfect way for a new member to learn more about our organization and for veteran members to be inspired with new ideas.

Sign up to start, move up in or finish this three-course program!

SATURDAY, SEPT 30 | VERNON-VERONA-SHERRILL HIGH SCHOOL

HOW TO REGISTER: Log on to www.rlinea.org and select Verona under Upcoming Events
Click on Course Registration

Use your ClubRunner log-in information to identify yourself

Follow instructions and complete the registration form

Select to pay by check and forward your email confirmation to Lizzy or Janet

The club will pay for all attendees at sign-in that day



NGAMO RECEIVES NEW GRINDING MILL

In the early spring of 2017, Rotarian Joan Patchett presented an idea to the Baldwinsville Rotary Club board to donate a corn grinding mill to a village in Zimbabwe at a cost of \$3,500. Before the end of summer, the project is already complete! Joan met Themba while on a trip to Africa years ago and has kept in touch with him and his family. For years, his village has had to haul their corn to a nearby village to have it milled, so he asked if Joan could help with a donation that would benefit his entire community. After club-wide discussion, it was agreed we would support this project right away. After some careful work to transfer the funds wisely, and help from the local Bulawayo Rotary Club to receive and disperse the funds, the corn mill has been purchased and installed. Thanks to Joan for bringing us the opportunity to do an international project that allowed us to positively impact the community of Ngamo, Zimbabwe!

In the photos:
Right- Pouring corn into the mill.
Bottom - Villagers posing with the new mill.



SURPRISE 70TH



Rotarian Jenny got a sweet surprise with a giant birthday cake from her husband Paul in honor of her big 7-0 in August. Happy Birthday to Jenny and thanks to Paul for the delicious cake!

HOW TO ACCESS THE "FOR MEMBERS" TAB

There is a tab on our web site (www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org) that is labeled For Members. If you access it, you will find information that is for Baldwinsville Rotarians' eyes only, including (but not limited to) a current club roster with contact information, our club bylaws, board meeting minutes and more. It is important that every club member knows where this information is so they can access it anytime, 24/7 on their own. Please refer to this resource of club information first before contacting the club secretary for information.

STEP 1

Log on to BaldwinsvilleRotary.org

STEP 2

Click on the tab "For Members" in the menu bar across the top of the page

STEP 3

Enter your log-in name and password.

If you don't know your log-in credentials, you can click the link on that page to retrieve your log-in information. You will need to provide your email address that matches the one Rotary has on file and then they will send you the information you need to access the site. If this avenue does not work for you, perhaps your email has changed, please contact Lizzy for assistance.

All members should be comfortable with logging in through ClubRunner (that's the program that runs our site). Be sure to write this information down or save it somewhere so future log-ins will be easier.

STEP 4

Once logged in, the page will look like a regular page on the web site, featuring links to view various documents. If anything is missing, needs updating or if you have suggestions for more that could be available there, please contact Lizzy.

JOIN THE THINK TANK



We've already hosted one successful brainstorming session and this month is your last chance to weigh in too. Wednesday Sept 13 we will hold a Think Tank meeting where members can share any and all constructive or new ideas. This will be a **positive** session to try to generate ways that we can grow the club, make Rotary more accessible, improve fundraising, find efficiencies, communicate better and whatever suggestions you all come up with!

DG PHYLLIS VISITS & PINS PHF'S

District Governor Phyllis Danks, of Marcellus Rotary, made her official visit to our club in early August. As the main program that day, she presented her thoughts on volunteer service, shared the goals from both her and our Rotary International President Ian Riseley, and heaped praise on our club for our membership growth and how active we are year-round. In addition to the goals outlined in the presidential citation to keep us on track with membership, foundation giving, public image and youth, DG Phyllis is excited about the RI challenge to plant a tree for every Rotarian. She will communicate with us about any opportunities to acquire plants that we can put out in the community, but be thinking about tree-friendly programs we can do this Rotary year.

As part of the official District Governor visit, DG Phyllis presented President Don with a banner featuring this year's Rotary theme of Rotary: Making A Difference (see newsletter cover). The club also took this opportunity to have the District Governor present two Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) awards. Members Bruce and Janet both received a PHF+1 pins. Congratulations to them both and thanks to them for their dedication to Service Above Self!



NEW MEMBER: DONA



On a Tuesday night in August we inducted new member Dona Occhipinti. Dona's last name might sound familiar, as her grandfather is the late Past District Governor Mike Occhipinti, a great Rotarian who was from the eastern side of our district. Dona is a clinical researcher at SUNY Upstate and will be primarily attending Tuesday evening meetings. Please be sure to introduce yourself to her if you catch her at an upcoming meeting or club function!

Have an idea for fellowship fun?

We are always open to new, fun ideas of things we can do to explore our region, see a fun show or game and just spend time together with fellow Rotarians.

Share your idea with Ken or Lizzy, who are taking the lead on making fun things happen!

Come to Corning!
Join us for another fantastic Rotary weekend

District Conference
April 27-29, 2018



[CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Just a short drive away in Toronto, this is your best opportunity to experience a once-in-a-lifetime event like an international convention.

Register now to get the best price!

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)

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SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, Sept 5 at 7pm: Book Club Night, "Hillbilly Elegy" led by Sally

Wed., Sept 6 at noon: Why Attend Rotary Leadership Institute with the Joslyns

Tuesday, Sept 12 at 5:30pm: Board Meeting, at 7pm: Assembly

Wed., Sept 13 at noon: Think Tank brainstorming session

Tuesday, Sept 19 at 7pm: Membership Night with Pasta Dinner

Wed., Sept 20 at noon: Speaker Erin Griffin-Engle with Griffin's Guardians

Tuesday, Sept 26 at 7pm: Speaker/Rotarian Marianne Mile on her trip to Haiti

Wed., Sept 27 at noon: Speaker Tom Dueson with ShelterBox USA

Thurs., Sept 28: Sandwich Prep - watch email for details!

Friday, Sept 29: Ride for Missing Children - Volunteer to serve food to riders and watch email for details!

Coming up:

Fri., Nov 3: Charter Night

Sat., Nov 11: B'ville Rotary 5K Run/Walk for Hunger

Fri., Dec 8 & Sat., Dec 9: Old Newsboys

Sat., Dec 9: Area 5 Christmas Party

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 kmllearle@gmail.com ASAP!