

# Brothertown Optimist Club News

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The next Brothertown Optimist meeting will be at 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at the Waterville Municipal Building. Jane Gray, daughter of Bob and Maureen Gray is the Youth of the Month. The program will be our annual Oratorical Contest for Waterville students. Be sure to come support our youth as they present their well-written entries.

## JANUARY 6, DINNER MEETING

On Wednesday, January 6, our January Youth of the Month dinner meeting was held at the Waterville Municipal Building. President Chuck Chafee welcomed another large turnout of members and followed with the introduction of the evening's guests. Guests included Youth of the Month, Kaitlyn Roys and her parents, Keri and Dan and guest speaker, Patty Louise, Owner & Editor of the Waterville Times. President Chuck congratulated members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of January and asked Don Brown to describe the evening's dinner. Following dinner, President Chuck thanked Don for another fine dinner and also thanked the evening's setup crew.

## JANUARY YOUTH OF THE MONTH

Youth Chairman, Larry Stockwell introduced Kaitlyn Roys, as the January Youth. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Daniel and Keri Roys of Waterville, and is a senior at Waterville Central School.

Kaitlyn is a High Honor Roll Student and a member of the National Honor Society. As a junior, she completed the Advanced Placement Programs in both Calculus and Biology at Waterville. Along with AP Calculus, she also completed Spanish 201-202 at Waterville last year, all courses which carry dual credit through Mohawk Valley Community College. Kaitlyn is enrolled in Statistics at Waterville, again with dual credit through MVCC, Sociology and Psychology through distance learning from MVCC,

and she is involved with the Bridge Program taking Spanish 302 at MVCC.

In addition to her many academic responsibilities, Kaitlyn is a student leader at WCS. She has been a member of the Waterville Student Council throughout her high school years. Kaitlyn is also a participant in the "Legacy Now" Student Leadership Program and has served as a mentor for a middle school student.



Youth of Month Kaitlyn Roys

In addition to academics and student leadership, Kaitlyn has also been a strong participant in the activities of the Waterville Music Department as well. She is a participant in the Senior High Chorus, the Women's Chorus, and the Swing Choir. She has also been a past participant in the Senior High Band and the Marching Band. Kaitlyn has also been a cast member for the annual musical including the 2013 WCS Production of "Guys and Dolls," the 2014 production of "Phantom of the Opera," and the 2015 production of "West Side Story." She will once again be on stage in March for "Anything Goes."

Along with her music activities, Kaitlyn has also been a member of the Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team, the Art Club, the FOR, (Friends of Rachel), Club, the Book Club, and the Octagon Club. She will move on to college next year with a major in Occupational Therapy.

### **SYRACUSE BASKETBALL RAFFLE AND THE WINNERS ARE**

**Sue Barnes, Mike Batson and Greg VonMott** were the lucky winners of the Syracuse Basketball Raffle. Once again, Bob McNamara put together another successful SU basketball raffle. Each winner received two tickets to a SU game. Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to Bob for putting the fundraiser together

### **THE PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING GUEST SPEAKER- PATTY LOUISE**

The guest speaker for the evening was the owner and editor of the Waterville Times, Patty Louise. Patty presented a very interesting and informative

description of the Waterville Times. She told how the Times is in its 159<sup>th</sup> year and is one of the oldest newspapers in the country. She added that she has owned the Times for the past 15 years, starting at its original location on East Main Street and then moving to its present location in the old First Niagara Bank Building. Patty added that the move has proven to be very beneficial to her business. The highlight of her presentation was the process of taking over the Clinton Courier. She described taking over the Courier at first as a six-week trial run. If after the six weeks she felt it was worthwhile for her to take over the Courier's business she would do it. It was and she did. Patty went on to describe some of the differences and additional items she encountered with the addition of the Courier. It meant they had many more sporting events to cover, more town, village and school business to cover and one of her first contacts for coverage with a police department. Patty added, that so far, her coverage of the Clinton area has gone well and the people have been supportive of her and the Times. Her feedback has been very good and she has added nearly 200 new subscribers, bringing the total circulation to around 2,000. Two additional freelance reporters have been added to cover her expanded area. So far, she has been very satisfied with the success her paper has enjoyed. Patty added it definitely has created more work for her and her staff, but it seems worth it. She finished her presentation with a question and answer period. Many thanks to Patty Louise for her fine presentation and to Jim Cieslak for inviting her to speak to the Optimist Club.

### **BIDDY BASKETBALL PROGRAM**

Larry Stockwell reported on the Biddy Basketball program. The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade traveling teams have started their games. The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams have also started their program and will continue through to the end of February. The K – 2 program is also underway. The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade end of the season tournament will be the last weekend of February. Helpers are needed to work the tournament.

### **OPTIMIST HOCKEY NIGHT**

On Saturday, February 6, we will have our annual Optimist hockey night at the Utica Aud, with Utica College hosting Manhattanville. Utica College is having another good season and always provides an exciting game. Jim VanWormer and Dan Ford have a limited number of tickets available, so you better



**President Chuck and Patty Louise**

reserve yours now. Plans are to meet at Swifty's Restaurant at 5 PM for dinner and then go to the game. Thanks to Dan and Jim for getting the tickets. Should be a fun night!

### **ORATORICAL CONTEST**

On Wednesday, February 3, at our next meeting, we will be conducting our annual "Optimist Oratorical Contest." Brian Bogan is setting up the program and will conduct the contest. Come join us and support our youth as they present their well-written entries. The annual "Optimist Essay" winner will also be announced at this meeting.

### **RETIREMENT CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations are extended to Gary Lenard who is retiring from his bus driving position at WCS. Gary said, he has enjoyed his time of driving for Waterville, but now it's time for retirement. Good luck Gary, enjoy your retirement.

### **HEART, RUN AND WALK**

Wayne Alexander, reminds every one of the annual "Heart, Run and Walk" to be held Saturday, March 6. He has paperwork for anyone who needs it.

### **CONDOLENCES & SPEEDY RECOVERY**

Condolences are extended to Dana and Dave O'Brien during this time of the death of Dana's mother. We also extend speedy recovery wishes to Jim Morgan's wife Nancy as she continues with her medical treatments. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dana and Dave and Nancy and Jim.

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

February 12, Clint Kane  
February 24, Glen Carroll

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

February 22, Dana & Dave O'Brien

### **DON'T FORGET VALENTINES DAY**

