



Baldwinsville  
**Rotary**  
Club



# NEWSLETTER

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President Bill "meets" Rotary's founder Paul Harris, or at least a statue of him at Rotary International's headquarters in Evanston, Illinois

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**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

As we resume in-person meetings, it is great seeing so many faces again and our attendance has been good. If you haven't attended, come back and rejoin the fellowship of the meetings as we move forward. Our speakers have been excellent in July. Starting with the Think Tank led by Sally, then we got to meet an amazing 12-year-old runner Zachariah Cartledge, who runs for fallen firefighters and police officers, had the official club visit from our DG Dana Jerrard, met Student of the Month Ella Smith, got filled in from our most recent exchange student Caitlin Schirmer about her exchange year, met wildlife photographer Evert Regal, who showed us amazing photos he has captured, and learned about how Salt Potatoes received a historical marker. The programs lined up for August are interesting as well. So, if you have not come back for meetings or called in through Zoom, please join us again and see what you are missing. I need to thank Barbara Hunt and her committee for the excellent programs.

The hybrid meeting is working out very well, and we will continue holding our meetings in that format. We will also be reminding everyone of the meeting rules, vaccinated people do not need to be masked but if unvaccinated, you need to wear a mask the entire time.

Everyone need to make a big push for Seneca River Days, this event needs participation from every club member, there is something for everyone to do. Selling Duck tickets in advance of the day is critical as it is our insurance against bad weather on the day of the event, so please increase your efforts in the sale of tickets. The committee has been working very hard to bring this event together in a very short time, so if someone asks for help, whether at a meeting or a phone call, say yes, and do your part for the club and the community that will benefit from our efforts in so many ways. Remember the 4-way test as we work to put on Seneca River Day and in everything you think, say or do.

Sincerely,  
Club President Bill Rosentel

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**SUBMIT  
YOUR NEWS**



Club members are encouraged to submit news for the newsletter each month. It could be something happy from your personal life, an update from a committee you lead or a question for the new Ask Rotary feature. Send to Lizzy or [bvillerotary1@yahoo.com](mailto:bvillerotary1@yahoo.com) by the 25th of each month.

# SENECA RIVER DAYS

Saturday, August 14th | Paper Mill Island



## ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Now's the time to pitch in however you possibly can, primarily by selling duck tickets and taking a shift or two on the island the day of the event. If everyone puts in a little bit of time and a little bit of effort, it adds up to a lot of success for our event - both in terms of hosting an awesome community event and in raising money.

## WHAT TO KNOW WHEN SELLING DUCK TICKETS

Everyone received documents with information about what our club does with the money raised. 100% of it goes to community programs and charitable donations!

Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. People who really want to show their support could buy 25 for \$100 (that's five free ducks!)

People must give us their name and phone number on each ticket so we can call them if they win. The duck name is just for fun.

We accept cash and check (made out to Baldwinsville Rotary). Online ticket sales are available for flocks only, available here: <https://bit.ly/3lzCISZ>

If you sell a flock (or a mega flock) be sure to note which ticket was the free one(s) by writing the word "FREE" on the front, upper right corner of the ticket. This is **vital** to making sure your money and tickets add up.

Turn in your tickets to Ann as you go (and get more to sell when you do!). Please do not wait until the day of the event to turn in all your sales because we are already processing a lot of tickets that day. Ann is at most meetings and available at [asmiley@twcny.rr.com](mailto:asmiley@twcny.rr.com).

Share the link to buy tickets online with family, friends, on your social media, via email, everywhere a link can go!

## THE BASICS OF THE EVENT

### Noon - 5pm: Family Festival - No Admission

Events will be more family-focused with a magic show at noon, live music, fun trivia, food trucks and ducks on sale all day. Duck Pluck at 4:30pm!

When the afternoon ends we will ask all guests to leave the island as we rearrange a few things to prepare for the evening.

### 6-10pm: Food Trucks & Fireworks - \$5/person Admission

Beer tent, live music, food trucks and a grand finale of fireworks sponsored by Honda City of Liverpool.

### Duck Pluck Prizes (so far)

\$1,000 Grand Prize, sponsored by Horan Insurance

\$750 2nd Prize, sponsored by State Farm Insurance - Scott Northrup

\$500 3rd Prize, sponsored by Lou's Car Care & \$250 4th Prize from Seneca Savings

Plus we will be assembling gifts baskets worth hundreds of dollars!

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# NEW MEMBER NEWS

## NEW MEMBER CARYN SCHRADER

Caryn is a library aide at Reynolds Elementary, which is where she attended kindergarten. When she was five she wanted to be a teacher, so that's pretty close! She enjoys indie films and classic movies, cooking and biking. Shown here are her kitties Luna and Misty, they are 1.5 year old sisters. Caryn's favorite things about living in Baldwinsville are the friendly people and all the cool venues and shops. Make sure you meet Caryn!



## NEW MEMBER SHELLY HOUSE

Shelly is a teaching assistant in Liverpool who works at G&C Foods at night. She loves to read and recently read *The Lilac Girls* and *The Tattoo Artist of Auschwitz*. When she was five she wanted to be a lawyer. One thing that is truly "Shelly" is wearing ball caps. She always has one on! If you see her in her hat, be sure to introduce yourself and welcome her.



## REMINDER TO BE WELCOMING

Resuming in-person meetings can make us excited to see our Rotary friends, but don't let that impact our welcoming nature by meaning you ignore the unfamiliar faces. Always welcome someone to sit with you, introduce yourself and find out what brought them to our Rotary meeting. They could be a member you've never met, perhaps someone from the Liverpool Satellite Club, a guest, a friend of a Rotarian, the speaker or a prospective member. No matter who it is, your warm welcome will be welcomed!

# MEETING PROTOCOL

\$1 to attend (max \$1 per week)  
Add \$14 for optional lunch at Wednesday's meeting

Order lunch when checking in with Bruce  
We will try to share menu in advance when possible

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 every meeting you attend  
Virtual attendees can put their charity in the chat to be entered for their chance to win

Use the purple post-it on your name badge to indicate no hugs or hand shakes

Virtual attendees are asked to submit their meeting and happy dollars too

**Venmo coming soon!**

**All unvaccinated attendees at in-person meetings MUST wear a mask at all times.**



Anyone else who wishes to mask may do so too, no questions asked and no judgments made!

# OFFICIAL DG VISIT

It was a full hour and an eventful meeting when District Governor Dana Jerrard visited us from his home club of Utica Rotary. He shared with us the important of giving the RI Foundation, highlighting impactful global grants that our district has partnered on over the years. From providing firefighter gear to financing a mobile ICU, global grants create an opportunity for a BIG project. If you have ideas, talk to President Bill! DG Dana commended our club for being vibrant and growing, and leading by example in the district. He shared with us about this year's Rotary theme, "Serve To Change Lives," and gave out pins feature the theme logo (see page 1 for an example). Best wishes to DG Dana with the rest of his club visits. We hope to have him back on a Wednesday for lunch and will definitely see him at District Conference in October. Hopefully next time the fire alarm won't interrupt his presentation!



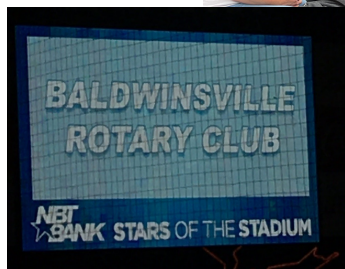
# WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER WOWS AT LUNCH MEETING

At a recent Wednesday meeting, we welcomed nature and animal photographer Everet Regal. He showed us eagles, foxes and bears, speaking both on the photographic experience, as well as animal behavior. He spends a lot of time waiting patiently for photos, observing their behavior and then sharing those experiences on his Facebook page. Hopefully understanding animal behavior will help us all cohabitate better! He has given us permission to share some examples in our newsletter and you can follow him on Facebook [here](#). Thanks for sharing your talent Everet!



# BASEBALL NIGHT OUT A HOMERUN

The Syracuse Mets beat the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders maybe thanks to the cheers from our big group along the third base line (maybe because Scranton went through five pitchers!). We had a great turn out and lots of fun with only a little rain on a Taco Tuesday at the stadium. Many thanks to Marv for arranging and then re-arranging such a nice outing for us all!



HAPPY  
*Birthday*

Jenny Doane - Aug 4  
Dona Occhipinti - Aug 12  
Rosemary Bucci - Aug 15  
Frieda Weeks - Aug 17  
Amber Cavallaro - Aug 22  
Scott Northrup - Aug 22  
Meg Van Patten - Aug 23  
Joan Patchett - Aug 24  
Caryn Schrader - Aug 27

Happy   
*anniversary*

Mic & Marilyn Jenkins - Aug 2  
Johnnie-Lynn & Paul Fioramonti - Aug 5  
Ann & Jim Smiley - Aug 11  
Brian & Chris Walsh - Aug 12  
Marcia & Dick Benson - Aug 26

Don't see your birthday or anniversary listed? We're probably missing that information about you. Submit details to Lizzy at [emartin@advancemediany.com](mailto:emartin@advancemediany.com).

## THE HISTORY OF A SYRACUSE STAPLE



Last month we welcomed a fantastic speaker from the Onondaga Historical Association, Bob Searing. He told us all about the history of salt from the marshes surrounding Onondaga Lake, the historical figures who saw the opportunity it would provide for the city and ultimately for the state (salt revenue funded a big part of the Erie Canal) and how the Irish immigrants who worked there came to create the salt potato. In addition to learning about them, we ate them for lunch, along with some pulled pork - all compliments of The Wood that day. The salt potato will be the first regional food with a historical marker as it so perfectly exemplifies the history and taste buds of Syracuse. You can learn more about the salt industry by visiting the Salt Museum just over in Liverpool. Learn more about it [here](#). You can also learn more about the history of our region through the Onondaga Historical Association, supporting their preservation work with a membership. Learn more about that [here](#).

## THIS YEAR'S BOARD

Meet and connect with your club's leadership team. Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm at The Wood. All members are welcome to listen in.

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## HAPPY NEWS

Congratulations to Bill and Lynn Rosentel's daughter and son-in-law on finally celebrating their nuptials with a beautiful ceremony on August 7th.



Several members have been enjoying fresh lobster on trips to Maine, including Sally, Katie and Meg. Try to contain your jealousy!

Share your happy news with Lizzy by the 25th of each month to be featured in next month's newsletter. Anything that's making you happy is welcome news to share - a promotion, a beautiful flower, a wonderful night out, a fun trip, a new car, family time, etc. Let's share!

# ASK ROTARY New!

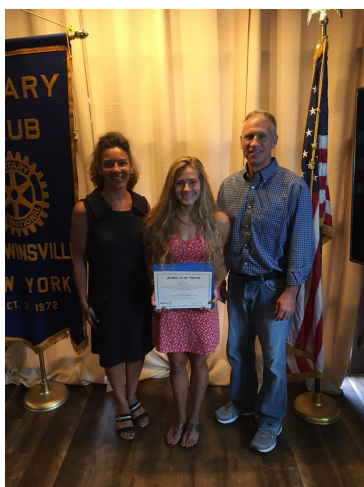
Welcome to a new Rotary-themed Q&A feature in our monthly newsletter where you can get answers to all your most pressing or curiosity-inducing Rotary questions. Questions can be about our club, our district, our traditions, our projects, our organization overall - every Rotary subject is on the table! Submit your questions to Lizzy by the 25th of each month. All will be featured in the newsletter anonymously and answered to the best of our abilities. Hopefully you will learn something new or interesting that's helpful to you in your volunteer journey.

**QUESTION:** What is the Rotary theme and why does it change each year?

**ANSWER:** The annual theme is established by the Rotary International President to represent how they feel about service. This year's theme "Serve to Change Lives" was chosen by our current RI President Shekhar Mehta from India. He believes Rotary changes not only the lives of the people we serve, but it changes us as well. He also hopes we will change lives by inviting people to join Rotary with his phrase, "each one, bring one." With that effort we could double Rotary membership to 2.4 million worldwide! The theme is the president's personal touch for their year as our global leader.

Each theme only lasts for the year that president is in office. Always using the correct theme is a sign of respect for the current president. That means we wear our Serve to Change Lives pins that DG Dana brought us through June 30, 2022 and then they are retired. If you didn't get a pin yet, President Bill has some extras. You can also get scarves, apparel and fancy Rotary gear with the theme [here](#).

Finally, the theme is more of an internal message to our existing members. As we continue to strengthen the brand of Rotary and recognition of our "wheel," we want to avoid confusing non-Rotarians with the theme and stick with our main Rotary logo for public-facing messages.



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH: ELLA SMITH

We had a special, summertime presentation of a Student of the Month award after this young lady was caught up in school and sports commitments in June. It was fun to host parents and a young person at a lunch event! Ella was an expressive and impressive young leader with a seemingly never ending list of activities. Now she can add Student of the Month to her resume too! She graduated from Baker last month and is ready to go on to study physical therapy at Springfield College, where she will also be pole vaulting on their track team. On her application she said someone she admires is her orchestra teacher, Mrs. Hollis, because she remains humble and kind despite impacting the lives of so many students. Much like all of our Students of the Month, Ella is one to watch as she goes on to share her talents with the world. Congratulations to Ella, shown here with her parents.

## MEET EXCHANGE STUDENT CAITLIN SCHIRMER

Thanks to programs committee chair Barb Hunt, we were able to hear from our most recent outgoing exchange student, Caitlin Schirmer, whose exchange to Paraguay was cut short due to COVID. She still had 6-7 life-changing months abroad to experience a very different world, new cuisine, new languages and meet many, many new people. Caitlin shared fun stories about meeting her host families, some of whom had a lot of host siblings, playing sports like soccer and hand ball, and some of her favorite foods. She also had some eye-opening experiences seeing first-hand a whole new level of poverty that exists in the world. It has inspired her to want to travel more, to give back and to do something that helps others. She wants to study medicine, so that could mean something like Doctors Without Borders or similar programs. Caitlin was a great speaker, funny and engaging, and she shared some great photos of her time in South America. Best wishes as she heads off to yet another chapter in her life!



# MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

## AUG 2021

<b>Tuesday, 8/3 @ 7pm</b> Vera House	Meet speaker Nicole Blidy and learn more about the services Vera House offers in CNY
<b>Wednesday, 8/4 @ 12pm</b> Dick Clarke	Join us for an update from the village mayor on all things Baldwinsville and bring your community-oriented questions
<b>Tuesday, 8/10 @ 5:30pm</b>  <b>@7pm</b>	Club Board Meeting - members welcome  Seneca River Days Final Planning
<b>Wednesday, 8/11 @ 12pm</b> Seneca River Days	More Seneca River Days Final Planning <b>TURN IN DUCK TICKETS &amp; VOLUNTEER</b>
<b>Saturday, August 14th</b>	<b>SENECA RIVER DAY from noon until 10pm on Paper Mill Island</b>
<b>Tuesday, 8/17 5-7pm</b> Club in a Pub	Pop in for some social time at Sammy Malone's anytime - have a drink, have dinner, do whatever you want as long as you have fun! A great time to bring a guest who wants to learn more about Rotary
<b>Wednesday, 8/18 @ 12pm</b> Cole Goodchild	Meet a former outbound Youth Exchange student to Taiwan (2018-19) who has taken to learning many languages, sharing his journey on <a href="#">his YouTube channel</a> and studying International Relations at NYU. Come hear the up to 10 different languages he speaks!
<b>Tuesday, 8/24 @ 7pm</b> David Reckess	3GNY, an educational non-profit organization, trains grandchildren of Holocaust survivors to tell their family stories to students and community groups. Dave Reckess, the group's Executive Director, is the grandson of Holocaust survivors from Poland and Russia. Come hear his moving story and passion for oral history.
<b>Wednesday, 8/25 @ 12pm</b> Jean Soprano	Meet this local wildlife rehabilitator and some real life birds she has rescued. We will learn about all the animals her rescue, Kindred Kingdoms, has helped over the years.
<b>Tuesday, 8/31 @ 7pm</b> Brian Smith	Come learn about pheasant farming with a speaker we found through our Student of the Month program (Brian's daughter Ella was honored last month). Why pheasants? What do they do? Come find out!

## SEPT 2021

Looking ahead we will have another Club in a Pub, a new Think Tank to generate discussion and we'll learn about Baker High School's food pantry.

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