



Baldwinsville  
**Rotary**



**AUGUST 2018  
NEWSLETTER**

I hope all are having a wonderful summer! We had a great senior picnic at Canton Woods Senior Center. Thank you for the leadership of Norma Widmann and Pam Fallesen, and their great crew of volunteers who setup, cooked, served and cleaned up. A shout out to Dawn Custer for the food preparation. We were pleased to have staff members from McHarrie Life to assist us with serving too. Like Seneca River Days, it shows that great things can happen when folks come together with a common goal. Many seniors thanked us and commented on how much they enjoyed the evening. One of the door prize winners made a point to call me over to her table so that she could say thank you for a beautiful door prize. Once again Joe Trionfero got folks moving as he guided them down memory lane via music. A great performance as always and a great way to kick off the current Rotary Year. Joe has a program called Show of Love which is focused on encouraging children and adults to "treat people the way you want to be treated." His theme fits right in with DG Marv's focus on encouraging Rotarians to perform acts of kindness during the coming year.

In the words of William Penn "I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again." Let us "Be the Inspiration" through acts of kindness individually and as a group.

Looking forward to what is to come during our Rotary year.

**MEG VAN PATTEN  
CLUB PRESIDENT**



BE THE INSPIRATION



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- **MEETING MOVED TO THE LIBRARY FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 7TH ONLY!**

# RYLA STUDENTS IMPRESS

This year our club once again sponsored two students for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). This sent two local kids to a weekend of leadership training at Cazenovia College in July. They joined with dozens of other students to learn more about their own leadership style, take on team challenges and have fun. Run by Rotarian volunteers, they instill in the students the value of service as a way to gain leadership experience. After completing this weekend, all students must return to their communities and implement a service project. Angel Cooper and Griffin Seifritz were the two Baker High students representing Baldwinsville and they must have been stand outs among an already great group of kids. There are awards at the end of the RYLA weekend, but there are two special honors - being chosen to speak on behalf of the group at the closing banquet and being chosen to keep the weekend's stuffed animal mascot. Our two students were chosen for both of these honors and B'ville should be so proud!



**ANGEL**



**GRIFFIN**

## BIRTHDAYS

Aug 4: Jenny Doane

Aug 8: Dan Garcia

Aug 15: Rosemary Bucci

Aug 23: Meg VanPatten

## ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 2: Mic & Marilyn Jenkins

Aug 8: Ray & Judy O'Neil

Aug 11: Ann & Jim Smiley

Aug 12: Brian & Chris Walsh

Aug 26: Marcia & Dick Bensen

## MEET THE RYLA STUDENTS

HEAR ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE AT LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND WHAT THEY PLAN TO DO TO GIVE BACK TO THE BALDWINSVILLE COMMUNITY

**TUESDAY, JULY 31  
AND WEDNESDAY, AUG 1**

# SENIOR PICNIC SPREADS SMILES



Over 125 local senior citizens filled the dining room at Canton Woods on July 25th for the annual Senior Citizen Summer Picnic. Chaired by Norma and Pam, with food handled by Dawn, the afternoon included a picnic meal, door prizes and entertainment from our favorite Joe Trionfero. Volunteers included dozens of our club members, some of their kids and our helpful hands from McHarrie Life. There were many smiles as Joe took the seniors down memory lane with music and jokes, spreading his message of "Faith, Hope & Love." End Polio Now jars collected change at each table too! Within just a few hours time we set up the space, cooked and served the food, had an hour-long show with Joe and cleaned it all up. Thanks to the many hands that made it light work and the get-it-done attitude of our volunteers. Also thanks to Ruth at Canton Woods for helping with registration and being such gracious hosts to our event. If you enjoyed doing this program and would be interested in taking the lead on the planning committee next year, speak with Norma to learn more about the job or talk with Lizzy to get involved.

[CHECK OUT MORE PHOTOS AT BALDWINSVILLEROTARY.ORG](http://BALDWINSVILLEROTARY.ORG)

## UPCOMING BOOK CLUB & THINK TANK

*Book Club & Think Tanks are programs for Tuesday meetings at 7pm at the Red Mill Inn*

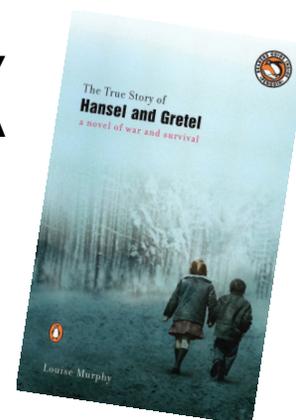
### TUESDAY, AUGUST 14: THINK TANK

Check out this video that simplifies the diversity of the world and come ready to discuss! The video will also be watched before discussion.

### TUESDAY, SEPT 11: BOOK CLUB

Reading: "The True Story of Hansel and Gretel" by Louise Murphy

There are six copies being held at the library, just ask at the circulation desk or listen to the audio version on the library's Hoopla system!



**SAVE YOUR JULY ROTARIAN MAGAZINE!**

**We will be discussing the article on page 38: School For Skeptics - How literacy means distinguishing between fact and fiction.**

# AUGUST MEETING SCHEDULE

TUESDAY 7/3 1: RYLA STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY 8/1: RYLA STUDENTS

TUESDAY 8/7: LEARN ABOUT ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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TUESDAY 8/14: THINK TANK DISCUSSION (SEE PAGE 3)

WEDNESDAY 8/15: PURPOSE FARM

TUESDAY 8/21: RETURNING EXCHANGE STUDENT OWEN BAUER

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TUESDAY 8/28: LYNN & KATIE SHARE ABOUT THE USA TRIP

WEDNESDAY 8/29: LYNN & KATIE SHARE ABOUT THE USE TRIP

*This evening only,  
meeting at the  
library!*

## COMING UP

**AUG 14**

THINK TANK DISCUSSION

**SEPT 11**

BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

**SEPT 15**

REGIONAL  
MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR

**LATE SEPT**

RIDE FOR MISSING CHILDREN

**OCT 24**

WORLD POLIO DAY

**DEC 8**

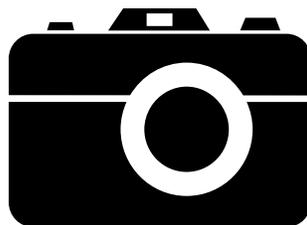
SYRACUSE STAGE NIGHT

## HELP WITH PROGRAMS

*We want your ideas for great programs. If you suggest things that you think are interesting, then you will find meetings more interesting! Send your ideas to Pam at [lizardmom67@hotmail.com](mailto:lizardmom67@hotmail.com) and include a contact if you have one!*



Jennifer Joslyn was surprised with her first Paul Harris Fellow, given to her by her dad Marv, during his Changing of the Guard ceremony. Congrats Jennifer!



*snap  
shots*



Norma and Stu saw many things that Rotary sponsored on their recent travels, including this really cool bike rack.

# DG OFFICIAL VISIT

District Governor Marv paid two official visits to our club in order to attend both meetings on July 10th & 11th. In addressing the club, he shared more about his goals to spread kindness through the Acts of Kindness program, encourage fellowship and networking with the Passport to Service Project, and how continuing to be a dynamic club that is a shining light in the district can be the inspiration to others as long as we "don't let off the gas." With much razzing and much laughter, club members also took the time to express their support for DG Marv as he embarks on his year of leadership. Go get 'em Marv!

Photo: DG Marv presents Baldwinsville Rotary Club pResident Meg VanPatten with the theme banner for this year: Be The Inspiration.



## SEAN'S PHF+3

Sean was honored to receive his Paul Harris Fellow + 3 (meaning a total of four Paul Harris honors) for his generosity in giving to the Rotary International Foundation. Each PHF represents a \$1,000 donation. You can work towards earning yours easily with Rotary Direct - an automated payment charged to your credit card or bank account in an amount you choose, at the frequency you choose. Talk to Joan, our foundation chair, to learn more!

## CLUB BOARD

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## ROTARIAN OF EXCELLENCE

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Ted for being chosen as the 2017/2018 Rotarian of Excellence. This is an honor bestowed upon one club member each year, chosen by the president for that year, who exhibits Service Above Self in a big way. Past President Don said he chose Ted because he has stepped up whenever asked, in so many ways. Just one year after joining our club he has been on several committees and is now taking on a leadership role as a member of the board. We love the energy Ted brings to everything he does. Great work and well-deserved Ted!

