

# Baldwinsville Rotary

# NEWS

July 2017

## Featuring

Summing up Seneca River Day

Student of the Month Jason Li

Our newest club members

Meet President Don

More on the Senior Citizen Summer Picnic

## Inside

A whole new look for our club's monthly publication!

## Plus

Two special dinners for our youth programs



Photo: Seneca River Day Co-Chair Jenny Doane shows off the hit of the day - giant, fresh-squeezed lemonade!



# MEET YOUR NEW PREZ



Married for 40 years to Kathleen  
Father of three (Kristen, Michael & Donald)  
Grandfather to four, with one more on the way  
Born & raised in Brooklyn  
Graduated from Indiana State University in 1972  
Retired in 2013 as the CEO of the American Cancer Society Eastern Division after almost 42 years and managing a staff of 650 people  
Favorite food is Italian  
Spends the winter in Bonita Springs, Florida  
Enjoys racquet ball, cooking, golf & volunteering - on several boards in addition to Rotary  
Likes Rotary because we work together to make a difference in peoples' lives  
Looking forward to learning more about members while president  
Hoping to add 5 new members, raise \$25K, promote mentoring and introduce 3-5 new ideas to improve the club  
One thing you may not know about Don is that his job gave him the chance to meet many high profile people over the years and he has photos of himself meeting both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump!

## FROM PREZ DON

Becoming President of the Baldwinsville Rotary club is a thrill and an honor, Perhaps one of the best things about taking over is following a terrific leader, Janet Joslyn. Under her leadership the club truly thrived in income and membership growth. It was also an amazing year with the club supporting so many organizations in need. Our biggest endeavor was the bladder screener for McHarrie (please read brief piece in this newsletter about utilization of the screener). Thank you Janet for paving the way to success to the Baldwinsville Rotary Club.

It is my desire and commitment to continue Janet's efforts. Of course, I will need each member to help continue our success. Some of my goals for the year our increasing membership to 60, creating a buddy system for new members, having a member moment of our folks ( to get to know everyone better), raising more money - \$25,000, having a brain storm session of our board and members to come with new ideas for the club, engage in more community events ( example - serve dinner at Ronald McDonald house) and be more aggressive on district grants.

What I love about Rotary is the commitment of each individual to make a difference in their community. Rotary may be many members but when we focus on a project we are one mean machine.

Thank you to all of the members and the board for a successful past year and please stick with me to continue our efforts!

## MEET THE NEW BOARD

*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!

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



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

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# 2 YOUTH DINNERS



There are two special dinners this summer that are open to all Rotarians in the district to attend and are a great way to get to know two youth programs.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Banquet: JULY 9TH at NOON, \$15/person

Join the students, families and planning committee for this leadership training program as they celebrate the end of a weekend full of learning, team building and fun. Meet the students we sponsored and their families, and hear about how impactful this program is for them. Lunch is at Cazenovia College. **Must RSVP by July 3rd** to Barb Devendorf at [barbara@gandwcpas.com](mailto:barbara@gandwcpas.com) or 315-256-2143.

The Welcome Home Dinner: AUGUST 2ND at 5PM, \$19/person through July 24th

This dinner is where our outbound Youth Exchange students from the previous school year share their experience abroad. Held at the Rusty Rail in Canastota, enjoy fellowship and a meal while you hear stories that will make you laugh and cry! It's an opportunity for the students to thank Rotary for sponsoring them and for Rotarians to connect with this amazing program.

Click here to register: <https://goo.gl/K1wwLt>

## CLUB BREAKS CHARITY RECORD

In the 2016/17 Rotary year, the Baldwinsville Rotary Club donated over \$30,000 through our own programs, donations to other programs and organizations, and the use of District Grants. This is by far a record amount of charity for the club! Here is the full list of contributions from the past year:

- Clear Path 4 Vets - \$250
- Senior Citizen Summer Picnic - \$230
- Kellish Music Festival - \$400
- District 7150 Youth Exchange - \$150
- RI Foundation, District Governor - \$100
- Wrestling Booster Club - \$250
- Fan The Flames Fitness Fundraiser - \$300
- Ronald McDonald House of Syracuse - \$250
- Northwest YMCA - \$2,500
- Louisiana Flood Relief - \$1,000
- Canal Sign Installation - \$200
- Flags of Honor - \$15
- Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk - \$1,000
- Dictionary Project - \$1,200
- Ride for Missing Children Meal - \$240
- McHarrie Life Bladder Scanner - \$12,600
- Christmas Bureau \$200
- Vera House \$250
- Scout Troop \$100
- Concert Series \$500
- Honor Flight \$582
- Cub Scout Pack 71 \$360
- Two BOCES Scholarships \$1,000
- B'ville Community Scholarship Fdtn \$1,000
- Sauquoit Rotary End Hunger Program \$250
- Meals on Wheels \$500
- Military Courtesy Room \$500
- After Prom Party \$100
- Zimbabwe Grinding Mill \$3,500
- Clear Path for Vets \$200
- Greater B'ville Ambulance Corps \$1,000
- Total: \$30,727

The club's ability to make these kinds of donations and maintain programs that serve the community depends on the success of our fundraisers. Getting involved to ensure the success of our 5K, Big Chill and Seneca River Day is key!



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH: JASON LI

June's Student of the Month, and the last one for this school year, was senior Jason Li. Many know him and his family, who run China King restaurant on Genesee Street. Jason shared about his future, which starts at Onondaga

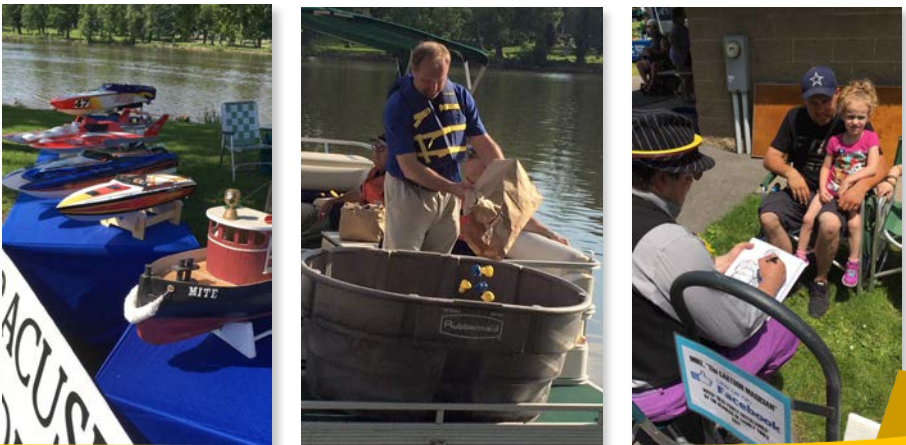
Community College and will end at pharmacy school. He plays the violin and shared about his childhood in China and learning the English language at age 5. It was a pleasure to meet Jason and his family friend Susan (shown in the photo).



*Thank you to the committee for bring us such wonderful students to honor this past school year!*

# IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY ON THE RIVER

Seneca River Day 2017 will go down in history for its beautiful weather, record-breaking duck ticket sales, wide array of local talent that took the stage and for the slowest duck race, ever. The planning committee couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day, which helped the event remain competitive against a duck race at Inner Harbor, Jazzfest, Greek Fest and the Syracuse Crunch in the playoffs! Kids were jumping in the bounce houses late into the night, vendors seemed to be pleased with the traffic to their booths and the park was full most of the day. There was one contestant in the Anything That Floats contest, three winners for the treasure hunts (that all found the medallion after just one clue) and 2,819 ducks in the race. Our first prize winner, Robert Blgelow of Phoenix, was at the park to receive his check and has been buying duck tickets for decades. He was due for a win! The bands were rockin' all day and Salt City Chill did a great job of keeping that going all the way until the fireworks, which were beautiful as always. This event is a huge undertaking that involves almost every member of the club, our friends and family members that pitch in, volunteers from other organizations and businesses, the local business community that supports us through donations and the entire community that comes to buy duck tickets and enjoy the day. Thanks goes to all and especially to the leaders of the committee Jenny and Don. Looking forward to Ken's leadership for this project in 2018!



*More photos on our web site*



## JOIN A COMMITTEE

Consider doing something new or rejoining something within the club by contacting a chair person for some of these committees that will be active over the next 6 months:

- Back Pack project - Jim and Laurie Maddaloni
- Dictionary project - Meg Van Patten
- Ride for Missing Children - Dawn Custer
- Old Newsboys - Lizzy Finn-Brown
- 5k Run/Walk - Charlie Farrell, Mary Schmutz
- Food Pantry pick up - Bruce Jones
- Interact - Jim & Laurie Maddaloni, Shelley Hoffman
- Programs - Kristen Earle
- Membership - Abe Morelli
- Orientation - Dave Horan
- Youth Exchange - Bill Rosental
- Charter night - Meg Van Patten
- Christmas party - Janet Joslyn
- Public Relations - Lizzy Finn-Brown
- International Foundation - Marcia Bensen
- Club Foundation - Dick Baker

**NEEDS A CHAIR:** Student of the Month

## MEET NEW MEMBERS KATIE & TED



June saw two new Rotarians pinned in Baldwinsville. Katie is a third grade teacher who was invited to join by member Lynn Rosental. She is very excited to become a Rotarian, has a real passion for service and will be scarce this month because she is on the USA Tour as a chaperone with our Youth Exchange kids! Ted Croucher is just starting out in his career as a chiropractor and has already jumped right into Rotary. He helped cook at Seneca River Day, picked up litter on Earth Day and is a regular at lunch meetings. You may see him around town with his favorite marketing strategy, a spine that starts great conversations about his line of work!



Top photo (left to right): Club President Janet, Katie, sponsor Lynn  
Bottom photo (left to right): Sponsor Dean and new member Ted

*Congrats!*

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**NEW MEMBERS**  
in the last year

*Keep inviting people to consider Rotary*

# SENIOR BBQ

Please plan to volunteer at this year's Senior Citizen Summer Picnic at Canton Woods Senior Center, Wednesday, July 26th from 4-6pm.

Volunteers are needed to set up, cook, serve, wait on the seniors and clean up. Look for sign-ups at upcoming meetings. Many hands make light work!

FOR NEW MEMBERS: This dinner is free to any senior citizen living within the Baldwinsville School District who registers to attend through Canton Woods by calling (315) 638-4536 by 7/21. We provide door prizes and entertainment to make the senior smile, while serving burgers, chicken tenders, delicious sides and even dessert. This used to be done at Christmas-time, but after several years of bad weather we switched it to summer. This is our third picnic and it's a very rewarding event for volunteers!



Visit [www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org](http://www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org) for photos from last year & more!

## BIG FELLOWSHIP NIGHT



Over 30 Rotarians and their family and friends came out for a fellowship night at the NYS Chinese Lantern Festival at the fairgrounds. It turned out to be a beautiful night and everyone arrived just before sunset. The darker it got, the more the lanterns came to life with scenes of flowers and animals all along a walking trail. YE Student Matt and his parents who were visiting from The Netherlands came out and enjoyed the evening as well!

### *Have an idea for fellowship fun?*

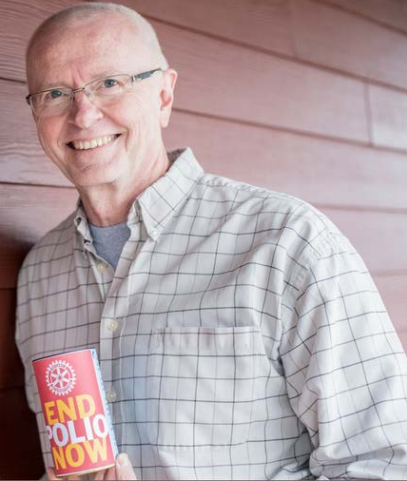
We are always open to new, fun ideas of things we can do to explore our region, see a fun show or game and just spend time together with fellow Rotarians.

Share your idea with President Don, then work with programs coordinator Kristen Earle to find a place for it in the schedule and make sure Lizzy has all the details so it can be put in the newsletter!

## For Bruce, it's fun

"I joined because I wanted to get involved in the community and meet new people with similar interests. What I love about Rotary is the people and the opportunity to have fun while making a difference."

Bruce  
Systems Engineer  
In Rotary 1 year



Baldwinsville  
Rotary  
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*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!**

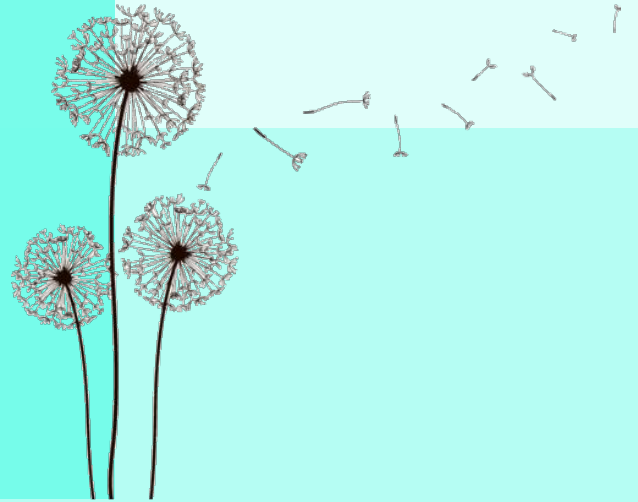
[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)

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# July



Tuesday, July 4: NO MEETING - **HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!**

Wednesday, July 5: Noon Lunch with speaker Pat Lyons from the Military Courtesy Room

Tuesday, July 11: 5:30pm Board Meeting and 7pm Meeting with speaker Angela Stevens on addiction in our community

Wednesday, July 12: Noon Lunch with speaker Ryan Drake from the CNY Jazz

Tuesday, July 18: 7pm Meeting - learn all about Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

Wednesday, July 19: Noon Lunch with speaker Bob Balk on Paralympic Athletes

Tuesday, July 25: 7pm Meeting with speaker Marianne Miles on her trip to Haiti

Wednesday, July 26: NO LUNCH MEETING - Sign up to work at the senior picnic from 4-6pm that evening!

## Plus

Sun July 9th: RYLA Banquet Dinner at Caz College

Wed, Aug 2nd: Official visit from DG Phyllis

Wed, Aug 2nd: Welcome Home Dinner with Youth Exchange

Sat, Aug 19th: OneRotary Summit/Grants Management Seminar

Sat, Sept 30: Rotary Leadership Institute in Verona

*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 [kmlearle@gmail.com](mailto:kmlearle@gmail.com) ASAP!