



Baldwinsville  
**Rotary**  
Club



# NEWSLETTER



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**

I want to thank you all for selecting me to lead our Rotary Club for the 2021-22 Rotary year. I truly appreciate the trust and confidence that you have shown me with this opportunity. I know this past year and 4 months was a bit unusual with all meetings and gatherings going virtual. I really want to thank our Past Presidents, Lizzy and Doug for the excellent job and innovation they showed to keep the club healthy and moving forward by adjusting so well to the need to meet virtually.

As we start this Rotary year, we are able to again meet in person to bring some of the fellowship back which was hard to do on Zoom. Fellowship is one of my focus points for this year. I am hoping to see most of you in person, but we are also providing a Zoom link for those who are not yet comfortable, or cannot get away for the meeting and find it easier to Zoom in. Several of our programs will also be via Zoom as that opens up the possibilities so much further.

We are also bringing back Seneca River Days. This year we are working with a very short timeline to get everything in place so we need everyone's help with this event and the preparations. Contact Ken about volunteering. There are only 4-5 weeks to do what we usually spend 6 months to prepare for, so additional help is desperately needed. This is not only our biggest fundraiser of the year, but also a great event that gives so much back to our community.

Let's get this new year started right with everyone remembering the Rotary mantra of "Service Above Self."

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**

Plans for Seneca River Days are rapidly coming together and will include one full day of activities on Paper Mill island and A LOT of duck ticket selling in advance. If you wish to get involved or are asked to pitch in, please do as much as you can to ensure this event is successful for the community and our club.

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

Events will be more family-focused with a magic show, live music, fun trivia, food trucks and ducks on sale all day.

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 & Fun Night - \$5/person Admission

Focus is on the food trucks and live music. Still open to families, but beer tent will be open.

We will hold a duck pluck instead of a duck race since we are on the island and there is no where to safely go into the water. More details on this to come, but please know we have secured a \$1,000 cash first prize from Horan Insurance and a \$750 cash second prize from Steel In The Air. Thanks to the generous Rotarian-owned businesses supporting our event!

Please use the list to the right to contact the appropriate committee member with questions, helpful information or to help out. This is your opportunity to shadow someone so you can take the lead next year. We can always use more Rotarians who are "in the know" when it comes to planning this special event!

# YOUR COMMITTEE

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Past President Doug's final meeting of the year featured a speaker from the island of Dominica, Reggie Burke, who shared with us about his club and their projects. Their club sounded very busy with many service projects and like they have a similar meeting style as our club. Thanks to Kishma for booking a dynamic speaker!

# HYBRID MEETING ETIQUETTE

Here are some important things to know and keep in mind with our new, hybrid meeting format.

## When attending online:

- Zoom will be muted when you first log on because the noise in the meeting room would probably sound raucous and terrible through the computer
- Be prepared to use key features in Zoom like the chat box and the hand-raising feature to get our attention if you need something or want to participate in the conversation
- Be sure to mute yourself so your sound is not inadvertently coming through to us
- We definitely want to know if you are having trouble hearing us or seeing something!

## When attending in-person:

- Feel free to engage with guests on zoom by waving into the camera (not the TV, the cameras on the laptops around the room)
- Keep side conversations and background sounds to a minimum because they will be much more distracting to those online and could cut into the sound of the main speaker

So far hybrid meetings are going pretty well and we have had people logging on each time. We hope you will take advantage of the virtual option whenever it makes Rotary more convenient to attend and that you will still join us in person when possible for a better opportunity to socialize with one another.

# MEETING REMINDERS

\$1 to attend (max \$1 per week)  
\$15 if you wish to have lunch at Wednesday's meeting

Happy dollars are optional  
Raffle is optional - 50/50 tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2

Charity of Choice is free for members - you get one entry for every meeting you attend

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!**

## OFFICIAL DG VISIT

On Tuesday, July 13th at our 7pm meeting, we will welcome the new District Governor Dana Jerrard from Utica Rotary. The District Governor's official visit is always a special occasion and all members are encouraged to make an extra effort to be in attendance. From him we will learn more about Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta of India, the goals of our organization for the coming year, the new theme and what to expect from the district for the coming year. You will learn more about District Conference, training programs and the new virtual town hall meetings. At this visit you will get to meet our new Assistant Governor Steve Osborne of Fulton Rotary too! And remember, when the District Governor is introduced, we stand to welcome him or her. We hope you will make a plan to join us online or in person that evening!

## ASK ROTARY

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 [bvillerotary1@yahoo.com](mailto:bvillerotary1@yahoo.com). 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 a "classification" in Rotary and what does it mean for members?

**ANSWER:** "Classification" is just Rotary's fancy way of saying "job title." This used to be really important in Rotary because clubs were limited to one member per classification. That's right - one lawyer, one mechanic, one teacher. Some clubs had people waiting in line to be the next in their classification to join. Thankfully, both for the purposes of membership growth and for clubs like ours with all of our insurance salespeople and realtors, that's a thing of the past. Today, a classification or job title is really just something we share with one another to celebrate our vocations (another fancy word that just means your trade or profession). What we do for a living is so important to Rotary that vocation is one of our five avenues of service. We want to know your job title so we can either tap into your professional skills for a service project or leadership role, or because we want to do business with fellow Rotarians - people we know we can trust as ethical both in business and in life. People who follow The Four Way Test.

# THANKS FOR THE BARN!

Many thanks to Ken and family for allowing our club use of his beautiful barn for special events like Changing of the Guard and committee meetings. It's such a lovely and convenient space for us and we know it means a little extra work for the Schmidt family each time we are there.



# 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.

**President: Bill Rosentel**

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HAPPY  
*Birthday*

Abe Morelli - July 22

Brian Walsh - July 28

Happy   
*anniversary*

Joan & Dick Patchett - July 16th

Sean & Debbie Becker - July 21

Sally & Pete Fedrizzi - July 24

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

# YEAR IN REVIEW

Despite the pandemic putting a stop to most of our fundraising, this past year Baldwinsville Rotary still gave back. Here are some of the ways we donated and spent money to help others:

- Christmas Bureau
- Shriner's Transportation Service
- Out of the Darkness Walk
- Backpack Project
- India Oxygen/COVID Relief
- Keep The Ball Rolling After Prom
- The MOST Sensory Friendly Program
- FOUR Scholarships
  - Two BOCES, One Dollars for Scholars, Interact Grant
- Flags of Honor & Gratitude
- Dictionary Project
- Baldwinsville Meals on Wheels
- Charity of Choice
  - The Nature Conservancy, Rescue Mission, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Clear Path for Veterans, Force Blue, B'ville Food Pantry, Salvation Army and Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund

If you know of a worthy cause seeking funds, there is a Donation Request Form on our web site at [www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org](http://www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org) that they can complete and submit for consideration. Raising money at our upcoming Seneca River Days will be very important to continue our legacy of supporting the needs of our community.

# HAPPY NEWS



These Rotarian men all met on the golf course recently. From left to right: Current Club President Bill Rosentel, Past President Don Distasio, President Elect Brian Walsh and Past President Doug Tosh.



The Backpack Program wrapped up another school year of supporting the nutritional needs of our local students. A huge shoutout to Mary Schmutz and her team for rolling with the punches to find the best way to get food to students in need. Many thanks to the library for housing our goods, St. Augustine's for making the most donations and the school district's many social workers and counselors that worked with Mary on this project.

# MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

## JULY 2021

**Tuesday, 7/6 @ 7pm**  
**Think Tank Discussion**

Read "[What is anti-racism?](#)" and join us to discuss how it relates to Rotary's Four Way Test.

**Wednesday, 7/7 @ 12pm**  
**Zechariah Cartledge**

Zechariah Cartledge is a young man who created [Running 4 Heroes](#), where he runs in honor of first responders we have lost, including Baldwinsville's own Sergeant Jeffrey Cicora. Feel free to share the zoom details with a first responder you know who may want to learn more about Zechariah's work.

**Tuesday, 7/13 @ 5:30pm**

Club Board Meeting - members welcome

**@7pm**

Official visit from District Governor Dana Jerrard (see pg 3)

**Wednesday, 7/14 @ 12pm**  
**Student of the Month**

Come celebrate Ella Smith as a Student of the Month at a rare, summer Wednesday appearance for this youth program!

**Tuesday, 7/20 @ 7pm**  
**Caitlin Schirmer**

Caitlin was a 2019-2020 exchange student who went to Paraguay. Like the other exchange students of that year, her exchange was affected by COVID and cut short. Come hear about her experience!

**Wednesday, 7/21 @ 12pm**  
**Everet D. Regal**

Everet is an internationally published artist, nature enthusiast, and professional photographer, born and residing in Phoenix, NY. Preview his stunning photos of local wildlife on [his Facebook page](#) and come hear more about how he hopes to inspire people to be good stewards of wildlife and the planet.

**Tuesday, 7/27 @ 6:30pm**  
**Rotary at the Mets**

Join us at this rescheduled baseball outing to see the Syracuse Mets play at NBT Bank Stadium. All who had tickets previously are all set. Contact Marv at (315) 303-4552 with questions about tickets. Back-up plan is once again to go to Home Team Pub if game is cancelled for any reason!

**Wednesday, 7/28 @ 12pm**  
**Robert Searing**

Robert Searing, the curator of Onondaga County Historical Association, will come and speak about how the Salt Potato earned its way into the history books with a new historical marker.

## AUG 2021

Looking ahead we will have another Club in a Pub, we will meet another past exchange student and we definitely can't miss Seneca River Days on August 14th!

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Jenny Doane

## YOUR PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

The Programs Committee is responsible for filling in the schedule of speakers and events for our Rotary Club meetings and social gatherings. It is an important role whose work keeps our meetings fun and interesting, which is one of the many things we enjoy about being in Rotary. One way we can all help out is by providing ideas of programs we would like to see. If there is a topic, a specific person or organization you want to learn about, or an activity you would like to see the club do, please share that with Barb. Another way is to join her committee. Committee members are responsible for the programs for one month. It takes many committees to make a Rotary club go 'round!