



Baldwinsville  
Rotary



# JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

In the past year the club membership has contributed so much to the benefit of the Greater Baldwinsville Community and the world at large. B'ville is a strong club with a membership that cares for each other and welcomes new members with open arms, as was shown by the number of new members inducted this past year who have jumped right in to actively help with various projects and events.

Baldwinsville placed 2nd in the "Acts of Kindness" challenge issued by the District Governor, our own Marv Joslyn. Through the efforts of many we gave treats to the elections workers in November, surprised drive through folks at Dunkin by paying for their orders, and will be giving new flags to those who have need for a new American flag. International Service exemplifies Rotary's global reach in promoting peace and understanding. Baldwinsville funded mosquito netting after a devastating hurricane hit the Virgin Islands. In Africa, members of a small village no longer have to walk to another village to grind their corn now that our club has purchased a grinding mill for them. International understanding continues to grow with the exchange program. This year we were pleased to host Josephine "Jo" Dole from France. We look forward to welcoming home Alli Hunt who has been in France this past year. Not only does the exchange program expose students to the culture of the county they visit but they also have the opportunity to meet students from other countries.

Youth service is another opportunity to empower youth through leadership development and service to others. As members of the Baldwinsville Rotary Club we can be proud of how we have supported efforts related to the future leaders of our community and country. In addition to the Youth Exchange program we have supported the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) program by sponsoring students and some members help with the event. Club members are active in leadership of district level programs related to working with youth. The club sponsorship of the Interact Program at Baker High School has enabled members to get to know and help some of the promising Baker students as they move forward to their post-graduate plans. Many club members say that the Student of the Month meetings are their favorite meetings. In all of the above we can see that there is hope for the future and there are some wonderful youth who will make us proud.

As the 2018-2019 Rotary year comes to a close I would like to thank all who have done so much to make it a good year. I was honored to serve as club president and I congratulate Lizzy as she takes on the role of president and wish her well.



BE THE INSPIRATION

**MEG VAN PATTEN, CLUB PRESIDENT**

*Photo: Our float in the 2019 Memorial Day parade. Thanks to Johnnie-Lynn for leading the way on the project to improve our look!*

# NEXT THINK TANK

**JUNE 18 AT 7PM  
ARTICLE DISCUSSION**

In the commentary section of the Sunday 5/26 edition of The Post-Standard was a great topic starter:  
A Lesson From George Washington: Impeach Now  
Click here to read it online.

*This will be a discussion on what impeachment is and how it is supposed to be used within the constraints of our government, not as a jumping off point to discuss the current administration. Comments will be strictly monitored.*

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

In May, we congratulated Mariia Mudrak and Devon Neish as our Students of the Month with a location change to the library for the meeting. Mariia is from the Ukraine, volunteers with her church, plays sports like volleyball and soccer, and is into crafts. She wants to become a dentist. Devon is in Key Club, enjoys photography and wants to become an occupational therapist. He says, "I'm outgoing and I'm always there to help people." We continue to be impressed by these kids every single month. There is just one more chance for Students of the Month this school year, so don't miss it!



# DISTRICT C-O-G

Please plan to attend the celebration of Marv's year as our District Governor at the District Changing of the Guard on Thursday, June 27 at the Traditions at the Links in East Syracuse. We should be proud to be a club with such dedicated leaders that one becomes a governor! It is \$30 per person and it starts with cocktails at 5:30pm. Click here to register online (required!).

## ACTS OF KINDNESS MINI CHALLENGE

*Get an idea of how great it feels to be kind by incorporating these small, but meaningful acts of kindness into your life this month!*

**Consider dropping off a pretty spring plant at a friend or neighbor's house as a surprise!**



## ROTARY QUIZ TIME!

Can you answer these B'ville Rotary trivia questions?

1. Name the last three club presidents.
2. True or false: Donations to the Baldwinsville Rotary Foundation are tax deductible.
3. Who in our club has been in Rotary the longest?

Email your answers to [megv@bville.lib.ny.us](mailto:megv@bville.lib.ny.us) to be entered to win a prize. Correct answers in next month's newsletter.

Answers to May's questions:

1. Seneca River Days used to be McHarrie Days
2. Duck tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25
3. In 2018 there were 3,218 ducks in the race (as noted in the July 2018 edition of the newsletter!)

The winner from May is Ann Smiley. She will get a \$10 donation to the Rotary Foundation in her honor, along with a Rotary notepad.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBER BARB

Meet our newest member Barbara Hunt. She came to Rotary because her daughter Alli is our current outbound exchange student, living in France (returning home soon!). Barb is a science teacher in North Syracuse and will be attending Tuesday evening meetings. If you haven't had a chance to meet her yet, please make it a point to introduce yourself and welcome her to our group. Her mentor is Katie Reap and, as you can see in the photo, they are already having fun together!



## IT'S TIME FOR SENECA RIVER DAYS Y'ALL!

### SRD TO-DO'S:

-  **VOLUNTEER**  
*sign up with Marcia*
-  **WEAR ROTARY GEAR**  
*SRD shirts available for purchase*
-  **SELL DUCKS**  
*We ask everyone to sell at least 2 flocks*
-  **SHOW UP**  
*It's vital we follow through on assigned roles these two days!*
-  **FEEL GREAT!**  
*You are doing good for your community* ❤️

We are now just days away from pulling off yet another two-day extravaganza for our community. Are you ready? To be ready you will have needed to speak to Marcia to sign up to volunteer and will want to get your Rotary shirts and hats ready to wear. You will also have needed to have sold your minimum two flocks of ducks to friends and family. If you aren't there yet, you can talk to Abe about opportunities to sell in the community between now and the big event. As always, there will be a lot to do, but a lot of us to do it. Please pitch in as much as you can and be sure to follow through on exactly when and where you are supposed to be volunteering. With so many moving parts, it is really important that people take personal responsibility in knowing where they should be and following through on what they volunteered to do. This is a tremendous service to the community - providing affordable, family fun for our friends and neighbors, while raising money that will really make a difference in the coming months and years! When you feel tired or if you need a little boost, just think of how much your hard work means to the veterans we support, the families we feed, the students we celebrate and the service YOU are making possible!

## SAVE THE DATE

Beauty and The Beast at Syracuse Stage!  
**Sunday, November 24th at 2 pm**

We are typically able to purchase tickets in late August/early September, adult \$38, student \$30. More details to follow.

## BIRTHDAYS

June 7: Marianne Miles

June 11: Beth Chetney

June 30: Sarah Brown



# THANKS TO THE CLEAN UP CREW!

Sorry this didn't make the May edition of the newsletter, but please know we didn't forget the awesome group that came together for this year's Earth Day clean up. Much thanks to team leader Ted, who pulled together a fun morning that really makes a difference in our community. It's a great project for us to continue doing that can include our family and friends pitching in. Looking good clean up crew!



## DUES WILL BE DUE 6/25 CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Dues to renew your membership for the 2019/2020 Rotary year are due by June 25th. We apologize for the late notice on invoices this year and hope you can connect with Lizzy, anyone from the membership team or our treasurer Bruce if you have any questions or concerns about renewing your membership. It is \$145 per year, which covers dues for the club, district and Rotary International, including your subscription to The Rotarian magazine. Payment plans are available - just speak with Bruce to work it out. We appreciate your patience and look forward to another great year in Rotary!

On Tuesday, June 25th, we will have our club's annual Changing of the Guard ceremony. This year's event will be a dish to pass at Ken Schmidt's barn (8337 Oswego Rd) at 6pm sharp. Please bring a dish - sign-up to come around at meetings in the coming weeks - and plan to have a fun time celebrating Meg's past year and looking ahead to Lizzy's upcoming year. We will also present some awards and recognitions to our members!

## SIGN UP NOW FOR SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT

Looking for an easy way to help the community? Ready to get your hands dirty? You are in for a treat! The Elden Elementary PTA has raised the funds for a new community playground at the school, but they need a lot of help assembling it. Think biggest-IKEA-kit-ever! Lizzy would love for this to be the first project the 2019/2020 Rotary year, so please sign up to join us if you can. There are tasks for all abilities, there is childcare available if you can't get a sitter and work to be done over a two-day span, but we will try to go as a group from **12-4pm on Saturday, July 13th**. If you are really unable to go with the group, but want to help, you are encouraged to sign up any time that works for you. Online registration is required and accessible through their Facebook event. Click here to read more about it and register! Links to register are in the About section on the event - these are the food and playground build times that we are looking to help fill:

Sat Jul 13 2019 12:00pm ~ 2:00pm	Serve Lunch/Clean Up 0 of 3 slots filled	<a href="#">Sign up</a>	Sat Jul 13 2019 12:30pm ~ 4:00pm	Install Playground Equipment (Lunch at 12:30) 3 of 50 slots filled	<a href="#">Sign up</a>
Sat Jul 13 2019 2:00pm ~ 4:00pm	Help with Snacks/Water 0 of 1 slots filled	<a href="#">Sign up</a>	ALL VOLUNTEERS SHOULD WEAR ROTARY SHIRTS & HATS (WHATEVER GEAR YOU HAVE!)		

# JUNE MEETINGS

TUES. JUNE 4 @ 7PM: STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

WED. JUNE 5 AT NOON: FEMALE WAR VETERANS FROM THE UKRAINE

TUES. JUNE 11 AT 5:30PM: BOARD MEETING

AT 7PM: YE STUDENT JO'S PRESENTATION

WED. JUNE 12 AT NOON: SENECA RIVER DAYS PREP - BE IN THE KNOW!

TUES. JUNE 18 AT 7PM: SALLY'S THINK TANK DISCUSSION (SEE PG 2)

WED. JUNE 19 AT NOON: AUTHOR JIM FARFAGLIA, NESTLE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

TUES. JUNE 25 AT 6PM: CLUB CHANGING OF THE GUARD

*Please note the earlier start time (so we can eat dinner) and be sure to sign up with your dish to pass in the coming weeks!*

WED. JUNE 26 AT NOON: SPEAKER RYAN MCMAHON, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**IMPORTANT: THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY DUE TO THE HOLIDAY - PLEASE CELEBRATE SAFELY & ENJOY!**

## COMING UP

### JUNE 14/15

SENECA RIVER DAYS

### JUNE 25

CLUB CHANGING OF THE GUARD  
6PM @ KEN'S BARN

### JUNE 27

DISTRICT CHANGING OF THE GUARD

### JULY 10

OFFICIAL VISIT FROM DG RANDY

### JULY 13

ELDEN PLAYGROUND BUILD DAY

## TUNE IN FOR A SPECIAL SUMMER SCHEDULE

*Meeting attendance tends to be light in the summer, so Lizzy is planning to change things up a bit. Please pay attention to the web site, next edition of the newsletter and club communications so you don't miss out on the fun!*



Thanks to everyone who made the Memorial Day parade participation possible and for all the fun!



Our outbound exchange student Alli went on a EuroTrip and shared this video with us - click to play. They visited 5 countries and 8 cities in 12 days. Alli is often in pigtails in the video! She included a note in her email thanking us for making it all possible!