

BALDWINSVILLE ROTARY NEWSLETTER



50 Years of Service

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Have happy news to share?
Submit your articles, news and
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of each month.



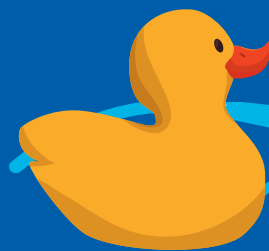
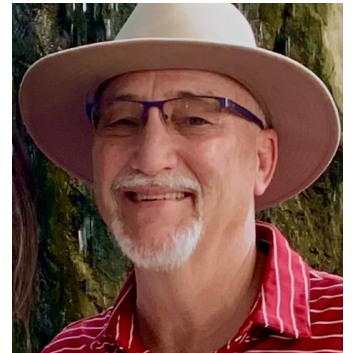
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ROTARY**

FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT BRIAN:

The month of June brings the start of summer and also the end of my Rotary Presidency. A year ago, I declared that the "Themes" for my administration would be the 3 C's: Collaboration, Cooperation and Communication. I'm proud to say that our club met and succeeded in all three areas. The successes throughout the year were due to the hard work and dedication of our club members. I thank the heads of the various committees for inspiring their members to do their very best. I have always believed that "The power doesn't rest in our leaders; it rests with the collective membership."

On a personal level, it has been a pleasure serving the Rotary Club of Baldwinsville. I enjoyed the interaction with our members and the new friends I have made at the Rotary District level. I thank you all for your vote of confidence. This year was an experience that I will always cherish and look back on fondly. I end my term as I started, proud in knowing that my Dad is looking down on me from above saying "Attaboy."

Carpe Diem,
Brian



SENECA RIVER DAYS

JUNE 9 & 10 ON PAPER MILL ISLAND

FRIDAY 6/9 | 5-10pm
FOOD TRUCKS & FIREWORKS

ADMISSION: \$5/person
Kids 12 & Under FREE
Live music from Vote for Pete, Plan Bee
B'ville Pep Band, Chasing Neon
Fireworks around 9:45pm

SATURDAY 6/10 | 10am-5pm
FAMILY FESTIVAL

FREE ADMISSION ALL DAY
Live music, food trucks and activities for all ages

The Great Seneca River Duck Pluck @ 4:30pm
Duck tickets will be on sale all day until 30 minutes before the pluck or they sell out

June 2023



JUNE 9 & 10 | PAPER MILL ISLAND

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram | www.SenecaRiverDays.com

PLEASE SHARE EVERYTHING ON SOCIAL

Be sure to help spread the word as posts will be fast and furious in the days leading up to the big festival weekend. We want to be sure to reach as many people as possible with important information on admissions, parking, duck tickets and more. Thanks to all who have been sharing for us so far!

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE FUN

It was a gorgeous May 30th for our village's Memorial Day parade, and the perfect time for us to promote Seneca River Days with a float and our duck shirts. Thanks to Jonah and Stan at Timber Tree for the truck and trailer, to Johnnie-Lynn for helping with balloons and decor, to the library for printing our banners, and to all the members who came out to walk or ride along. Next year's parade will be on a Thursday, so save the date - May 30, 2024!



GOODBYE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, WELCOME WEEKLY!

It has been an honor to be your newsletter editor all these years. In fact, I can't even remember when it started. Maybe 2012? Your monthly roundup of news is going to be transformed by my successors to serve you even better with a weekly bulletin to keep you up to date on what you might have missed and what is coming up next. Starting in July, your "This week in Rotary" email will now also include your weekly newsletter, created and distributed through a collaboration between Jennifer, Meg and John. **If you want to submit something for the newsletter, please send to Meg.** John will serve as her "man on the street," taking photos and doing write-ups whenever he's present. **If you are at a meeting or event and John isn't there, feel free to snap some photos and send along to Meg.** This should be a team effort!

Each week, Jennifer will send out an email similar to what you are used to that will include this newsletter. As secretary, she will also be taking over the main communications, so **if there is something important to be sent out, please coordinate with her in the new Rotary year.**

My outgoing message to the club is to ask you all to please be more supportive and more engaged in the club's communications. Every committee chair should be submitting their own articles and photos to the newsletter editor. Every member should be contributing to the content that helps keep everyone connected. ❤️



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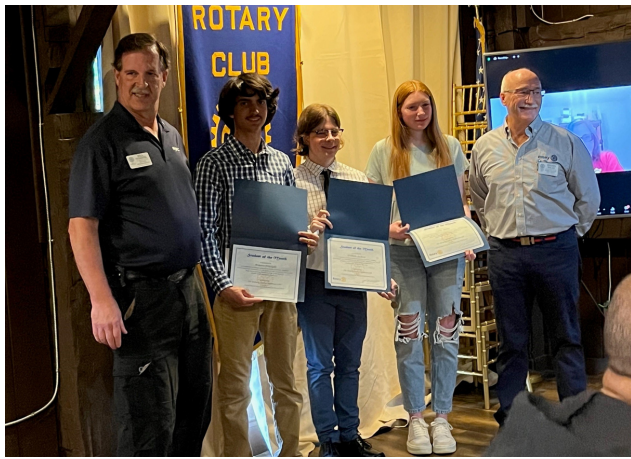
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CATCHING UP WITH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Article submitted by John LaCasse

Tonight, we met three Rotary Students of the month. Our first student, Carlie Young came to the meeting with her parents. After her senior year, she will be attending SUNY Oneonta to study Exercise Science and play basketball. She played basketball and soccer at Baker. She emphasized how much she strives to be a role model in her everyday life. Graham Jackson came to the meeting with his parents. He is on the swim team, cross-country and track teams as well as the tennis team. Graham is in the Environ Club and plays the flute with the marching band. In the fall he will attend Michigan State University to study genetics. Armani Towfighi joined us with his mother. He is on the tennis team and the ski club as well as the Interact Club. In the fall, he will attend SUNY Binghamton to study Computer Engineering. He wants to study Artificial Intelligence and its ethics.



THANK YOU

to Backpack Program Chair Mary and her entire crew as they enter the final month of the school year, serving 130 students with bags of breakfast and snack items each week, reducing their risk of hunger each weekend. Your work is meaningful and very much appreciated!

CLICK THE ICON BELOW TO VIEW OUR FULL MEETING SCHEDULE THROUGH JUNE 2023!



WHY ARE DUES DUE ON JUNE 15TH?

To answer that, we have to tell you a little bit about how the sausage is made. Our membership data lives in a database that both the district and Rotary International (RI) can access. The dues they both charge us are based on how many members we have in our database. It's vital to our club's finances that our database accurately reflects the number of dues-paying members we have because they will check the database on July 1 and that is the number of members for which we will be billed. You cannot contest this amount nor ask to amend your membership numbers at that point. Our club cannot afford to be on the hook for dues for people who have not yet paid. We have been burned by this before and can no longer take someone's word for it. We must have payment in hand. If we don't, your membership status gets changed to "inactive." As soon as we do receive your dues payment, we can switch you back to "active" again. It's not a big deal, but that is additional work for the club secretary, so it's really kinder of you to pay on time. We set the deadline for June 15th to allow the club secretary time to update the database. There is a lot of coordination behind the scenes between the club secretary and treasurer, as well as members of the membership team, to track dues payments being received, share communications about dues that are owed and ensure that our database is in tip-top shape before the end of the Rotary year. It is important to know that if your dues are not received and your status gets changed to inactive, it's not at all personal. It's a policy that's been put in place in order to protect our club's finances.

So please let this article serve as your reminder that dues are due by June 15th. That means check in hand or Venmo payment complete.

And please thank your club leaders (Lizzy, Bruce and soon-to-be Jennifer) who take the time to carefully manage our database and keep our club finances in the black!

CNY ROTARY UPDATE

Nominations for key committee chairs and the 2025-26 CNY Rotary President are in and interviews are being conducted. Expect announcements and confirmations early in the new Rotary year. A new Transition Action Group (TAG) has been established to determine the new map of areas within the region (just like we are currently part of area 7 that includes the two Oswego, two Fulton and Cato clubs), as well as define the role of the Area Representative (which will be the new title for Assistant Governors). This is extremely important work since Area Reps will be the glue that brings our clubs and region together! Please be sure to follow @cnyrotary on Facebook and/or Instagram as news gets posted there first. There will be many opportunities coming up soon for more to get involved!



HAPPY NEWS, FUNNIES, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Jamie & Tom Bodenlos - Jun 10



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Marianne Miles - Jun 7



"Keep practicing, and someday you'll be able to play the two songs you remember, at houses that also have pianos."



Lizzy got to meet her baby nephew Liam for the first time at a birthday party for his big sister Evelyn and big brother Carter.

Shelley and her partner Jamie took a trip to Ireland. It looked a little breezy, but she shared many gorgeous photos of the Irish vistas!



We received a beautiful thank you note from Interact Student Zachary Treichler:

Thank you for generously matching the fundraising proceeds for my charity handball tournament. The experience of planning and hosting the tournament taught me so much about resilience and dedication, which will be crucial during my collegiate experience. Additionally, I was able to see the positive impact the tournament had on my classmates as they had an opportunity to come together and compete in a supportive, friendly environment. Many participants walked up to me the next day, talking about how much of a great time they had, and this wouldn't have been possible without your support. The experience was something that I will never forget, and I am grateful I was able to make an impact in the Baldwinsville community thanks to your support.

NEED A RIDE?



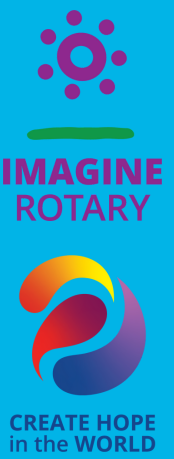
Don't forget about our Rotary Rides program to help fellow members who need a lift. Whether it's a doctor appointment, a grocery pick up or help when your car is in the shop, check out [this list](#) of Rotarians willing to give a ride and do not hesitate to call when you are in need. You can also add your name, remove your name or change your availability as needed. One more way that we can all connect and support one another!

CLUB CHANGING OF THE GUARD

TUESDAY, JUNE 27 | 5-8PM | ASPEN HOUSE

Plan to join us for this celebration of club leadership and fun opportunity for fellowship. The evening will include a cocktail hour, dish-to-pass dinner starting at 6pm, and a program for awards and gratitude. It is important that we take time to recognize that volunteer leaders make extra sacrifices to ensure our club runs smoothly, our finances are in good shape, and our members have activities to engage in. Please come to give your thanks and share in an evening together!

Watch your email for the signup so you can RSVP and tell us which type of dish you will bring.



HOME DELIVERED AWARD

One of our Students of the Month was unable to attend any of our remaining meetings for this school year, so Bill made a house call. He reports back: I delivered the certificate and key chain to Hannah Gould this afternoon. She was very honored to be considered and awarded this recognition. Here is a picture of Hannah and myself. Congrats Hannah. Wishing you all the best at graduation and beyond!



MAY SNAPSHOTS

In May, our programs included a visit from the Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon (left) and we learned about adult writing from librarian Jacquie Owens (right). Thanks to both of them for taking the time to share with us!



WHAT A DIFFERENCE \$1,000 CAN MAKE

A \$1,000 contribution to The Rotary Foundation pays for the materials needed to build a deep bore well in India that will supply clean drinking water to more than 300 people. It provides materials to treat and prevent parasites and anemia in children in Brazil or pays for a tree nursery in Jamaica that will help 700 farmers increase their income. It can provide a cow and animal husbandry training to a woman in Uganda, where children often don't get enough protein and calcium. It can pay for the polio vaccine for 2,000 children in Nigeria or provide \$50 microloans that allow 20 women in Nicaragua to start businesses.

Can you commit to donating \$1,000 per year to The Rotary Foundation to change people's lives? Learn more at rotary.org/donate or speak with our Foundation Chair Doug Tosh.

CLUB IN A PUB IN THE SAND

May's Club in a Pub was at the revamped Tiki Bar. We had a great turnout and some guests!



Follow us on
Facebook for the
full group photo!

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MEETING SCHEDULE

More details on special events will be provided via email as events draw near!

Wednesday 6/7 at Noon

Speaker Amy Jarvis, owner of the Travel Store, with some helpful travel tips

JUNE 9 & 10: SENECA RIVER DAYS

Tuesday 6/13

at 5:30pm: Board Meeting

at 7pm: Students of the Month

Tuesday 6/20 from 5-7pm

Club in a Pub at Persimmon's at Timber Banks

Come when you can, leave when you have to, eat, drink and be merry

Wednesday 6/21 at Noon

Speaker Christine McNeely, Executive Director of Chadwick Residence for homeless women

Friday 6/23: DISTRICT CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Click here to register by June 14th - all are welcome!

Tuesday 6/27 at 5pm: CLUB CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Details on page 5!

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Wednesday 7/5: NO REGULAR MEETING - HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEK!

Tuesday 7/11 at 7pm

Official Visit from District Governor Elise Hereth, VWS Community Rotary

Tuesday 7/18 from 5-7pm

Club in a Pub - Location TBA

Come when you can, leave when you have to, eat, drink and be merry

Wednesday 7/19 at Noon

Speaker Lara Mosby with Symphoria!

Tuesday 7/25 at 5:30pm: Board Meeting

No regular meeting this week

Wednesday 8/2 at Noon: Community Project Discussion

Tuesday 8/8: Club Picnic

Tuesday 8/15: Club in a Pub

Wednesday 8/16: Senior Picnic

Tuesday 8/22: TBA

Wednesday 8/23 at 5:30pm: Board Meeting on Zoom

Share your program
ideas with our Programs
Chair Chris Walsh, at
cwalsh7@twcny.rr.com

MEETING DETAILS

All meetings are free to attend.

Food or drinks available, please order and pay at the bar.

Happy dollars are optional

Raffle is optional - tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2

Charity of Choice is free for members - one entry for every meeting attended

As much as possible, all meetings will be available in person and on zoom