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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

We are getting closer to Seneca River Day and much work is going into the planning of the event on June 10-11. This two-day event, evening on Friday the 10th and daytime on Saturday the 11th is the biggest fundraiser for our club and our largest activity provided for our community. Although the fundraising is important, providing a pleasant experience for the members of the Baldwinsville and surrounding communities is equally important. This event requires support from all the members of the club, both at the event and in selling duck tickets leading up to the event. The advance duck ticket sales only require two Rotarians to spend 1.5 hours of their time to sit outside one of 3 businesses; Kinney Drugs, Rite Aid and Baldwinsville Supply. It is a very easy sell, most people are aware of the duck race and excited to buy tickets, if not we don't pressure anyone. As you know the bulk of our proceeds for the event come from duck tickets sales, so we need to take every opportunity to sell. On the day of the event, there are many volunteer positions from selling duck tickets to making popcorn, to helping set up and making sure everything is covered to provide the best experience for the people of the community that attend. There will be sign-up sheets out soon so make sure to help in any way you can. The organizing committee needs everyone's help.

The Memorial Day Parade is back this year and Rotary will be in it. It is a great opportunity to remind the community that Rotary is present and working to improve community life, especially after a few years without a parade. This year, since May 30th is also the observed Memorial Day, they have moved the parade to the morning at 10:30am. Come out and show your Rotary pride by marching with us. Johnnie Lynn is heading this event and could use help. Please reach out to her if you can help decorate the trailer for the parade.

I want to thank Mary Schmutz and Bruce Stebbins for organizing an earth day cleanup on April 23rd. We cleaned an area along the river walk that goes behind WT Brews and other businesses all the way to Lock Street. There were also other groups there and between all of us we left the area spotless. Good work by all who helped.

The membership committee is planning a membership night at the Wood on June 14th, there will be food and games so bring any of your friends or neighbors that you think might be a good fit for Rotary and let them learn more about Rotary and meet some of the Rotarians. We are a friendly bunch! We hope to provide some additional insight into Rotary, but no one will be pressured to join.

As this Rotary year is in its final months, Brian Walsh, our next president, is busily trying to get things in place for his year. He is presently forming committees and collecting ideas for project and programs, so please reach out to him and let him know where you can help in the coming year.

Sincerely,
Club President Bill Rosentel

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WE WANT YOUR NEWS

All members are welcome to submit info, news and photos. Send to Lizzy by the 25th of each month.



WELCOME NEW CORPORATE MEMBERS



The Northwest YMCA is a corporate member of our club, with their VP of Operations Lisa Pachmayer as their primary member. The organization recently updated their two additional members that will be participating with Rotary to include Amy Grabowski and David Sargalski (shown in photos here). Watch for their new faces at an upcoming meeting, and be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to the group.

Corporate memberships allow a business or organization to join Rotary with one primary member (who is official with Rotary International) and up to three additional employees for the cost of one membership. It's a great way for local businesses to get their employees involved in giving back, and gives our club more opportunities for fellowship and service.

MEETING FEE BEING RETIRED

Members received a notice last month alerting you to a change in our fee structure that will take effect July 1: no more \$1 fee to attend a meeting. Put away your dollars and don't worry about carrying cash - the fee is gone! This does mean a change in our dues though because we have to make sure we are bringing in the funds needed to operate our club. As we've discussed at assemblies and orientations, we never use money raised in the community to cover our club's internal costs. Moving forward, dues will be \$175/person unless you pay early. The early bird rate is \$160 and has to be received by May 31st. **If you pay the early bird rate and attend a handful of meetings each quarter, you'll be saving money by not having to pay that dollar anymore.** This approach is more fair, with all members paying the same. Happy dollars and 50/50 will remain optional at meetings. Please bring any questions or concerns about this change to the board.

EARLY BIRD DUES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 31ST

Invoices were emailed May 1. Pay via Venmo @BvilleRotary or by cash/check. Contact Lizzy or Bruce if you have questions or need any assistance.

CHARITY OF CHOICE

Are you remembering to enter your Charity of Choice? This program is a perk of membership that could earn your favorite cause a \$100 donation. For every meeting you attend (in person or online!) you get an entry to win. If you are there in person there are slips you can complete with your name and charity, and if you are joining online you can put your charity in the chat so someone can complete a slip on your behalf. It is free for members to participate. At the last meeting of the month we draw the winner and send their charity a check in their name. The purpose of this program is to ensure the club is supporting causes our members care about. Think there is something more we could do for your cause than the \$100 donation? Bring that request to the board for consideration!

RECENT WINNERS...

Feb - Marv Joslyn for B'ville Food Pantry

March - Bill Rosentel for Honor Flight

April - TBA

May's drawing will be Tuesday 5/31

MEMBER ORIENTATION

Rotary Acronyms Defined

The next orientation session will take place on Zoom at **7pm on Thursday, May 19th** with Lizzy. We will review Rotary Acronyms and talk about all the titles and programs they label. As with other orientations, the topic will be a 25-30 minute lesson, followed by less formal discussion and orientation topics. Come for one or both parts - whatever is most useful to you! Watch your email for the zoom link when the date gets closer.



- Bruce Stebbins - May 4
- Ann Smiley - May 14
- Ted Croucher - May 21
- Dawn Custer - May 22
- Lynn Rosentel - May 23
- Luke Boshart - May 24



- Jenny & Paul Doane: May 14
- Barb & Frank Stone: May 16
- Lizzy & Scott Martin: May 17
- Tori & Nick Shires: May 23

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

WORN OUT FLAG?

The Watchfire Ceremony, where worn and retired flags are properly and respectfully burned each year, will be put off for another year. If you have a flag that needs retiring - frayed, faded, torn - you can still turn it in at the library and they will store them until next year's fire.

LIVERPOOL SOCIAL

Liverpool Rotary is having a happy hour Thursday, May 12th at 5:30pm at Home Team Pub on Rt 57 in Liverpool. They will be discussing the next project/event for their group. All are welcome to come meet new member Devin!

SENECA RIVER DAYS UPDATE

Here's what to know about the planning for Seneca River Days so far:

-Event will be **Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11 and all on Paper Mill Island**

-Much like our past two-day events, Friday will be Food Trucks & Fireworks with live music and then Saturday will be our Family Festival with more activities for the kids (but still with food trucks and live music!), end with the duck pluck around 4/5pm

-We are currently **looking for sponsors** and need your help - contact Marv at marvd7150@gmail.com to see how you can pitch in. [Click here](#) to download this year's sponsorship pamphlet with details on what sponsors will get.

-We have arranged to be able to **sell duck tickets** at several businesses around town every weekend until the event. Sign up for a shift or at least get tickets to personally sell from Abe at a meeting. You can reach out to him via email or phone to get tickets too.

-You will also be approached soon to **sign up to volunteer at the event**. This is an all-hands-on-deck event where we ask everyone who is able to take at least one shift volunteering. Once the committee determines how many volunteers are needed and what jobs they will need to do, you can sign up for the time and task of your choosing. When Marcia calls for volunteers, please answer the call.

Watch your email for the next invitation to a committee meeting.

All are welcome and encouraged to **join a subcommittee** and be of service!

SCAN THIS CODE TO BUY DUCK TICKETS ONLINE!



DUCK'S COST

\$5 each

**\$25 for a 6-duck
or 27 for \$100**

*in honor of our
27th annual event*



Chairperson: Scott Northrup
Immediate Past Chair: Ken Schmidt
Sub-Committee Chairs
Tickets: Abe Morelli
Sponsors: Dave Horan
Activities: Jenny Doane
Volunteers: Marcia Benson
Food Trucks: Scott Northrup
Signage: Doug Tosh
Web Site/Social Media: Ken Schmidt
Contact Scott to get involved!
scott@scottnorthrupinsurance.com

HAPPY NEWS

THROW BACK PHOTO

In this picture, Arohi from India is trying to teach President Bill to dance a traditional Indian dance during a celebration she organized. Bill said, "It was a lost cause, but we all had fun."

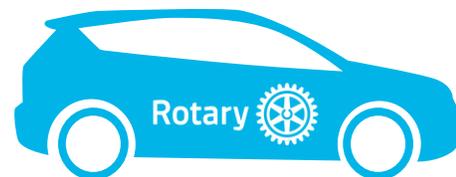


Superintendent Jason Thomson shared this photo at a recent meeting of a new, outdoor classroom where students can get some fresh air on nice days!



NEED A RIDE?

We have launched our new 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!*



MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

MAY 2022

Tuesday, 5/3 @ 7pm Think Tank Discussion	Join us for a special guest moderator from Baldwinsville Interact on the topic of teen mental health and a discussion on this article from The Atlantic
Wednesday, 5/4 @ 12pm Speaker TBD	Program to be announced
Tuesday, 5/10 @ 5:30pm @7pm	Club Board Meeting - members welcome Students of the Month - Join us to celebrate two high school seniors who have been chosen by their guidance counselor for exhibiting the values of Rotary.
Wednesday, 5/11 @ 12pm Speaker Linda Eagan	The director of Fulton Block Builders will tell us about their neighborhood revitalization efforts
Tuesday, 5/17 @ 7pm Club Assembly	Get an update on club finances, committees and accomplishments for this Rotary year
Wednesday 5/18 Club Assembly	Get an update on club finances, committees and accomplishments for this Rotary year
Tuesday, 5/24 from 5-7pm Club in a Pub	Come for a drink, stay for dinner or just pop in to say hello at this social gathering. Location TBA!
Wednesday 5/25 @ 12pm Speaker TBD	Program to be announced

Remember to submit your program ideas to Programs Chair Barb Hunt, bhunt@nscsd.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Here are opportunities for you to get involved, take the lead or learn something new!

May:

Memorial Day Parade - CHANGED TO 10:30AM

June:

Seneca River Days - June 10 & 11 - Get on the committee (pg 4)

Club Changing of the Guard - Tuesday, June 28th

District Changing of the Guard - [REGISTER HERE](#)

And Beyond:

Be a Leader - join club leadership, talk to incoming President Brian

Plan Something Fun - all are welcome to submit ideas for social events

May 2023 - District Conference at Thousand Islands Resort

Contact President Bill or President-Elect Brian to get involved!



FUNNIES