

BALDWINSVILLE ROTARY NEWSLETTER



50 Years of Service

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Submit your articles, news and
photos to the editor by the 25th
of each month.



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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT BRIAN:

It's time...the "snowbirds" have migrated back to their northern nests, and our Seneca River Days will soon be upon us! It's time for all of us Rotarians to flock together, flow with the current and get our ducks in a row. It's time to volunteer to perch outside a local business and sell tickets, time to email your friends and relatives to buy tickets, time to fly around your neighborhoods and sell tickets! It's time to get out there and sell quacks and quacks of DUCK TICKETS !!

The Seneca River Days Committee will be reaching out for volunteers to help work various positions at the River Days. So, I say again: It's time, time to sell and time to volunteer.

"If not us, who? If not now, when?"

Carpe Diem,
Brian



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



SELL DUCK TICKETS

Sign up to help sell tickets at Kinney and B'ville
Supplie for a 1.5 hour shift on an upcoming
Saturday or Sunday. This short time can generate
a lot of sales and pre-sales help ensure success on
the fundraising part of this event no matter how
the turn out is the days of SRD!

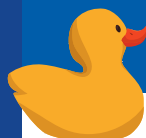
SENECA RIVER DAYS

Please give just a few hours of your time the
weekend of our festival to help with a shift or two.
Most jobs are pretty easy - staffing the admission
table Friday night, selling duck tickets, selling beer
tickets, selling toy ducks. We need all hands on
deck for these two days to pull off a successful
community event and fundraiser!

SIGN UP HERE

CHOOSE YOUR SHIFT

YOUR SUPPORT AT THIS EVENT HELPS US TO BE
ABLE TO GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY!



May 2023



JUNE 9 & 10 | PAPER MILL ISLAND

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

PLEASE SHARE EVERYTHING ON SOCIAL

As posts start picking up on our Seneca River Days social pages, please like, comment and share everything you see. That kind of activity on a post makes it so Facebook will show it to more people and helps increase our reach overall.

WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH SENECA RIVER DAYS SHIRTS?

We have different shirts with different purposes, so let's clarify! The yellow shirt with the duck face on front and "VOLUNTEER" written on the back are shirts we provide to all Rotarians who volunteer at Seneca River Days. We encourage you to wear this shirt so it is clear to people attending our event who they can turn to for assistance. You get this shirt for free, one time, and will wear it every year. New this year, we will also be creating an annual design that is unique to each year's event. These can be seen as collectibles and are optional for members to purchase only IF they want one. You might want to collect all the years or you might just buy one in the years where you like the design. These are great if you volunteer both days so you still have a shirt to wear the second day! They also plug our sponsors and it's another way to honor their contributions that help make the festival possible.



VOLUNTEER TEES

ONE FREE SHIRT TO EACH MEMBER
VOLUNTEERING AT THE EVENT
PLEASE WEAR EACH YEAR AT SRD!

**CONTACT LIZZY IF YOU ARE VOLUNTEERING
THIS YEAR AND NEED THIS SHIRT**



ANNUAL TEES

NEW DESIGN EACH YEAR
OPTIONAL TO PURCHASE
GREAT TO WEAR ON DAY TWO OF SRD

**WATCH FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HOW
YOU CAN ORDER YOUR ANNUAL SHIRT
WITH THIS YEAR'S "ICONIC" DESIGN!**

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 30 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Rotarians and guests will be invited to help build our float and walk in the parade to help us promote Seneca River Days on this Tuesday evening. **Watch your email for details on how to help with our float and participate!**

HELP GIVE BACK

MEMBERS CAN PROPOSE PROJECTS & DONATIONS

Each year our club puts tens of thousands of dollars back into the community, both through the programs run by our volunteers and through donations to organizations that do important work to help our friends and neighbors in need. We even do international projects to support growing economies, build schools and provide clean water. The money used for these contributions is raised collectively through our work at events like the Big Chill and Seneca River Days. Members are invited to submit ideas to the board for causes they care about and that align with Rotary's values. The club is also always looking for projects that could be funded by our club. Not everything that comes to the board will be guaranteed to be approved, but you will be heard. Download a [Donation Request Form](#) and complete it in order to have a request added to the next board meeting agenda. If you want the club to support an existing Rotary project, work with a Rotary partner or support Rotary's Foundation, those messages can go directly to President Brian. In fact, reach out to him if you have any questions about how to submit a request for funds or idea for a project!

CNY ROTARY NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations are open **through May 15th** for several key leadership roles in our new region. If you are considering stepping up to district leadership, pay attention!

NOW SEEKING PRESIDENT FOR 2025-26

You have to have been in Rotary for at least seven years before taking office and have served a full year as club president. You have to be nominated by your club, but you can speak with your club president about getting nominated!

NOW SEEKING COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2024-25

If you have experience in areas like membership, training, DEI, finance and more, consider stepping up as a committee chair. You can nominate yourself or have someone else nominate you for these roles.

Job descriptions and nomination forms at
www.CNYRotary.org

BVILLE ROTARIANS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FREE TRAINING

Members of Baldwinsville Rotary, experienced and new, showed up at Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School bright and early on April 1st for a free breakfast and a few hours of Rotary training. They took classes on membership, being a treasurer, being a secretary, public image and got updates from district leadership on the importance of adapting and innovating to keep Rotary relevant. Members Lizzy and Bill also taught some of the lessons of the day. Breakfast was hearty and provided by VVS Community Rotary. VVS High School Interact students helped us find our way around the building, assisted with tech troubleshooting and presented our district with a \$100 donation to help fight polio thanks to their Pennies for Polio fundraiser. It should be a source of pride for our club that we had so many members present, engaged, learning and leading. The District Training Assembly happens every spring and is open to all members, so consider joining in the fun next year!



Incoming District Governor Elise Hereth welcomed the group with a message from Rotary International President Elect Gordon McInally



The Jennifers (Holman and Joslyn) were cheery even though it was very early in the morning!

SHEET MUSIC COLLECTION

There was some discussion during the school budget presentation about donating instruments and sheet music. Coincidentally, a Girl Scout is working on her Gold Badge and has asked to have the library as a drop off point for donations of sheet music. How fortuitous! The sheet music should be in good condition, it can be for any instrument and any level of student from elementary to high school. She has placed a box in the library for the month of May where folks can drop off sheet music, just outside of Meg's office.

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



CHARITY OF CHOICE UPDATE

Just a friendly reminder that every time you (as a member of our club) attend one of our regular meetings you will have a chance to enter into our drawing to win \$100 for a charity you treasure. There are slips at each of the meetings (when held at The Wood) that you fill out with your name and charity. If you attend via zoom you can enter your charity in the chat and someone will complete a form for you. This program is for members only and is our club's way of supporting charities you care about. Watch your newsletter each month for a round up of who has won and what charities are receiving donations in their name.

September: Jenny Doane for 100 Black Men of Syracuse
October: Janet Joslyn for 100 Black Men of Syracuse
November: Marilyn Powell to the Rescue Mission
December: Jenny Doane for Clear Path for Veterans
January: Marcia Benson for B'ville Community Food Pantry
February: Bill Rosentel for Josephs House for Women
March & April TBA

IT'S DUES RENEWAL TIME - DETAILS HERE

TL/DR

Early Bird Deadline: 5/31
Deadline for Dues: 6/15
Pay by check or Venmo
Please don't procrastinate!

Each spring is your opportunity to renew your commitment to putting Service Above Self. Invoices were emailed on May 1st and we are once again offering the early bird rate of \$160 if you pay before May 31st. After that, the regular rate for dues is \$175, which can be paid in one lump sum or bi-annually. All membership renewals are due by June 15th and that is because we have to have time to update our database to reflect any changes in membership before June 30th. On the first day of the new Rotary year, Rotary International and our district run a report that tells them how many members to bill us for, so you can imagine that it is important our database is accurate by that time. If your dues are not received, you will be removed from the database in order to protect our club's finances. If you pay late, your membership will be reinstated once dues are received. Please direct any questions about dues to our treasurer Bruce, secretary Lizzy or President Brian!

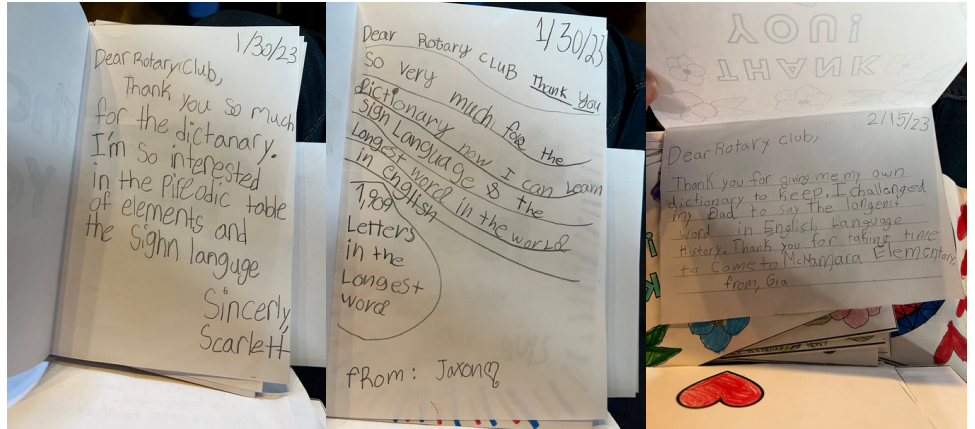
HAPPY NEWS, FUNNIES, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

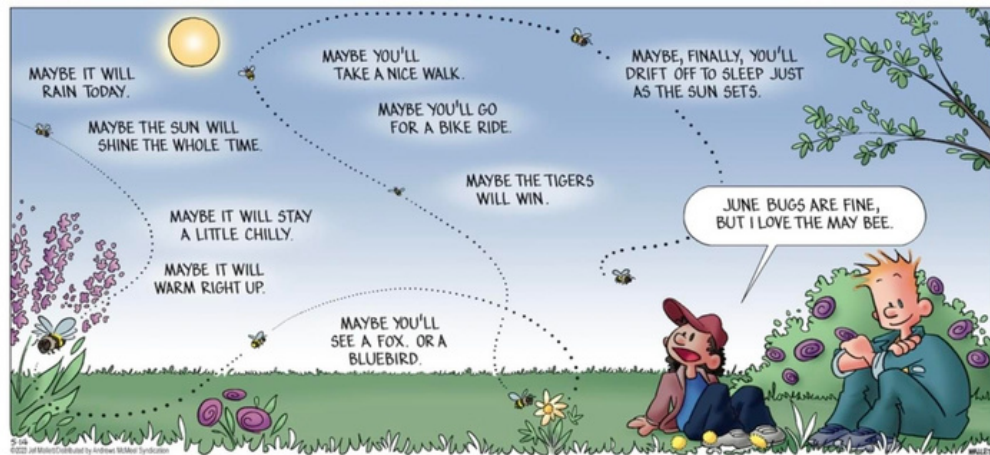
Jenny & Paul Doane - May 14
Barb & Frank Stone - May 16
Lizzy & Scott Martin - May 17

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Amy Grabowski - May 1
Bruce Stebbins - May 4
Ann Smiley - May 14
Dawn Custer - May 22
Lynn Rosentel - May 23



We received thank you cards from third graders who received their dictionaries this school year. Thanks to Meg for coordinating this program!



Lizzy was honored to serve as keynote speaker at Eastwood Rotary's 61st Gala, where she spoke about the importance of member retention.

Sally got to visit with past exchange student Lucille (shown here). We also got a visit from Kim Schick, an exchange student from Germany who was here in 2002-03 as she was in our area for work (no photo shown).



Submit your happy news (personal, professional or other) to Lizzy for future newsletters!

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!

CREW CLEANS UP MARBLE ISLAND

In honor of Earth Day, and on the exact day itself, a group of B'ville Rotarians and their family members took over Marble Island in the village to clean it up. The trails there are popular for walking and fishing, and unfortunately people do leave behind litter. We take pride in supporting the environment with this clean up each spring (and we started another one last fall!) and especially as we are cleaning up our local waterways. Thanks to Bruce for coordinating this with the proper authorities and to all who gave up a few hours on a Saturday morning to lend a hand!



A REMINDER TO SEND A NOTE

In April, we met Meghan Kubiak, Baldwinsville resident and owner of MK Stationary & Co, who reminded us about the power of sending cards and notes to those we care about. Her business was inspired after she lost a close friend to suicide. He was a friend who often gave her hand-written notes and she remembered how special they would make her feel. What if an unexpected note for no particular reason is what makes someone realize they are loved? Feel comfortable asking for help? Her message tied in perfectly with our incoming Rotary International President Gordon McNally's encouragement for Rotarians to help remove the stigma of talking about mental health, and for our clubs to be safe places for people to express caring and seek support. Meghan's business offers her hand-chosen collection of cards, stationery and gifts that will make caring correspondence easy! Take a look at www.mkstationaryandco.com.

HONORING AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH WITH JAMES

One of the best ways to learn about people is to hear their lived experiences in their own voice. We did just that at an April meeting with Club President Brian's son James, who shared about his experience as an autistic person. We learned a bit about autism in general and a lot about James' life; getting adopted by the Walsh family, learning he is autistic and how he is doing now as an adult. James has his own apartment where he is often accompanied by mentors who help him cook, clean and run errands. He works at Price Chopper and we also know that he recently got his first, brand new car! He was very comfortable speaking in front of the group, and shared openly about the challenges and misperceptions he experiences. One important thing we learned is that, while he can be direct, he never means to be rude. We also got a big helping of his sense of humor, with many jokes and a very quick wit. Thank you to James for sharing your story with us so we can better understand the neurodiverse community!



WHAT CAN A \$100 GIFT TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DO?

A \$100 donation to The Rotary Foundation provides textbooks for one elementary school in Zambia, hearing aids for a child in Pakistan, de-worming tablets for 112 children in the Philippines, cataract operations for three people in India, or 230 blankets for elderly people in Korea. Can you commit to donating \$100 or more per year to the Foundation to do good in the world?

ROTARY TAKING ON MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

In case you haven't heard, incoming RI President Gordon McNally's top three priorities are eradicating polio, spreading peace, and transforming how we talk about and treat mental health. This last item on his list is not something we've focused on before in Rotary and is a complex issue to tackle. Rotary happens to be well-poised to help though, since we have experts in the field with our Mental Health Rotary Action Group, we know how to implement global healthcare initiatives, and we have over 36,000 clubs around the world that can serve as safe places for members to turn to when their mental health is suffering. Every club should strive to create an environment where members can ask each other, "How are you, really?" And where members can feel comfortable answering honestly, even when it's hard. **Every member should take eight minutes to watch this video of Gordon sharing more about removing the stigma and providing support. [Click here](#) to watch.**

What programs and projects should we plan in the coming year to be a part of this positive change?



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MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday 5/3 at Noon
Speaker Ryan McMahon, Onondaga County Executive with a county update

Tuesday 5/9 at 7pm
Students of the Month

Tuesday 5/16 from 5-7pm
Club in a Pub - Tiki Bar
Come when you can, leave when you have to, eat, drink and be merry

Wednesday 5/17 at Noon
Speaker Jacquie Owens, Adult Services Librarian from B'ville, will do a hands-on writing workshop for adults

Tuesday 5/23 at 5:30pm
Board meeting - open to all members

Tuesday 5/23 at 7pm
Club Assembly

TUESDAY 5/30: MEMORIAL DAY PARADE @ 6PM

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 - Location TBA
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 - all are welcome!

Tuesday 6/27: CLUB CHANGING OF THE GUARD
Details to come!

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

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