



Baldwinsville  
**Rotary**  
Club



# NEWSLETTER

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**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

We had a fantastic Seneca River Day, mainly by the hard work of the committee to get everything ready in just two months, and due to the many volunteers that pitched in on that day and made everything run smoothly. It was truly a club effort. I can't forget to thank mother nature as the weather was one of the best days we had all summer. It was a great event for our community to get out and enjoy themselves after being restricted for so long. While this is our major fundraiser of the year, let's keep in mind that we do it for the benefit of the community. It was a great success on both fronts.

As we come off the excitement of a successful Seneca River Day, we need to start focusing on what's next. The club has a few ideas in the works like the pizza tasting contest, but we are always looking to our members for new fresh ideas. New proposals mixed with old reliable projects is what makes the club vibrant and enticing to new members and existing members as well. The board is always looking for ideas from the membership on things that have a special interest to our members, so please bring any ideas to us. They don't have to be fundraising ideas, they can also be things that will be of benefit our Baldwinsville community.

We are also bringing back our Acts of Kindness program and are looking for opportunities to do something to spread and inspire kindness in the community. Ideas are welcome for that too. As the Covid threat is increasing, we will continue to have in-person meetings but will be strongly recommending that everyone wear a mask during the meetings. And wear them properly. Having the mask below your nose or pulling it off frequently is equivalent to wearing your seatbelt with the shoulder portion going behind your back. It does not provide all the protection that it can when used properly. Lynn and I are proof that even vaccinated people can contract Covid. Our symptoms were minor, but the disruption of life from being quarantined for 10 days is not minor. So stay safe and be smart.

We continue to have great speakers at our meetings, so if you haven't been to a meeting, don't miss out any longer. And as always, all meetings will be available via Zoom if you cannot attend in person or are not comfortable in doing that yet. Hope to see everyone in the near future.

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

## 2021 Event Wrap Up

Congratulations to the committee and all volunteers who helped with this year's 26th annual Seneca River Days. The festivities on the island were a welcomed sight after all of our social distancing in the last year and a half, and the response from the community was phenomenal. We broke a record for duck tickets sales (not counting the year we made people buy a duck ticket to get onto the island), with 2,895 ducks in the pluck. We also had tremendous support from local businesses, the community and our own members with sponsorships and donations that covered the cost of 14 prizes worth over \$3,500, paid for our bands and made sure we had a gorgeous fireworks display over the river at the end of the night. Please be sure to consider supporting the businesses that sponsored us to express your gratitude for their support. The library also came through with fun activities for the kids throughout the day and even sponsors like SECNY made stopping by their booth fun for the little ones. Thanks also go to those who jumped in to take on a food booth at the last moment - that was a lot of last minute logistics and maneuvering and it was certainly for the betterment of the event experience for our guests than anything else. Truly our club owes a big debt of gratitude to our chairperson Ken Schmidt, whose approach to implementing this event over the last three years has made it better for the community and better for our club. The focus he helped us hone and the structure of the committee are what made it possible for us to pull off this event in such a short time frame. We hope that members will be inspired to join this committee for the 2022 event as we will have several key roles to be filled. Be sure to give your thanks to Ken and also to give a welcome to incoming Seneca River Days chair Scott Northrup!

## THANKS BE TO THE COMMITTEE!

### Ken Schmidt - Chair

- Bruce Stebbins - Treasurer
  - Dave Horan - Sponsorships
  - Scott Northrup - Vendors/Food Trucks
  - Sean Becker - Duck Tickets
  - Ann Smiley - Ticket Distribution/Collection
  - Brian Walsh - Ticket Sales Coordinator
  - Sally Fedrizzi - Ticket Group Sales
  - Mary Coogan - Ticket Group Sales
  - Jenny Doane - Activities/Entertainment
  - Nancy Howe - COVID Protocol
  - Doug Tosh - Signage
  - Lizzy Martin - Public Image
  - Jennifer Joslyn - Social Media
  - Marilyn Powell - Volunteers & Prizes
- Additional Committee Members:
- Marcia Benson
  - Pam Fallesen
  - Bill Rosentel
  - Norma Widmann
  - Tori Shires
  - Barb Stone
  - Jennifer Holman



See more photos and some great videos on our [Seneca River Days Facebook page](#)

Photos courtesy of Lori Newcomb and R Best Photography



# WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

August brought another month of great programs (thanks Programs Chair Barb Hunt!) where we learned a lot about a lot of different topics. Here's a little look back at knowledge we gained just by going to a Rotary Meeting.

## VERA HOUSE

Nicole from Vera House gave us a rundown of all the ways in which their organization serves the community, from immediate crisis care, to counseling, to programs that can help end domestic violence before it starts. Their services are truly critical to families in Central New York. If you wish to make a donation, you can see their wish list [here](#). One thing Nicole wasn't able to share during the meeting is this 5-minute video about their shelters. Please [click here](#) to watch.

## 3GNY - DESCENDANTS OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

David Reckess, Executive Director of 3GNY, shared with our group his grandmother's story of escaping a concentration camp in Poland during the Holocaust. The bravery of his Bubbe Sarah and her family, the people who risked their lives to help escaped Jews and his skillful story-telling were moving to all who attended. The organization he runs encourages second and third generations of Holocaust survivors to tell their family stories in order to keep that important oral history alive and teaches them how to tell that story in 20 minutes. They then take those talks into schools because children who hear first hand (or even second or third hand in this case) about the Holocaust come away with a more real understanding, a more humanized perspective, that encourages empathy. Teaching compassion at a young age has a long-lasting impact. If you would like David to speak to your group, you can connect with him at [dreckess@3Gnewyork.org](mailto:dreckess@3Gnewyork.org) and you can learn more about the organization at [www.3GNY.org](http://www.3GNY.org).

## KINDRED KINGDOMS

We learned some more about animals this month with a visit from Jean Soprano, a wildlife rescuer with a big facility just on the edge of Phoenix. They primarily rescue wild birds, but also rehabilitate baby bears and other wildlife. Her presentation focused on the care that goes into getting these animals back into their natural habitat. One important tip she taught is that it is a myth that mommy and daddy birds will abandon their babies if we touch them. If you find a baby bird on the ground under a tree, it fell out. Create a nest by poking holes in the bottom of a plastic dish (like a cottage cheese container), fill it with some soft bedding and tack it up in that same tree as high as you can reach. Put baby in there and its' parents will come find it. They even do this with really large baby birds of prey! We hope to have Jean come visit us again and bring one of her feathered friends so we can meet it in real life. You can learn more and donate to support their work at [www.KindredKingdoms.com](http://www.KindredKingdoms.com).

# MEETING PROTOCOL

\$1 to attend (max \$1 per week)  
Add \$14 for optional lunch at Wednesday's meeting  
(unless other lunch instructions are provided!)

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

Charity of Choice is free for members - you get one entry for every meeting you attend  
Virtual attendees can put their charity in the chat to be entered for their chance to win

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



## WE ASK YOU TO MASK, PLEASE

They are required for anyone who is unvaccinated and requested for anyone else. The health of our members and guests is what is most important. Be sure to zoom into a meeting if you have any symptoms or have been around someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

## ASK ROTARY

**QUESTION:** Who books the programs and speakers at our meetings?

**ANSWER:** Great question! We have a committee that is in charge of finding interesting and engaging programs to fill our schedule, led by Rotarian Barb Hunt. Her committee includes Jenny Doane, Kishma Alexander and, new this year, Beverly DiCocco. Marv set up a system for us last year with a chairperson who oversees a team of people who take one month at a time to fill open slots. This team works with the president, who sets aside dates for special events like Club in a Pub or Student of the Month. Programs committee members make connections to speakers, work out a good date for them to visit the club and helps explain to our speakers what to expect so they can prepare an appropriate presentation for the time and audience. If you think they have been doing a great job so far this Rotary year, please thank Barb for her leadership. You can send her any ideas you have for future programs to [bhunt@nscsd.edu](mailto:bhunt@nscsd.edu). You can also reach out to her if you wish to join the committee and help with future months!

## NEW FACES Don't forget to introduce yourself to these new members!



SHELLY  
HOUSE



CARYN  
SCHRADER

# HAPPY Birthday

Ken Schmidt - Sept 9  
Bill Rosentel - Sept 25  
Janet Joslyn - Sept 28

# Happy anniversary

Heidi & Russell Kortright - Sept 3  
Ken & Jen Schmidt - Sept 3  
Frieda & Gary Weeks - Sept 10  
Abe & Leslie Morelli - Sept 14  
Scott & Jane Northrup - Sept 14

Don't see your birthday or anniversary listed? We're probably missing that information about you. Submit details to Lizzy at [emartin@advancedmediany.com](mailto:emartin@advancedmediany.com).

## REGISTER NOW FOR TRAINING WITH RLI

Saturday, Sept 25th  
Virtually from 9am-2pm  
Register at [www.rlinea.org](http://www.rlinea.org)

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is coming to District 7150 this month! Register online by September 18th if paying by personal check or Sept 23rd if paying by credit card. Choose from levels I, II, III or graduate. If you have never attended before, that makes you a level I. This year's graduate course will cover Rotary's Areas of Focus. This facilitated learning program helps you to connect with fellow Rotarians, share ideas and challenges in Rotary, hone your leadership skills and learn A LOT about our organization. It doesn't matter if you've been in Rotary for one month or one decade - RLI is for you!

The best part? **The club pays for you to attend!**

Register and pay online or by check. Send your email confirmation of payment or cancelled check to Treasurer Bruce at [brucestebbins@gmail.com](mailto:brucestebbins@gmail.com) for reimbursement. Have questions? Speak with Lizzy, Jenny or Bill.



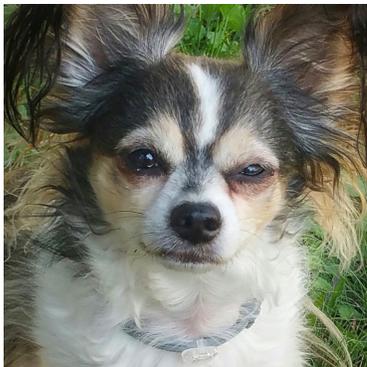
## NEED THANK YOU NOTES?

If you need to send a thank you note on behalf of Baldwinsville Rotary, we have cards for that! Check with Secretary Lizzy if you need some.

## HAPPY NEWS



Barb Hunt saw this sign in Vallejo, California while taking her daughter to college. See the name of the street?



Lizzy & Scott's dog turned 14 last month. Happy Fur-thday Vinny!

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPEN

Saturday, October 30th | Ramada by Wyndham, Liverpool  
**41 Clubs, 41 Stories**

For more than a century Rotarians in District 7150 have served those in our hometowns and around the world, and we are our best kept secret! This will be an opportunity for you to connect, re-connect, and be inspired by the selfless work being done by our Rotary brothers and sisters here in CNY.

The cost of \$80 per person includes lunch and dinner. We have a room block available at \$139 per night for those planning to attend Friday's multi-district End Polio Now event, or wishing to stay over on Saturday after the conference closing.  
[Click here](#) to register today!

## SAVE THESE SPECIAL DATES

**Membership Monday 10/11**

7pm webinar for club leaders

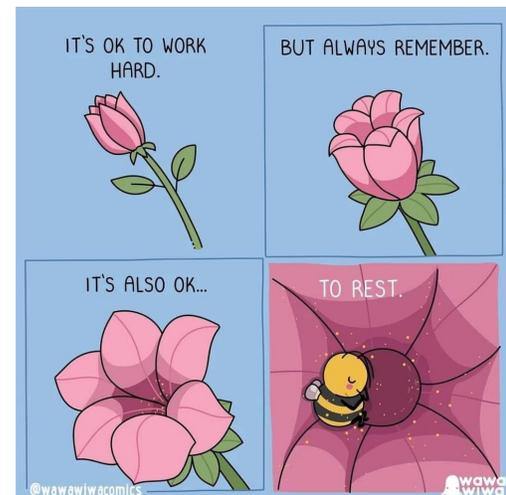
**World Polio Day 10/24**

Stay tuned for special event invite

**District Conference 10/30**

See article above for registration link

Other things to look forward to before the end of the year: Charter Night, Old Newsboys, Holidays with Rotarians



# MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

## SEPT 2021

<b>Wednesday, 9/1 @ 12pm</b> <b>Lauren Russet</b>	Meet Lauren - a Baker grad, owner of Russet PR and the new executive director of the Greater Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce
<b>Tuesday, 9/7 @ 7pm</b> <b>Think Tank Discussion</b>	Join Rotarian Sally for a discussion on this article about an inner city gardening movement in LA. Read " <a href="#">This is no damn hobby: the 'gangsta gardener' transforming Los Angeles</a> " and come to discuss!
<b>Wednesday, 9/8 @ 12pm</b> <b>Erin Vaccaro</b>	Learn about the OCC College Credit Now Program that gives high school students access to college courses (and credits) at no cost to the student
<b>Tuesday, 9/14 5-7pm</b> <b>Club in a Pub</b>	Location to be announced. Join us for an informal, social evening. Come when you can, leave when you have to. Eat, drink and be merry!
<b>Wednesday, 9/15 @ 12pm</b>	Speaker to be announced
<b>Tuesday, 9/21 @ 5:30pm</b>  <b>@7pm</b>	Club Board Meeting - members welcome  Speaker Alysia Clary with Clary's Closet - a program that provides new or gently used clothes to children in need throughout Onondaga County
<b>Wednesday, 9/22 @ 12pm</b> <b>Allison Handwork</b>	Meet the owner of Bee You Nutrition - a new smoothie and tea spot in the village.
<b>Saturday, 9/25 9am-2pm</b> <b>Virtual RLI</b>	Sign up by Sept 18th for <a href="#">Rotary Leadership Institute</a> to start, continue or complete the program that will help you meet more Rotarians and learn more about being a leader (in Rotary and beyond!).
<b>Tuesday, 9/28 @ 7pm</b> <b>Sheila Heaton</b>	Come learn about how the Bee Full Pantry got started providing nutritional support for Baker High School Students and how it's doing today.
<b>Wednesday, 9/29 @ 12pm</b> <b>Rusty Patane</b>	The Great Swamp Conservancy is working to conserve and manage natural resources in the Oneida Lake and Lake Ontario watersheds. Hear about their mission and special events.

## OCT 2021

Looking ahead we will have another Club in a Pub, Student of the Month returns for the new school year, World Polio Day, District Conference and our club's 49th birthday!

**Remember to submit your program ideas to Programs Chair Barb Hunt, [bhunt@nscsd.org](mailto:bhunt@nscsd.org)**

## WANT MORE NEWSLETTERS?

Rotary puts out several e-newsletters covering different topics that you can subscribe to - here's how:

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> Under News & Media Tab click on Newsletters > Click Manage Subscriptions to select the newsletter(s) you want to receive and then save your settings. Enjoy!