



Baldwinsville Rotary Club NEWSLETTER

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Honor Tree

Many thanks to Marianne for chairing this new project to raise money for Clear Path for Veterans by selling ribbons for \$1 each. People can write a message on their ribbon, which we will then use to adorn the trees in front of the library for the week between the calendar Memorial Day and the one we celebrate in town on May 30th.



Please reach out to Marianne if you know of opportunities to sell ribbons!

If April showers bring May flowers, what does the May flower bring? When I was a kid, the answer was Pilgrims. As an adult and the President of a Rotary club the answer is... A Presidential Citation. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the members of this club we will be recognized as one of the elite clubs worldwide to earn this distinction by completing achievements in every area of service. How did we do it? Here are a few of the challenges put out by RI President K.R. Ravindran: The first two were easy (and mandatory)...1 Pay your June dues on time 2. Set 15 goals for your club in My Rotary (Janet has already begun this process for 16-17). We excelled in Membership... net member gain of 1 for our club size. We are currently at 9. Net gain of female members... we have 3 and counting. Foundation goals: Support the RI Foundation (to date our club has donated \$4617.15 between share funds and polio funds) Have 10% of membership enrolled in Rotary Direct for their Foundation Giving (see below what it is and how to join). In the online tool adoption area we posted 5 of our club projects to Rotary Showcase and two of our members are participating in Discussion Groups on My Rotary and the list goes on. My thanks to all of the club members who have participated this year to make our club a great one.



*Yours in Rotary Service,
Sally*

**Look how long her hair is getting!
Beautiful!**

THE FOUR WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it BUILD GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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April

April 1: Watch for practical jokers!

TUESDAY APRIL 5 @ 8pm

Spirit of Syracuse Concert
St. Sophia's Church, Syracuse
email Sally to carpool!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6 @ 12:15pm

Lunch with Elisabeth Kisselstein sharing her
experience in India

BRING YOUR
POLIO \$\$\$



WE GET OUR CHECK FROM THE BIG

TUESDAY APRIL 12 @ 6pm

Board Meeting
followed by 7pm Meeting in the
Computer Lab - My Rotary Training

April 12:
DEADLINE FOR
PRIDE OF
WORKMANSHIP
NOMINATIONS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 @ 12:15pm

Lunch with speaker Maria Miller
from Joseph House

April 19: Don't forget to vote in the primaries!

TUESDAY APRIL 19

CANAL CLEAN-UP

with potluck dinner at Canal Walk
afterwards - watch email for details

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 @ 12:15pm

Lunch Meeting
Speaker TBD

April 22:
EARTH DAY



TUESDAY APRIL 26 @ 7pm

Governor's Upstate Revitalization
Initiative Presentation
at the library

BE SURE TO
ATTEND THE
GOVERNOR'S
SPEECH TO
MINGLE WITH
GUESTS!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27 @ 12:15pm

Lunch with speaker Joanne Spoto Decker from the
Dept of Adult Services

April 29 - May 1: District Conference | Register at www.rotary7150.org

COMING UP

May 10: Pride of Workmanship Dinner

May 22- 30: Honor Tree

June 11: Seneca River Day

June 28: Club Changing of the Guard

October 8: Rotary Leadership Institute

If you have ideas for programs, please share with coordinator Don Distasio at donald.distasio@gmail.com

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP

NOMINATIONS DUE BY APRIL 12TH

This event honors local employees who consistently strive for excellence in the workplace. It is not an award of a business owner or a business, but it is an honor given to the frequently unrecognized employee.

Nomination forms and more information are available on our web site at www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org. Rotarians are encouraged to nominate an employee of their own and to spread the word to other business owners. **Nominations are due by April 12.**

The awards banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 10th at the Red Mill Inn with a cash bar and social time beginning at 6 and a dinner catered by Tabitha's Restaurant at 6:45. It is \$22/person to attend. *A sign-up sheet has been going around at meetings!*

Winners and one guest are guests of Rotary. Their fellow employees are welcome to attend at their own expense. In the past up to 79 people have attended the awards banquet!

Please contact Norma or Marcia with any questions

GET INVOLVED WITH SENECA RIVER DAY

**SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 11, 2016
MERCER PARK & PAPER MILL ISLAND**

As the club's largest and longest standing fundraiser, it's important that we have the full support of all members. The best way to determine how you can help is to come to a committee meeting. Chairperson Jenny is great at keeping them to just one hour!

The push for sponsorship and prizes continues so we can get the tickets printed as soon as possible and start selling. We have sold one flock through online sales!

**JOIN US AT THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:
MON April 4th at 5pm at the library**



HOOLEY SUCCESS

Many thanks to Marv for coordinating it and to everyone who came to participate, sing, play music and entertain the seniors. It definitely put some smiles on their faces!



At left: Member Sam Armstrong plays with violinist Dana Grimaldi



Upper right: Member Marianne Miles plays the piano



Lower right: Member Charlie Farrell reads Irish poetry



STEAK & BEANS DINNER



Many thanks to Dave & Abe for creating, implementing and leading the way with a very successful membership program. The contest motivated club members to finally ask a friend, neighbor or coworker to visit our club and resulted in five new members. We haven't slowed down either, with three more inducted since the new year and two more on the bubble! Other clubs in the district will be implementing the program and it was discussed in front of many clubs at the Multi-District President Elect Training Seminar in March. A very proud moment for the Baldwinsville Club!

Also thanks to Dawn for cooking the delicious steak dinner and incorporating the beans into something much tastier - a custard dessert!

Let's keep up the momentum we have built. Continue to talk about Rotary, wear your pin and never hesitate to bring someone to one of our meetings!

Interested in joining the membership committee? Speak with Abe!

YOUTH UPDATE

Our Youth Exchange Student Hirono participated behind the scenes in the school's "Suessical the Musical" by helping with hair and make-up. Club member Jenny Pearson was also on the hair & make-up team, so they bonded! Hirono said that even though she doesn't do a lot of talking, doing people's make-up helped her feel a connection to them.

FOUNDATION GIVING

ROTARY DIRECT MAKES IT EASY!

Rotary Direct is a donation program to schedule your contributions to the Rotary International Foundation. Using this program saves...



TIME Sign up once, scheduling monthly, quarterly or annually and you will be all set!

MONEY This automated program demands less in administrative costs, which means more money goes to our projects!



LIVES Giving to the Rotary Foundation helps our organization do great things around the world!

SET IT & FORGET IT

today at www.rotary.org/give or speak to our club's foundation chair Marcia to get a paper form that you can mail to Rotary International.

HAPPY NEWS

Jenny Doane's grandson William turned 2 - he's gotten so big!!!

