

# Baldwinsville Rotary

# NEWS

April 2018

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A Seneca River Day Update

Big Chill Check Received

Mega Turnout for Students of the Month!

Plus

A Painting  
Guessing Game!

Photo: Member Kathleen Jiries smiles while painting the children's play space at the Syracuse Salvation Army, along with New Hartford Rotarian Mary Webster, as part of the hands-on project coordinated by DGE Marv during Multi-District President Elect Training Seminar.

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# FROM PRESIDENT DON



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As a Rotary Club, Baldwinsville has been quite amazing over the past couple of years. Our growth in membership along with numerous activities including local support, domestic and international support has shown the importance of Rotary.

To me, one of our best activities has been Student of the Month. Each month two children (we strive for JV or freshman, along with an upper class person) are chosen to receive this Baldwinsville Rotary Club award. The awardees are chosen through the school guidance

counselors. The counselors look for someone who ordinarily would not get many awards, but is a fine student and helps in the community.

So far, this year we have been blessed to have amazing students receive the honor. They certainly deserved to be

chosen, but each one of the honorees has been outstanding in accepting the award. I only wish I would have been like these amazing children!

We have also benefited with families attending the ceremony who have interest in joining the club, along with speaking at the club. We are also confident this will help our efforts with Interact. Special thanks to Beth, Katie and Sherry.

Most importantly we need for club members to attend this evening each month during the school year. That's how you show support for the program and it will really make you feel good.

Finally, Seneca River Days is really growing into something unique this year. Thanks to Ken and his committee for getting everything off to a great start and thinking outside of the box with the plans. Let's all get behind this two-day event!

## CLUB LEADERSHIP: YOUR BOARD

**Vice President:**

Bill Rosental

**Immediate Past President:**

Janet Joslyn

**President Elect:**

Meg Van Patten

**Secretary:**

Lizzy Flinn-Brown

**Co Treasurers:**

Marv Joslyn, Doug Tosh

**Board Members:**

Bruce Jones, Bruce Stebbins,  
Ken Schmidt

*Want to be a Rotary leader?*

**VOLUNTEERING IS A GREAT WAY TO GAIN LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE!**

There are many free opportunities to learn about being a leader through service. Just ask a board member and read your newsletter for details!

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# CLUB CHARITY TRACKER

- \$500 donation of our charity funds to the Rotary International Relief Fund to be used for Hurricane Harvey relief
  - \$100 to the Barnes-Hiscock Mansion to provide for 20 city school children to get tours
  - \$500 to the Lysander Concert Series
  - \$500 to the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk
  - up to \$750 to send mosquito nets to Puerto Rico
  - up to \$600 to Honor Flight for two plane tickets
  - \$400 to feed four families for a week through the Baldwinsville Christmas Bureau
  - \$1,000 for two BOCES scholarships
  - \$1,000 for scholarship through the Baldwinsville Community Scholarship Fund
  - \$325 to sponsor a student attending a YMCA Youth & Gov't Program
  - \$1,200 for Dictionary Project
  - \$250 to the MOST
  - \$500 to Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp
  - \$250 to Keep the Ball Rolling After Prom Party
- TOTAL: \$7,875**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY APRIL 2018

## BIRTHDAYS:

- April 4: Joe Brainerd
- April 14: Sean Becker
- April 22: Jennifer Joslyn

## ANNIVERSARIES

- April 19: Beth & Pat Chetney

*Don't see your birthday or anniversary listed here?  
Tell it to Jenny!*



# LAST CALL FOR DISTRICT CONFERENCE

If I haven't been able to sell you on attending District Conference with my words, let's try pictures! There are several fun and educational things happening that you might not have heard about yet.



After the festivities end on Saturday, weather permitting, we're hanging by a couple of fire pits outside of the hotel with s'mores and cornhole!



We will be graced with beautiful harp music during dinner Saturday night. The musician is a member of the Owego Rotary Club.



We are bringing wine country to the hotel with on-site wine tastings. Unlimited tastings, a keepsake wine glass & charm for \$10/person.

# ROOMS ARE FILLING FAST & TIME IS RUNNING OUT REGISTER NOW AT: [WWW.ROTARY7150.ORG](http://WWW.ROTARY7150.ORG)



Everyone who registers for conference gets a t-shirt to wear in the End Polio Now 1K walk during the weekend.



Come learn a language! B'villian Ann Horan will be teaching a Spanish lesson.



You can book a flight over the region to get a birds' eye view of the southern part of the Finger Lakes!

# NEW: ROTARY THINK TANK

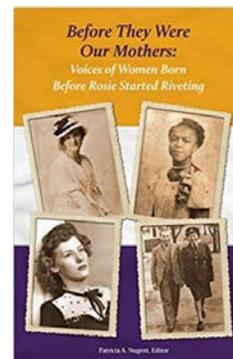
Taking the popularity of book club and expanding it, member Sally will now also lead discussions on much shorter reads, like magazine articles. Hopefully even more people will participate since you can review the article much quicker than reading a book! Book Club will also continue and here are the next two discussion events:



## Think Tank Discussion: Tuesday, May 22nd at 7pm

Article: *This Tiny Country Feeds the World*, By Frank Viviano

Read it here: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/2017/09/holland-agriculture-sustainable-farming/>



## Book Club Meeting: Tuesday, June 12th at 7pm

Reading "Before They Were Our Mothers: Voices of Women Born Before Rosie Started Riveting," by Patricia Nugent

Cheryl Tosh (Doug's wife) has a copy to loan out and it is available on Amazon: <https://goo.gl/EtjgJC>

# SENECA RIVER DAYS UPDATES

The planning committee for this year's Seneca River Days, led by Ken Schmidt, is busy putting together lots of new ideas and solidifying commitments of support for this fun, family event. Bands and food trucks are being booked for Friday, other community service groups and committing to join us on Saturday, duck tickets are already printed and out to be sold, and sponsors are pouring in. With Dave Horan at the helm, sponsorship is already off to a great start. With Jenny, they were able to secure a \$4,000 sponsorship from the Townsend family at Honda City, which will cover our fireworks display for Friday evening. We also have several \$1,000 sponsors (shown below) that cover everything from the grand prize for the duck race to the stage sponsorship. We are so blessed to have committed members working on this and such support from our community! New members Scott & Kathleen having taken the lead on vendors and are so organized. It's truly a team effort! Much more fun stuff still to be confirmed and announced, but get ready for more busy-ness and requests for assistance as the weekend draws nearer!

**And don't forget to save the dates - June 8 & 9!**

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*Congratulations Norma!*  
**WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

A well-deserved honor, Norma will be recognized at a dinner on April 7th, along with man of the year Vic Jenkins (no relation to Mic!)

# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH GET EXTRA SUPPORT

The March students chosen to be recognized as B'ville Rotary's Students of the Month had support coming at them from all angles. We had over a dozen Rotarians in attendance, the principals from their schools joined us, and they both had parents and grandparents at the meeting. Vincent Leone's grandparents drove from south of Buffalo to be at the special event and the whole family was really proud. Alex Boak, who attends Durgee Junior High, was was our first non-senior student and he did a great job at addressing the group. It's very impressive how well-spoken the kids are every month. Photos include a group of both families and one with the principals Don and Cindy.



# BIG CHILL CHECK

During a joint luncheon with the Greater Baldwinsville Chamber last month, our club was presented with a check for our efforts during the B'ville Big Chill. We netted just under \$10,000!

A little over half of our proceeds have been earmarked to go towards our Backpack Project. The goal is to provide funding, along with our partners from Kiwanis and St. Mark's Lutheran Church, to grow the program to serve more students at more elementary schools in Baldwinsville. Great job to the planning committee and everyone who made the day possible. We learned how we can improve upon it even more next year and really have a great partnership going! Photo: Co-chairs Nancy Howe & Meg VanPatten summarize the successes of the day and present the check!



# TOPS IN TRIVIA

Several B'ville Rotarians have become regulars at WT Brews on Wednesday evenings for their trivia night. After several weeks in the tournament, Marv's Marvels took the top prize and won this awesome trophy!



# GUESS THE ARTIST!

Rotarians from three different clubs, and some non-Rotarians, had a great time at Painting with a Twist in Liverpool last month. All the paintings came out beautifully! Join us at District Conference to see DG Phyllis', PDG Deb's and Lizzy's paintings and try to guess which one each of them painted!



# APRIL



Tuesday, April 3 at 7pm: David Sullivan on House Flipping

Wednesday, April 4 at noon: Learn About the Lysander Spray Park

Saturday, April 7 at 8am: District Training Assembly at VVS ([www.rotary7150.org](http://www.rotary7150.org))

Tuesday, April 10 at 5:30pm: Board Meeting, at 7pm: Bliss Bridal owner Gina

Wednesday, April 11: Rotary Foundation with PDG Jim Austin

Tuesday, April 17 at 7pm: Students of the Month

Wednesday, April 18 at noon: B'ville Schools Budget Discussion with Jamie Rodems

Tuesday, April 24 at 7pm: Korrie Taylor with the B'ville Theater Guild

Wednesday, April 25 at noon: Speaker Bryony Grealish with Fingerless Kitchen

Friday, April 27-29: DISTRICT CONFERENCE in Corning!

*Please remember to RSVP to Dawn if you are attending Wednesday's lunch  
Call Canal Walk at (315) 635-3619 by noon on Tuesdays!*

UPCOMING  
FUN EVENTS

April: Family-Style Dinner at Francesca's

May: Royal Wedding Viewing Party

June: Chinese Lantern Festival

July: Syracuse Chief's Night

**WATCH YOUR EMAIL**

for details as the  
committee confirms  
dates and details!

## Submit your program ideas today...

What would you find interesting? Know of an organization in the area we should all learn more about? Submit your ideas and any contacts you have for them to program coordinator Kristen Earle at [kml learle@gmail.com](mailto:kml learle@gmail.com) ASAP!