

Baldwinsville  
Rotary



## APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

As I write this message, I am seeing little signs of spring. The ice cream stand in the Valley is open and has long lines of people waiting for ice cream and the little purple crocuses are popping out in the year behind the library.

"Spring adds new life and new beauty to all that is." By Jessica Harrelson

With the coming of Spring I invite you to think of ways you can add new life and new beauty to the world around us. One can do so in many ways. A simple act of kindness can spread beauty and give someone's spirit a lift. In March the club had a great discussion based on the book Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming.

The book provided many ways that we can help our world with simple little acts which can help lead the world to new life and beautify our world. Celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd by doing something as simple as helping to pick up the trash that collects on the landscape during the winter. Want to get some other great ideas on how to help the environment go to [drawdown.ecochallenge.org](http://drawdown.ecochallenge.org).

Hope you have a great Spring!



BE THE INSPIRATION

**MEG VAN PATTEN, CLUB PRESIDENT**

*Photo: The team that won Sally's Trivia for Charity tournament was Smartini's and their charity of choice to receive a \$1,000 donation was the Rescue Mission. Rotarians, the winning team members and the Rescue Mission pose for the official check presentation at WT Brews.*

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# NEXT THINK TANK



**APRIL 9 AT 7PM  
ARTICLE DISCUSSION**

*Sally is pulling another great article from The Rotarian Magazine's April 2018 issue. Click here to read: "Is it too late to create a narrative where we're all on the same side?"*

## LAST CALL FOR CELEBRATION

### STILL NOT SURE IF YOU SHOULD JOIN US?

Click here for sneak peek of the venue from one of our keynote speakers - it's worth a click!

This is your last chance to sign up to attend this year's District Conference, a celebration of our clubs. We will start at 3pm on Friday, May 3rd with registration at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in scenic Lake Placid. We'll have a fun night kicking off the party weekend with Youth Exchange, music and social time. On Saturday morning we will have a fun military trivia competition, raising money for Clear Path for Veterans, we'll learn about membership, hand out awards and there will be free time in the afternoon. For the evening, we'll have a mobster murder mystery playing out during cocktails and dinner. Both nights will feature stellar keynote speakers too! There are some items we are seeking for a service project to provide care packages for foster children. You can see the list of items we are collecting and learn more (like what to wear) if you click here.

The room block at the hotel has ended, but there is still space. Get signed up and get your meal/room form in before it's too late!

## DISTRICT C-O-G

Please plan to attend the celebration of Marv's year as our District Governor at the District Changing of the Guard on Thursday, June 27 at the Traditions at the Links in East Syracuse. More details are still to come (like what time and how much), so please respond when you get an email inviting you to register online. We should be proud to be a club with such dedicated leaders that one becomes a governor!

## ACTS OF KINDNESS MINI CHALLENGE

*Get an idea of how great it feels to be kind by incorporating these small, but meaningful acts of kindness into your life this month!*

**If you shop at Aldi's, offer your cart to another customer without taking a quarter!**



## ROTARY QUIZ TIME!

Can you answer these B'ville Rotary trivia questions?

1. In what year was the Baldwinsville Club formed?
2. Name the two presidents for our club to follow in Meg's footsteps.
3. Name the next Rotary International president (starting July 1).

Email your answers to [megv@bville.lib.ny.us](mailto:megv@bville.lib.ny.us) to be entered to win a prize. Correct answers in next month's newsletter.

Answers to March's questions:

1. Rotary's six areas of focus are Peace & Conflict Resolution, Disease Prevention & Treatment, Water & Sanitation, Maternal & Child Health, Education & Literacy, Economic & Community Development
2. The RI Convention is in Hamburg, Germany this June
3. This year's Seneca River Days will be June 14 & 15

Congratulations to Michelle Martin, the March winner of the trivia contest. \$10 is being donated to RI and she will receive a pen/paper note keeper with the Rotary logo.

# SELLING DUCK TICKETS 101

Over the next couple months, you will be asked many times and be reminded even more times to sell duck tickets. Why is this important? The revenue from duck tickets is all money in the bank for our club because the prizes are donated and the event is run by volunteers. When they are sold in advance of the event, we can count on that money even if we have less than ideal weather at Seneca River Days. This is the money we use to give back to the community in the coming year, so the more we sell, the more we can give!

There are a few ways to go about meeting your goal of selling at least two flocks of ducks. First, you can ask family, friends, coworkers and neighbors. For some that is easy, but not everyone is comfortable with it. Maybe you just asked them to buy cheesecakes for your child's booster club and don't want to hit them up again. Then you should move to the second way to sell tickets, which is to sign up for one of the many opportunities we will have in the coming weeks to sell tickets outside of Kinney's, Rite Aid, or other generous businesses that allow us to set up a table. You can sign up with a fellow Rotarian or bring a friend. The two-hour shifts go quickly and you can mingle with the public! Hopefully, you have so much fun that you sell far more than the minimum of two flocks!

## HELP US GET SPONSORS TOO

Dave Horan is the point person for getting sponsors for Seneca River Days. He is working hard to get information out to local businesses now and will need help following up. It would also be helpful if you can share any contacts that you have at area businesses so Dave's team will know who the decision-maker is when they call. Sponsors really make our event possible, covering the costs of the bands, fireworks, kids activities and much more. We are always open to ways to customize a sponsorship so it helps the business get their name in front of all the families that attend our event. Connect with Dave if you have contacts to share or if you want to help out!


## WHY WOULD SOMEONE WANT TO BUY A DUCK TICKET?

- The grand prize is \$1,000 cash
- We have much better odds than the lotto!
- 100% of the money from the tickets goes back into the community

## MARCH'S CHARITY OF CHOICE IS THE RI FOUNDATION

March's winner: Lizzy and the Rotary International Foundation

Don't forget to fill out a slip with your charity of choice each time you attend a meeting (that means two submissions if you go to both meetings in one week!).

	Name: _____
	Charity: _____
<small>Fill out your name and a charity that's important to you each time you attend a meeting. Drawing will be at the last meeting of the month and the winner's charity will receive a \$100 donation in their honor. *Charities must be 501c3 or local organization accepted by the club board.</small>	

## BIRTH DAYS

April 1: Michelle Martin  
April 17: Sean Becker  
April 21: Lauri Maddaloni  
April 22: Jennifer Joslyn  
April 30: Tori Shires



## ANNIVERSARIES

April 19: Beth & Pat Chetney



# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

After getting snowed out in February, our monthly recognition program got back on track in March with Maggie and Evan as our Students of the Month. Maggie is looking to become a doctor (either a surgeon or psychologist) and is very athletic. Evan is also athletic, but with an eye for mechanics as part of the robotics team and with plans to study mechanical engineering when he goes to college. As always, it was a pleasure getting to meet such impressive and dedicated young people. This program really showcases the young leaders we have right in our own community!



# STEP UP FOR THE PARADE

We are looking for someone to take the lead on our float in the Memorial Day Parade, taking place at 6pm on Thursday, May 30th. The float is intended to promote Seneca River Days. There is no shortage of ideas on how to put on a good show and it won't be hard to get people to show up to be a part of it, but we really need that point person to coordinate - pull together all the resources and make sure it looks fantastic. This is a fun, short-term project that has the full support of the club. A great opportunity to test out your leadership and organizational skills! Speak to President Meg if you are interested or if you have questions about what it entails.

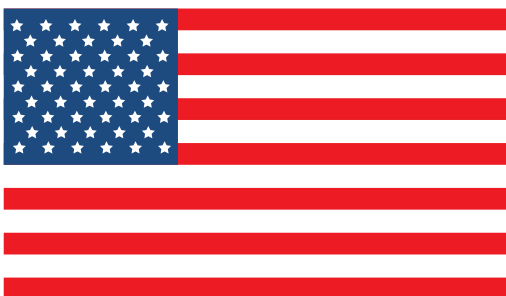


Congrats to the B'ville Robotics team, heading to the world championships. We have had Students of the Month on this team, including Griffin Seifritz and Damon Maw-Coe!

# WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER AMBER

We recently welcomed new member Amber Cavallaro. She is the branch manager at the new Solvay Bank on Downer Street and she lives locally with her family. Some of us even got to meet her adorable little girl, Paisley, at a recent Seneca River Days committee meeting. Amber has jumped right in with helping out and brings a great energy to the club. Please be sure to introduce yourself if you have not already. She has been a little busy at the bank, but you might be able to catch her at a Wednesday meeting this spring!

WE WILL BE WELCOMING FOUR MORE NEW MEMBERS THIS SPRING TOO!



# LOOKING FOR OLD FLAGS

The club's next big Act of Kindness will be to replace some worn-out flags around the community. Please keep an eye out in your neighborhood and make note if someone might have a flag that needs to be retired and replaced. We can't afford to do all of them, but we can draw from the homes you give us and present new flags to them.

# APRIL MEETINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 2 AT 7PM: STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

WED., APRIL 3 AT NOON: SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 AT 5:30PM: BOARD MEETING, AT 7PM: THINK TANK W/SALLY

WED., APRIL 10 AT NOON: SPEAKER FROM ROSAMOND GIFFORD ZOO LECTURE SERIES

**PLUS WE WILL BE INDUCTING TWO NEW MEMBERS!**

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 AT 7PM: LEARN ABOUT GUIDE DOGS WITH MEMBER MARY

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TUESDAY, APRIL 23 AT 7PM: ASSEMBLY MEETING

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TUESDAY, APRIL 30 AT 7PM: MEG'S ROUTE 66 TRIP



## HAPPY EASTER EVERY BUNNY!

## COMING UP

### MAY 3-5

DISTRICT CONFERENCE CELEBRATION

### MAY 30

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

### JUNE 14/15

SENECA RIVER DAYS

### JUNE 29

DISTRICT CHANGING OF THE GUARD

### JULY 10

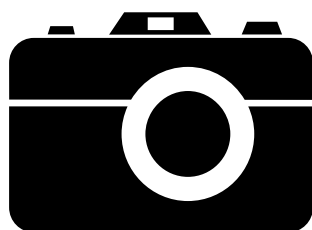
OFFICIAL VISIT FROM DG RANDY

## HELP WITH PROGRAMS - NO REALLY, PLEASE HELP OUT!

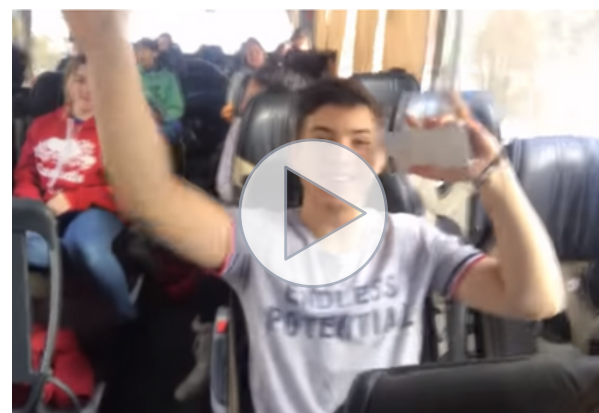
*It's not lip service when we ask for your suggestions. We really want ideas for programs so we can fill the schedule with fun and interesting speakers, topics and events. Feel free to think outside of the box! Send your ideas to Pam at lizardmom67@hotmail.com and include a contact if you have one. We are currently booking for the spring time!*



Incoming club president Lizzy got to meet incoming RI president Mark Maloney at her president's training



## snapshot



Click on this snapshot to see a video of what our outbound Youth Exchange student Alli has been up to in France, participating in all kinds of winter fun!