



# NEWSLETTER



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As we enter the spring season, for us it means we start thinking about Seneca River Day planning and selling duck tickets. The duck tickets are available, please see Abe or myself to get your bundle to sell. We expect everyone in the club to help in this endeavor since it is the heart of our charitable giving throughout the year. We also have a list of businesses that are allowing us to sell outside their stores, there is a signup sheet with the dates and times (weekends), so please sign up for a few shifts. This is actually the second Seneca River Day under my term as president. The one held last August was a huge success due to all the volunteers and I am hoping this one will be even better. Mark you calendars for June 10th and 11th and plan to pitch in.

Our club has been very active with donations of games, furniture, dog and cat food, etc., for the Christmas Bureau, Catholic Charities and Humane CNY in the past few months. Now we are again collecting items to help refugees that will be coming to our area. Please read the notices that Lizzy sends out and put some

items aside for the collection days if you are able.

There are a few other events coming up, we are looking for someone to lead a cleanup effort for Earth Day on April 23rd. You would choose the location, notify the village and arrange for the volunteers. We also need someone to head our Memorial Day Parade effort on May 30th. We have a trailer and truck already promised, but we need creative people to decorate it and organize the event with the village. We know there are a lot of artists out there, this is a great showcase to show your stuff. Also, a great way to reconnected to the club without a huge commitment. If we do not find chair people for these events, we will not be part of them, so don't assume someone else will do it, step up.

Think about coming back to meetings, especially if you haven't been to one in a while, we have had excellent speakers and fun times at Student of the Months and Club in the Pubs, so don't miss out. You

joined Rotary to get involved, so reinvigorate yourselves by getting involved again.

We also started a new program where Rotarians help Rotarians by giving rides to doctors, stores, dropping off your car, etc. Lizzy sent out the link to the Google doc where you can find the names and contact info for those who stepped up and are willing to give rides. If you have a need, check out the page for someone to ask or add your own name to the list so you can help others. That is what the family of Rotary is all about. We are now entering the time of year where our President Elect Brian Walsh is forming his team to lead the club in the 2022-23 Rotary year. Please reach out to Brian and let him know what area you might be interested in helping with as he is forming his committees now. No one can run the club by themselves, your participation and assistance is needed for it to be a successful year.

Club Président Bill Rosentel



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES** 

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All members are welcome to submit info, news and photos. Send to Lizzy by the 25th of each month.

### SAYING GOODBYE TO A CHARTER MEMBER



Last month, our club lost a charter member, Harold "Mic" Jenkins. Mic was one of 20 members who founded our club in 1972, which means he would have celebrated 50 years in Rotary later this year. Mic has been active in Rotary for much of his membership, thanks to the love and support of his wife Marylyn, who was also a Woman of Rotary before women were allowed to officially joined. She and other wives of Rotarians hosted fundraisers and helped out. Mic served as club president in 1973-74 and again in 1993-94. He was active at the district level, especially in leading the Youth Exchange program for many years. It was his and Marylyn's passion to be hosts to students and get to travel abroad themselves, truly believing in the importance of cultural exchange and choking up everytime he spoke of the program. Mic's energy for Rotary was rejuvenated again in 2019 when he chaired our Pride of Workmanship dinner and hosted a social event at his house where he taught us all how to make apple cider on his wooden press. In addition to being a long-time Rotarian, Mic was in a woodworking group where he used his talents for charity and he was very active professionally, owning a veterinary hospital and promoting veterinary care in CNY. At the time of his passing, Mic had graduated to being an honorary member and was very much in tune with our club's activities even while remaining home due to the pandemic. His family held a beautiful ceremony and reception to say our goodbyes on April 2nd. You can read Mic's full obituary here.

### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

In March we got to meet two and present a third Students of the Month award. In person, we met Rachel Ferris and Griffin Duger. Rachel is involved in sports (lacrosse and volleyball), student council, youth group, and likes hiking and being active. She is enrolled in the BOCES program for physical therapy and plans to pursue a career in nursing. Griffin is also active in both athletics (golf, snowboarding and wakeboarding) and academics (on senior council and in honor society). And he too wants to get into the medical field with a goal of being a Physician Assistant. He has applied to several excellent schools - LeMoyne, SU, Cornell and Hobart - to get his studies started in biology.

Isabella lannitti (bottom photo) was supposed to be recognized back in February, but she has a busy schedule so President Bill met up with her separately to deliver her award. She is a tennis player who is also in Key Club and honor society. She enjoys gymnastics and being creative as well. She is yet another young leader looking to get into healthcare with a plan to attend a nursing program after graduation. On her application she said the person she admires most is her mom, "because she does so much for my

family and I, as well as puts everyone before herself."

Aren't we lucky to have all of these young people passionate about helping people be healthy with career goals in healthcare? What a great way to fill a need in our society and serve others through the caring work they will do. Best wishes to all of these graduating seniors and to their parents!



### **MEMBER ORIENTATION**

The next orientation session will take place on Zoom at 5:30pm on Wednesday, April 27th with Lizzy. The topic will be Rotary's Partners. Just as our club collaborates with other groups like local churches, the chamber and more, Rotary International collaborates too. We'll learn more about who are partners are and what kinds of partner programs exist. As with other orientations, the topic will be a 25-30 minute lesson, followed by less formal discussion and orientation topics. Come for one or both parts - whatever is most useful to you! Watch your email for the zoom link when the date gets closer.

### **COLLECTION FOR REFUGEES \***

The Donations Committee is leading the charge on another collection of second-hand household items to help set up more apartments for incoming refugees, this time through Interfaith Works. Click the image of their list to the right to open the full list of items they need, which range from linens, to furniture, to appliances and even toiletries. Some items must be new, so it's your choice if you wish to contribute second hand items or purchase something. All will go to good use! Set aside your items while spring cleaning or pick up your donations and save them until the week of May 9th. That week you can bring them to Lizzy's house or to either club meeting for collection.

Watch your email for reminders & details!



## CHARITY OF CHOICE

Are you remembering to enter your Charity of Choice? This program is a perk of membership that could earn your favorite cause a \$100 donation. For every meeting you attend (in person or online!) you get an entry to win. If you are there in person there are slips you can complete with your name and charity, and if you are joining online you can put your charity in the chat so someone can complete a slip on your behalf. It is free for members to participate. At the last meeting of the month we draw the winner and send their charity a check in their name. The purpose of this program is to ensure the club is supporting causes our members care about. Think there is something more we could do for your cause than the \$100 donation? Bring that request to the board for consideration!

#### **RECENT WINNERS...**

February - Marv Joslyn for B'ville Food Pantry March - Bill Rosentel for Honor Flight

April's drawing will be Wednesday, 4/27

### LIVERPOOL UPDATE

Our satellite club had their own club in a pub last month at Home Team Pub that included past, current and prospective members; and even a visiting Rotarian from Fulton! The group is planning an Earth Day Clean Up, another social event and to help one of their members at the Teal Ribbon 5K Run/Walk to raise money for Hope for Heather. We'll keep all members posted in case you want to visit this fun group!



### **NO MORE MEETING FEE - JULY 1**

Members received a notice last month alerting you to a change in our fee structure that will take effect July 1: no more \$1 fee to attend a meeting. Put away your dollars and don't worry about carrying cash - the fee is gone! This does mean a change in our dues though because we have to make sure we are bringing in the funds needed to operate our club. As we've discussed at assemblies and orientations, we never use money raised in the community to cover our club's internal costs. Those are all paid for by members and include things like our web site, post office box, member parties like Charter Night and the Christmas party, name badges and more. Moving forward, dues will be \$175/person unless you pay early. The early bird rate is \$160 and has to be received by May 31st. If you pay the early bird rate and attend a handful of meetings each quarter, you'll be saving money by not having to pay that dollar anymore. This approach is more fair, with all members paying the same. Happy dollars and 50/50 will remain optional at meetings. Please bring any questions or concerns about this change to the board.



Michelle Martin - April 1 Shelly House - April 7 Heidi Kortright - April 14 Sean Becker - April 17 Jennifer Joslyn - April 22 Deb Cogliandro - April 28 Tori Shires - April 30



Beth & Pat Chetney: April 19 Barb & Dieter Hunt: April 19

Don't see your birthday or anniversary listed? We're probably missing that information about you. Submit details to Lizzy at emartin@advancemediany.com.

## **MEETING PROTOCOL**

\$1 to attend (max \$1 per week)

If you want food or drinks at either meeting, please order and pay at the bar. View the menu here.

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 each meeting you attend Virtual attendees can put their charity in the chat to be entered for their chance to win Virtual attendees are asked to submit their meeting and happy dollars too

## CONSIDER MASKING UP



Not long after we removed mask requirements for our meetings, community spread has increased and the CDC is currently recommending that our county mask up again. Masks will remain recommended for all and required for unvaccinated guests until further notice. Please stay home if sick or in quarantine.

### SENECA RIVER DAYS UPDATE

Here's what to know about the planning for Seneca River Days so far:

-Event will be Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11 and all on Paper Mill Island

-Much like our past two-day events, Friday will be Food Trucks & Fireworks with live music and then Saturday will be our Family Festival with more activities for the kids (but still with food trucks and live music!), end with the duck pluck around 4/5pm

-We are currently **looking for sponsors** and need your help - contact Marv at marvd7150@gmail.com to see how you can pitch in. <u>Click here</u> to download this year's

sponsorship pamphlet with details on what sponsors will get.

-We are also preparing to **sell duck tickets** at several businesses around town, so please plan to volunteer for at least one shift when Abe reaches out to ask for volunteers. **All** members are expected to sell duck tickets - whether that is by taking a shift to sell at a business, selling to friends and family or buying them directly (or all of the above!). Tickets are available now from Abe and we hope to soon launch our online sales that all will be asked to post about on social media. The revenue from our duck pluck is a lot of what we get to keep after sponsors cover the costs of the bands, supplies and more. It's important we sell as many as we can in advance so we can be successful regardless of the weather or turn out at the event. -You will also be approached soon to **sign up to volunteer at the event**. This is an allhands-on-deck event where we ask everyone who is able to take at least one shift volunteering. Once the committee determines how many volunteers are needed and what jobs they will need to do, you can sign up for the time and task of your choosing. When Marcia calls for volunteers, please answer the call.

Watch your email for the next invitation to a committee meeting. All are welcome and encouraged to join a subcommittee and be of service!

Chairperson: Scott Northrup Immediate Past Chair: Ken Schmidt **Sub-Committee Chairs** Tickets: Abe Morelli Sponsors: Dave Horan Activities: Jenny Doane Volunteers: Marcia Benson Food Trucks: Scott Northrup Signage: Doug Tosh

Web Site/Social Media: Ken Schmidt **Contact Scott to get involved!** scott@scottnorthrupinsurance.com

**DUCK'S COST** \$5 each \$25 for a 6-quack or 27 for \$100 in honor of our 27th annual event SENEC

## HAPPY NEWS

New member Tim Taylor completed the Syracuse Half Marathon. Congratulations!





Club in a pub at Average loe's Beernasium



Lizzy got to meet RI President Elect Gordon McInally, from Scotland, at a recent training. She has selfies with RI presidents going back about eight years (minus this year's President Shekhar Mehta, due to the pandemic).







Barb Hunt's daughter Allie is studying in South Korea this semester and has enjoyed some Rotary events while there including a meeting with delicious food and an Earth Day clean up!

Submit your happy news (a photo and caption is all we need) for future newsletters. Anything that happened in your life that made you happy - a new car, a finished project, a family gathering. We love to connect with each other this way!

### **NEED A RIDE?**

We have launched our new 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!





## **MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE**

### **APRIL 2022**

Tuesday, 4/5 5-7pm Duck Sorting Party Pop into "Dave's Basement" to help us sort a couple thousand plastic ducks and get repaid with pizza, soda and fellowship!

Wednesday, 4/6 @ 12pm Speaker Kim Vile

Hear from the school district (our members) on the upcoming budget proposal

Tuesday, 4/12 @ 5:30pm

Club Board Meeting - members welcome

@7pm

Game Night - bring your favorite board/card/puzzle game and play in small groups while socializing. Students of the Month will be reschedule since it's spring break!

Wednesday, 4/13 @ 12pm Speaker Joan Osier

Learn about Female Charitable and how this local organization is supporting needs in our community

Tuesday, 4/19 from 5-7pm Club in a Pub

Location TBA - come for a drink, stay for dinner or just pop in to say hello at this social gathering

Wednesday 4/20 Speaker Lizzy Martin

Come learn the basics of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and why they matter in Rotary from the district's DEI committee - presentation by our member Lizzy Martin

Tuesday, 4/26 @ 7pm Speaker Lizzy Martin

Another chance to catch the DEI presentation. This issue is important to all Rotary clubs!

Wednesday 4/27 @ 12pm B'ville Public Library

Get an update on what's happening at and available from our local library

#### Remember to submit your program ideas to Programs Chair Barb Hunt, bhunt@nscsd.org

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Here are opportunities for you to get involved, take the lead or learn something new!

April:

Earth Day Clean Up - still needs a leader or it won't happen!

May

Memorial Day Parade - we need help designing our float

June:

Seneca River Days - June 10 & 11 - Get on the committee (pg 4) Club Changing of the Guard - Tuesday, June 28th District Changing of the Guard - TBD (but probably June 30th)

And Beyond:

Be a Leader - join club leadership, talk to incoming President Brian Plan Something Fun - all are welcome to submit ideas for social events May 2023 - District Conference at Thousand Islands Resort

Contact President Bill to get involved!



