



Baldwinsville Rotary NEWS

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Photo courtesy of Marianne Miles: A couple sits down to enjoy a free
meal & entertainment at this year's Senior Citizen Summer Picnic.

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FROM PRESIDENT DON



Hard to believe a month has gone by as the club's new president. We are off to a good start! Our annual Senior Picnic was held at Canton Woods. It was a wonderful success with 120 guests. There was good food, raffles, entertainment, celebrations and games thanks to Stu. We are always thankful to Dawn for all of her hard work making sure people are fed well. And we owe a big thank you to Norma and her committee. The event ran efficiently but more importantly it was fun. The committee made it look easy. Don't you just love the motto - work hard, play hard. It really fits into the Rotary way!

Other activities happening or going to happen are our new buddy/mentor system. This is just getting underway thanks to Dave, Abe and Shelley. This is one activity we need to stay on top of, and we must remember, even though a new member may have a mentor, we all have a responsibility to help the new

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member.

Happy to let all of the club members that our Student of the Month will continue under the guidance of

Beth Chetney. There will be one student chosen from the junior high school and one from the high school. Beth will work with Shelley Hoffman and Interact on this program. First awards will be presented in October.

On Tuesday, Aug 22 and Wednesday, Sept. 13, there will be no speaker. Instead we are going to have a Think Tank session. Each member will be asked to bring a new idea to the club. It could be a new activity/event, new way to do meetings, new efficiencies, whatever. This is a real opportunity for continuous improvement of the club. The board has already done this exercise. Some of the ideas will

be implemented asap and others need to be evaluated. This exercise can be very creative and also fun (remember work hard, play hard).

Each month I hope to feature one of the projects the club has supported. This month's edition has a story on the Y summer camp scholarship. Finally, as everyone knows we are always looking for new members. Under Janet's leadership we had an incredible year. Right now, we have a new member waiting in the wings. I will also remind everyone about our Membership recruitment night on Tuesday, Sept 19. See article in this newsletter.

Hope everyone continues to have a wonderful summer in spite of the rain!

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IMPORTANT NOTES

DG Phyllis visits Aug 2nd & meeting is at the church

Need to come up with new Polio fundraiser

5K walk/run committee is getting started - who's in?

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 leader?
ROTARY CAN HELP!

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

WELCOME HOME DINNER

AUGUST 2ND at 5PM, \$24/person



This dinner is where our outbound Youth Exchange students from the previous school year share their experience abroad. Held at the Rusty Rail in Canastota, enjoy fellowship and a meal while you hear stories that will make you laugh and cry! It's an opportunity for the students to thank Rotary for sponsoring them and for Rotarians to connect with this amazing program.

Click here to register: <https://goo.gl/K1wwLt>

CLUB CHARITY TRACKER 2017/18

No new donations were approved at the July board meeting, but check in to the monthly newsletter for a running tally of all charity the club does during the year!



MEMBERSHIP + PUBLIC IMAGE + FOUNDATION

Join this idea-sharing workshop
perfect for any Rotarian!

& Grants Management Seminar

Send two members in order to
qualify for a District Grant!

FREE EVENT | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

AUGUST 19, 2017

8am-1pm | East Syracuse Fire Dept

CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS

ROTARY CAMP SCHOLARSHIP HELPS FAMILIES

At the Northwest Family YMCA Summer Odyssey Day Camp, campers engage in fun filled activities, take thrilling field trips and make long lasting friendships. We have an exciting new theme each week. You can pick one week or all nine. Camp is for children ages 5-12 and we have a Leaders in Training program for youth between the ages of 13-15. The Leaders in Training goal is to produce a confident young person with the leadership skills to become successful adults.

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One of our families that receive financial assistance, made possible due to the generosity of the Baldwinsville Rotary Club, is a single mom of two from Baldwinsville. The children are 11 and 9 years old. They have been coming to camp for two years. Camp gives mom peace of mind while she is at work knowing her kids are being cared for, having fun and being active. Her 11 year old aspires to be one of the Leaders in Training next summer. The kids really enjoy swimming, sports, reading time, field trips and of course meeting new friends. They love YMCA Camp Odyssey!



SENIOR PICNIC SERVES UP SMILES

On Wednesday, July 26th the Baldwinsville Rotary Club served over 100 local senior citizens a meal, some songs and many smiles. The Senior Citizen Summer Picnic, a replacement for the former Senior Citizen Holiday Dinner, is in its third year as a summer event. Rotarians cook and serve a picnic-style meal, waiting on seniors while they are entertained with door prizes, music and laughter. This year's entertainment was Joe Trionfero, who has been a part of this meal for decades. The emcee for the day was Stu Hosler, who led trivia to pass the time as seniors filed into Canton Woods Senior Center. Volunteers from McHarrie Life came to help dish up the dinner, which is also a tradition for the event. It is truly a community effort that involves many different groups to make it possible, all led by a Rotary committee chaired by Norma Widmann. It was a full house of hungry seniors, but the large group of Rotarian volunteers, the group from McHarrie Life and several young people (like our RYLA student) all made quick work of set-up, service and clean up. Another great picnic for the books!



More photos on our web site



HELP FIGHT POLIO

President Don is asking club members to consider new ideas for an on-going Rotary effort, Polio Plus. We currently place coin jars at businesses around our community and at each meeting, but are afraid we have plateaued in the funds we can raise doing that alone.

Do you have an idea of how we could raise money for polio? Any thoughts on a very public effort that could generate some buzz about how close Rotary is to eradicating a disease? That would be only the second time in human history that complete eradication of a disease is achieved. It's a BIG deal! Please speak to President Don or Joan Patchett, who is leading the Pennies for Polio campaign, if you have new ideas or want to get involved!



NEW MEMBERS & PASTA NIGHT

Members need to start thinking now about who they could invite to an evening of Rotary info and delicious carbs coming up in September. Tuesday, September 19th will be a special event and the only ticket in is a potential new member. Please think about who you could invite to learn more about Rotary and possibly consider joining. Don't worry though - it's a soft sell and it comes with a free dinner. Guest speakers from organizations we have made donations to will share how we've impacted our community and these potential members will leave with a better understanding of what our club does. How else can they know if we are a good fit for them? Mark your calendar and start asking people you know if they are ready to make their world a better place!

GET IN THE THINK TANK

Do you have ideas to make our club better? Now's your time to shine! On Tuesday Aug 22 and Wednesday Sept 13 we will hold two brainstorming sessions where members can share any and all constructive or new ideas.

This will be a **positive** session to try to generate ways that we can grow the club, make Rotary more accessible, improve fundraising, find efficiencies, communicate better and whatever suggestions you all come up with!

Please be thinking of what you would like to see in Rotary and make sure you attend at least one of the sessions over the next couple months.



SURPRISE PHF

A Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) is the greatest honor in Rotary, symbolizing a commitment to our international foundation and earned with a \$1,000 donation. Baldwinsville Rotarian Lizzy Flinn-Brown was pleasantly surprised at a July meeting when she was presented with a Paul Harris plus 3 - the equivalent of four PHF's. It was a special PHF for her because it was the first one she earned on her own, through her monthly Rotary Direct donations to the Rotary International Foundation. Her first PHF was awarded at the age of 8, given to her by her grandfather, the second was an honor from the club in 2012 and the third was a surprise from her father this past January.

You too can get surprised with a PHF by using Rotary Direct, an automated donation program that makes giving easy. Set the amount, the frequency and the account you want billed and you'll have a PHF

before you know it! Sign up at www.rotary.org/give



ROTARY AT NATIONALS



Baldwinsville Rotarian Brian Walsh took his 1972 Gremlin to the Syracuse Nationals again this year and was representing Rotary! He said he had one in high school and found this look-alike about five years ago. He enjoys bringing it to shows and has the perfect license plate for it. Thanks for promoting Rotary!

Have an idea for fellowship fun?

We are always open to new, fun ideas of things we can do to explore our region, see a fun show or game and just spend time together with fellow Rotarians.

Share your idea with President Don, then work with programs coordinator Kristen Earle to find a place for it in the schedule and make sure Lizzy has all the details so it can be put in the newsletter!

Baldwinsville
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For Jennifer, it's gratifying

"I love Rotary because I can give back to the local and the worldwide community. It's especially gratifying to do this with a group of people I enjoy being with."

Jennifer
Educator

In Rotary less than 1 year

Come to Corning!
Join us for another fantastic Rotary weekend

District Conference
April 27-29, 2018



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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Just a short drive away in Toronto, this is your best opportunity to experience a once-in-a-lifetime event like an international convention.

Register now to get the best price!

CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS &
TO REGISTER ONLINE

JUNE 23-27, 2018

Rotary





Tuesday, Aug 1 at 7pm: Speaker Tionge Johnson with Syracuse Stage

Wed., Aug 2 at noon: Official District Governor Visit, **meeting at the Methodist church!**

Tuesday, Aug 8 at 5:30pm: Board Meeting, at 7pm: Design CNY Rotary Rocks

Wed., Aug 9 at noon: Speaker Lorna Oppedisano with Syracuse Woman Magazine

Tuesday, Aug 15 at 7pm: Speaker Amie Zwecker with Learning Disabilities Assoc.

Wed., Aug 16 at noon: Speaker & Special Olympic Athlete Bob Balk

SATURDAY, AUG 19TH - ONE ROTARY SUMMIT & GRANTS SEMINAR

Tuesday, Aug 22 at 7pm: Think Tank Night - Bring your ideas!

Wed., Aug 23 at noon: Speaker Joe Brainerd on being a NYS Trooper

OPENING DAY - THE GREAT NEW YORK STATE FAIR

Tuesday, Aug 29 at 7pm: Speaker Arlene Stewart with the Barnes Hiscock Mansion

Wed., Aug 30 at noon: Speaker TBD

Coming up:

Wed, Aug 2nd: Official visit from DG Phyllis

Wed, Aug 2nd: Welcome Home Dinner with Youth Exchange

Sat, Aug 19th: One Rotary Summit/Grants Management Seminar

Sat, Sept 30: Rotary Leadership Institute in Verona

Sat., Nov 11: B'ville Rotary 5K Run/Walk for Hunger

Sat., Dec 9th: Area 5 Christmas Party

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 kmlearle@gmail.com ASAP!

