



BALDWINSVILLE ROTARY CLUB

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From the president:

This month we begin a new year in Rotary. This Rotary year may one day be known as the greatest in our history because it may be the year we see the world's last new case of polio. Our new Rotary International President, John Germ, challenges us to help make this great accomplishment of ours known in the community. Then others can see that we are doing good in the world. Rotary is an organization that is making the world a better place. Let's be part of Rotary Serving Humanity as we continue supporting projects right here in Baldwinsville as well as in communities around the world.

Club Foundation Giving Meets Its Match

Many thanks to Marcia Benson for leading our efforts to support the Rotary International Foundation with our annual giving and to all of those who gave. We have over half of our members at the sustaining member status, meaning they are giving at least \$100 each year. We also exceeded our annual goal, which is set by the club president and based on us both maintaining our members and each one giving \$100 each. From July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 we gave \$4,324.

An area where we can improve is to get more members utilizing the Rotary Direct program. Wouldn't it be easier to hit a \$100/year goal by contributing \$8.50 each month with an automatic charge to your credit or debit card? Sign up once and no more worry. With each contribution you will receive the documentation needed for tax purposes as well. To sign up, speak with Marcia!

This year's goal is \$4,000, so it is important for us to continue prioritizing the Rotary International Foundation in our annual giving plans. If you have questions about what the foundation does, check out www.rotary.org/give for more details!



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Rotary Year in Review 2015-2016

Starting July 1, 2015 our club has accomplished a lot, all done with our "free time." Here is a wrap-up for all to revel in as we look to renew our efforts for another year!

Our Programs & Fundraisers:

- Fed senior citizens at Canton Woods with a picnic-style dinner
- Welcomed our exchange student from Japan - Hirono
- Provided a meal for bikers raising money in the Ride for Missing Children
- Implemented the first full year of the Backpack Project to provide food for children to take home on the weekends
- Chartered the B'ville Interact Club
- Held the largest ever 5K Run/Walk for Hunger and raised \$3,000 for the Baldwinsville Community Food Pantry
- Gave local parents a free night by entertaining their kids at the library
- Partnered with the Baldwinsville Chamber for the Big Chill, volunteering to staff the tent at the event, raising \$10,000 for our club
- Cleaned the canal trail for Earth Day
- Awarded five community members with Pride of Workmanship recognition at a lovely dinner at the Red Mill Inn
- Raised over \$300 selling ribbons to decorate an Honor Tree, benefitting Clear Path for Veterans
- Had a record-breaking number of sponsors, exceeded last year's duck ticket sales, probably attracted more attendees than ever before, saw six boats in the Anything That Floats contest and enjoyed a truly beautiful day at Seneca River Day

Fun Stuff:

- Bunco nights
- Cooking classes at Canal Walk
- Joint Christmas party with area 6 clubs
- Beautiful Charter Night dinner
- Local brewery beer tasting
- Syracuse concert trip
- Annual Irish Hooley
- Spirit of Syracuse concert
- B'ville Historic Village Walk
- Pumpkin carving
- Social evenings at local watering holes
- Steak & Beans membership contest
- Memorial Day parade
- Three book club meetings, including one with a visit from the author
- Canal Clean-up Potluck Dinner
- Beaver Lake walk



**Thank you for a great year Sally!
We are looking forward to a new
year with Janet as our leader!**

Charitable Giving

- Baldwinsville Community Food Pantry - \$3,000 from the run/walk, plus another \$1,000 from the foundation
- Baldwinsville Community Scholarship Fund, \$1,000
- \$450 to Books For The World, enough for two pallets to be shipped
- BOCES Scholarships (two), \$1,000 total
- Baldwinsville Fire Department, \$500 to go towards a rescue boat in honor of the Mead family
- Baldwinsville Volunteer Center Christmas Bureau, \$250
- Clear Path for Veterans Dogs2Vets program, \$600, part of which was raised with a 50/50/raffle at the monthly wine club
- OnPoint for College, \$250
- Relay for Life, American Cancer Society fundraiser, \$200, for two signs (see page 3)
- Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Club's Kellish Farms Youth Music Festival, \$200 to sponsor two student musicians
- Vera House item donation, up to \$250, in response to a need for paper goods and diapers
- ACR Health, \$250
- Gave \$1,000 to our Interact Club to help get them started

Cooking with Hirono

Our exchange student from Japan showed everyone how to make sushi at a fun evening at Canal Walk Cafe last month!



Seeing SRD

Check out the great shots taken by member Marianne Miles from this year's Seneca River Day in the photos posted to our web site at www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org and pat yourself on the back for being part of a great community event!

Our Relay for Life Sponsor Signs



Senior Picnic

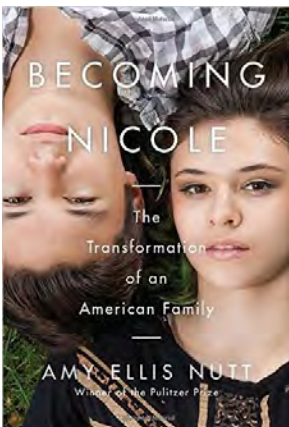
We are replacing the Wednesday, July 27th lunch meeting with a volunteer project - serving a picnic-style meal to senior citizens at Canton Woods Senior Center. This is our second time doing the picnic since we moved the meal from December! Please plan to sign up when asked to help with this event that will go from 4-7pm. We will need people for set-up, service and clean-up! This is a rewarding and fun team project for everyone.

We're in charge of date night

We will be sponsoring a Date Night at the Library again this year on December 6. Sally Fedrizzi is heading up the project and looking for folks who are interested in volunteering to work on this project. The event will be held on December 6 and will consist of different activity stations for young children to participate in while their parents enjoy a "Date Night" on Rotary. If you have a craft, game or other way to entertain please let sally know so she can start planning a schedule.

New Reading for Fall Book Club

Our next book club book will be held on October 4 and we will be discussing "Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family" by Amy Ellis Nutt. "Why IS it such a big deal to everyone what somebody has in their pants?" Excellent question, posed by an unusually astute transgender girl, the subject of Amy Ellis Nutt's emotional and illuminating Becoming Nicole. It's also a little ironic, since Nicole's story makes a bit of a deal of it, but in a much different way than other stories we've been hearing lately, from celebrities like Caitlyn Jenner and television shows like Transparent.





July



HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE JULY 4TH WEEKEND!

TUESDAY, JULY 5TH

7pm at the church
SRD Photos

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6TH

12:15pm at the church
Russian Dance Group

TUESDAY, JULY 12TH

6pm at the church
Board Meeting
7pm at the church
McHarrie Singers

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13TH

12:15pm at the church
Parks & Rec Dept - Tony Burkinshaw

TUESDAY, JULY 19TH

7pm at the church
"Ghost Hunts" with Caroline Lamie
from Fort Ontario State Historic Sites

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20TH

12:15pm at the church
Official District Governor Visit with
Peter Cardamone

TUESDAY, JULY 26TH

7pm at the Canal Walk Cafe
Senior picnic preparation

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27TH

NO LUNCH MEETING
Senior Citizen Summer Picnic 4-7pm
Canton Woods

SAVE THE DATE

August 31: Deadline for early registration for District Conference
October 8: Rotary Leadership Institute in Verona, NY
October 25: Charter Night
October 29: Rotary Leadership Institute in Canandaigua, NY
November 6: District Foundation Brunch
November 12: 5K Run/Walk for Hunger

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