



Baldwinsville Rotary Club NEWSLETTER

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Can it already be June? Seems I was just being handed that gavel yesterday. I want to first take some time to thank every member of the club for stepping up to make this club the best one in District 7150! I also want to take a minute to thank all of my board members who were there every step of the way. Your counsel and guidance during the year was greatly appreciated. As we move into a new year I want to thank Janet Joslyn for agreeing to be the President Elect following me. Her organization kept me on track all year (without the reinstated Sergeant at Arms position, the meetings would never have been as well organized or presented as they were). I also could not have done it without the able skills of Lizzy Flinn-Brown who kept you all informed of meeting times and places and created such a beautiful newsletter for us all.

Thank you Sally!



As a quick recap you all made it possible to double our donations to the food pantry, raise \$10,000 additional dollars for our projects by supporting the Baldwinsville Chamber in the Big Chill, honor some outstanding local employees with a wonderful dinner and present them with a Pride of Workmanship award, and add more than a dozen new members to our roster. There was not a club member who said no when asked to step up and take on a project. No wonder the district recognized this club's achievements. This month is going to be no exception to the wonderful things our club can accomplish. Our gift to the community and biggest fundraiser, Seneca River Day, is just around the corner and the committee has been working hard to pull it all together. With all of us working together it is sizing up to be bigger and better than ever!

*Yours in Rotary Service,
Sally*

THE FOUR WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it BUILD GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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June



Tuesday, May 31

7pm Meeting

at WT Brews | 3 W. Genesee Street
Check out a local brewer, \$5 per tasting

Tuesday, June 7

7pm Meeting

Book Club Discussion (see more on page 3)
Story Hour Room | Baldwinsville Public Library

Tuesday, June 14

6pm Board Meeting

Duck Sorting in Dave's Basement
Watch your email for details on time!

Wednesday, June 1

12:15pm Lunch Meeting

Speaker Ian Richardson
with Hillside Children's Center
We are meeting in the chapel

Wednesday, June 8

12:15pm Lunch Meeting

Seneca River Day Prep & Review

Wednesday, June 15

12:15pm Lunch Meeting

Assembly

REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE JUNE 15TH

Tuesday, June 21

7pm Meeting at Canal Walk

Cooking with Hirono

Wednesday, June 22

12:15pm Lunch Meeting

Speaker TBD

Tuesday, June 28

Club Changing of the Guard

Picnic at Lysander Park, Rotary Pavilion
Watch email for details!

Wednesday, June 29

12:15pm Lunch Meeting

Speaker Chris Cobello

Thursday, June 30 ~ District Changing of the Guard

At Traditions at the Links at Erie Village, 5904 N. Burdick Street, East Syracuse

\$30 per person | Register online at www.rotary7150.org

Email Phyllis Danks with questions at phyl7150@gmail.com

COMING UP

July 10: RYLA Banquet

July 20: Official District Governor Visit

July 27: Senior Citizen Picnic at Canton Woods

October 8: Rotary Leadership Institute

If you have ideas for programs, please share with coordinator Don Distasio at donald.distasio@gmail.com

SENECA RIVER DAY NEEDS YOU!

Are you signed up to volunteer that day? We need as many volunteers as we can get!

Please be flexible about where and when you can help so we can fill all needed positions.

We need someone to step up and coordinate volunteers on Paper Mill Island starting at 6pm. The task is just to oversee the island, be a point person for the band that will play there and make sure the other three or four volunteers are okay at our food stand, helping as needed. This person and the other food stand volunteers can bring a lawn chair, enjoy the music and will have a great view of the fireworks at the end of the night!

If you have not signed up to volunteer please contact Jenny, Don or John to get on the schedule.
If you have signed up, please make sure to be there as scheduled. You can check with Lizzy or Sally at Mercer Park for a remind on your assignment or to see where else you can help!

SELL! SELL! SELL!

The money made from selling duck tickets is the money we make from this event and use to give back to the community the rest of the year.

It's VITAL that we sell as many tickets before the big day as possible in case we get rained out!

We are currently pacing behind last year's sales, but our goal is to sell more each year. How many tickets have you sold?

You can get more tickets from Abe or sign up to sell at a local business between now and Seneca River Day in order to do your part. These tickets are an easy sell since the money all goes to charity and people have a chance to win lots of cash and prizes!

Flocks of ducks are also available for purchase through our web site at www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org

SIGN UP & SELL TODAY!

BRING YOUR TICKETS TO ANN AT EACH MEETING

It's important that Ann is able to process as many tickets in advance of Seneca River Day as possible, so please bring in what you have sold at either Tuesday or Wednesday meeting in the next couple weeks leading up to the event.

When submitting sales please put all tickets and money in an envelope with your name and the dollar total on the front.

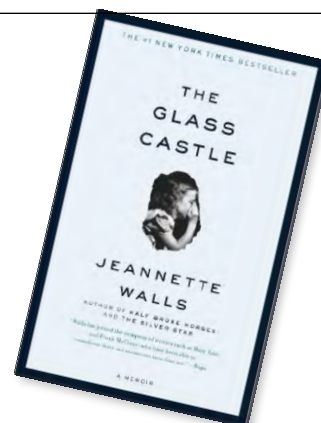
Make sure when you sell a flock of ducks that you mark the sixth ticket, the free one, with the word "FREE" on the front top corner of the ticket stub.

NEXT BOOK CLUB

The next book to read is "The Glass Castle," by Jeannette Walls

To be discussed at the June 7th meeting!

Pick up a copy from our book club kit at the check out desk at the Baldwinsville Public Library. The library staff will note your name with the copy number from the kit, so be sure to let them know it was part of the book club kit when returning it.



WHAT IS RYLA?

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a weekend-long leadership training for high school sophomores and juniors, hosted in many Rotary districts around the world. In District 7150, the committee is now chaired by Phyllis Danks (phyl7150@gmail.com) and held at Cazenovia College the second weekend in July.

Students are selected by clubs through an application process in coordination with schools, usually through the office of the guidance counselor.

Clubs pay \$325 per student, which covers the cost for them to stay on campus for the weekend, all meals and all activities. The committee that plans the weekend is made up of Rotarians from clubs all around the district. They find engaging activities and speakers to teach the kids the skills they need to further their leadership abilities and encourage them to embrace service as a way to lead. The weekend ends with a banquet on Sunday where parents and Rotarians can come to hear about the fun that was had by all and the students can thank their sponsoring clubs. The kids develop lifelong friendships and stay connected even after the weekend, growing quite a bit in just a couple days. It is a very rewarding program to be a part of and witness first hand.

In the year following their leadership training weekend, the students are required to implement a service project and share it with the club that sponsored them. Two years ago, our RYLA student Marina Maddoloni returned home and helped get our Interact Club started!

All Rotarians are encouraged to attend the banquet dinner to meet the kids and their families. For many it is their first exposure to Rotary and it is important we take advantage of inviting the student and family from our community to visit a club meeting. Watch your email for details on how to sign up to attend this fun luncheon!

POW THANKS

We received a Thank You note from Pride of Workmanship Award recipient Lisa Kane that said:

It was such an honor to receive your Pride of Workmanship award on May 10th. Thank you so much for the wonderful evening of food, fellowship and beautiful music. I am very blessed in my workplace and in my community.

Lisa Kane



Honor Tree

The tree in front of the library is adorned with the ribbons from this new fundraiser, to benefit Clear Path for Veterans. Thanks to Marianne Miles for taking on this project!

CHANGING OF THE GUARDS

Why do we have this special ceremony & why should I go?

This is the time of year that you start seeing invitations to attend a Changing of the Guard (COG), but what's it all about? You should be marking your calendars for Tuesday, June 28th for our club COG and Thursday, June 30th for the District COG. Each are a dinner so it will save you some cooking that week, but here's a little more about why you should attend if you have never been or are on the fence.

All Rotarians are volunteers. We all give of our time to improve our communities. Club Presidents and District Governors commit to a full year of putting Rotary first, going above and beyond what any regular member will do in those 365 days. The position involves work prior to their year in office to be trained and prepped to lead. It means attending more meetings, board meetings, being on more committees and being the emcee at many occasions. They can't do it all on their own though, so it also means delegation and recruitment to get more helping hands when needed. All for the same pay the rest of us get in Rotary – \$0.

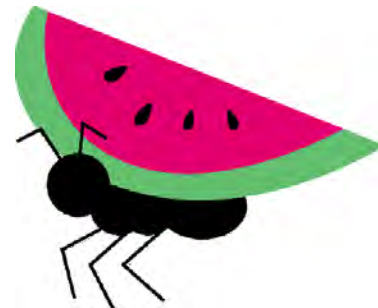
A COG dinner is your opportunity to thank your leadership for the extra effort they put in, the inspiration they have shared and their commitment to making volunteering a better experience for the rest of us. It's also their chance to thank their support system and recognize those that helped make their year a success. It's great to look back and reflect on how we have grown in our club, our friendships, our accomplishments and celebrate ourselves too.

Please take the time to attend either or both COG's this year if you can and you could be amazed at how many dedicated volunteers are in our club and district!

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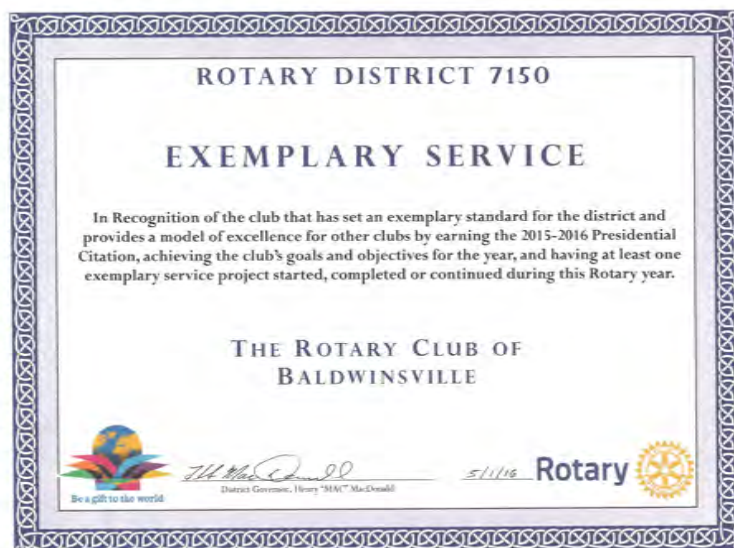
What used to be a Christmas meal is now a summer picnic, going on it's second year at Canton Woods Senior Center. This is a free meal and entertainment provided to any senior citizen living Baldwinsville who signs up to attend. We cook and serve the meal, which is summer-style burgers and hot dogs with classic sides like beans and salads. We have set a date of Wednesday, July 27th to host this dinner from 4-7pm. There will be no regular lunch meeting that day.

Not only will we need people there to help with set up, service and clean up, the committee could use some help in planning and implementing the event. To get involved you can reach out to Norma or Ann and find out how you can help!



ICYMI: WE WON TWO AWARDS

At the District Conference our club was honored with two special recognitions for the hard work we have done in this Rotary year. The first was for Club Service, which highlighted membership growth and enthusiasm for Rotary for a medium sized club. The second award was ours for the taking since our club was the only one to qualify and apply for it. We won the Exemplary Service Award for completing the Presidential Citation, achieving the goals our club president set for her year and completing an exemplary service project. This shows how dedicated our club is to the Rotary mission and being an active group of volunteers!



B'VILLE INTERACT RECEIVES CHECK

Several members of our club attending a Tuesday afternoon meeting with our Baldwinsville Interact Club to present them with a check for \$1,000. The money was raised at this year's B'ville Big Chill and the club board decided to make the donation to our new youth organization to give them a healthy starter fund. The group will have eight seniors graduating this year and



are working on recruiting new members for the next school year. They are also doing a Pancake Breakfast the morning of Seneca River Day to raise funds on their own!

YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS SHARE

In May, our club heard from this year's exchange student, Hirono, as well as Fulton's student Paula. Hirono presented a flag from her home district to trade with one from our club, shown in this photo with President Sally. It is tradition to swap club banners when visiting from another area! Opportunities to spend time with Hirono before she leaves for the bus trip, and then for home are dwindling. She will be teaching us some recipes at a meeting this month so please plan to attend!

