



# BALDWINVILLE ROTARY CLUB

# NEWSLETTER

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# Rotary



Club President  
Janet Joslyn  
2016-2017

## *From the president:*

This is my final President's Message. The thoughts I would like to leave you all with are ones of thankfulness: for members' willingness to work throughout the year on projects and fundraisers; for the camaraderie I experienced during our meetings; for the laughter; for members who shared their time, expertise and talents; for the new friends I've made in Rotary and the strengthening of existing ones.

Please join me in welcoming incoming president, Don Distasio, at our Changing of the Guard on Wednesday June 28th. My thanks to Don for providing wonderful Wednesday programs this year. I wish him the very best.

## Consider Giving Resolutions

With a new Rotary year upon us, Rotarians are lucky enough to get a second clean slate within the calendar year. Many of us set resolutions in January, but most don't keep them. A new Rotary year on July 1 gives you a second chance! Here are some great ideas for resolutions that Rotarians can make to grow their ability to put Service Above Self.

### RECOMMIT TO WEARING YOUR ROTARY PIN EVERY DAY

Buy an extra or two (only \$3 each) and utilize the theme pins you will receive each year. Find a place, maybe in the car or on your nightstand, to keep your pin that will make it easier to remember. Be a proud member!

### IMPROVE YOUR ATTENDANCE

Remember all the ways that you can "attend" at Rotary. Join a committee that meets outside of regular Rotary meetings, visit other clubs or even pop into an e-Club that meets online. Being a part of a project can be a very rewarding form of attendance.

### MAKE ROTARY YOUR PHILANTHROPIC PRIORITY

What we do locally and what we are able to accomplish globally are probably part of why you joined Rotary to begin with, so aren't those efforts worthy of your annual giving? You can make charitable donations to our club through the foundation and you can give to Rotary International. Money given at the international level are invested for three years and then returned to our district, which we can receive through district grants. So both will benefit us! You can speak with foundation chair Marcia Benson for more about giving through direct withdrawal, by check or online.

Happy New Rotary Year!

[www.baldwinsvillerotary.org](http://www.baldwinsvillerotary.org)



# Seneca River Day is almost here

## WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK!!!

Please make sure you are signed up to volunteer on Seneca River Day and that you are selling as many duck tickets as you can!  
June 10th at Mercer Park

## CLUB CHARITABLE GIVING

Here is a list of what we have given and who has received funds from all of our hard work so far this Rotary year!

- Clear Path 4 Vets - \$250
- Senior Citizen Summer Picnic - \$230
- Kellish Music Festival - \$400
- District 7150 Youth Exchange - \$150
- RI Foundation, District Governor - \$100
- Wrestling Booster Club - \$250
- Fan The Flames Fitness Fundraiser - \$300
- Ronald McDonald House of Syracuse - \$250
- Northwest YMCA - \$2,500
- Louisiana Flood Relief - \$1,000
- Canal Sign Installation - \$200
- Flags of Honor - \$15
- Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk - \$1,000
- Dictionary Project - \$1,200
- Ride for Missing Children Meal - \$240
- McHarrie Life Bladder Scanner - \$12,600
- Christmas Bureau \$200
- Vera House \$250
- Scout Troop \$100
- Concert Series \$500
- Honor Flight \$582
- Cub Scout Pack 71 \$360
- Two BOCES Scholarships \$1,000
- B'ville Community Scholarship Fdtn \$1,000
- Sauquoit Rotary End Hunger Program \$250
- Meals on Wheels \$500
- Military Courtesy Room \$500
- After Prom Party \$100
- Zimbabwe Grinding Mill \$3,500
- Total: \$29,527**

In May, the club board approved a change in the charitable giving process. The new procedure will provide simplicity and accurate accounting. If you have questions about this change, please refer them to a member of the committee that outlined the new process: Doug Tosh, Marv Joslyn, Bill Rosentel or Don Distasio.

## B'VILLE ROTARIAN IN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The club's float was called off the afternoon of Memorial Day, due to the strong possibility of inclement weather. It was a tough call, but with a lightning strike reported less than a mile away at quarter of 6pm, it was a good one to be safe. The parade still went on though and Rotarian Dave Horan represented our club and Seneca River Day with signed on his classic car. Thanks Dave!



## HONOR TREE SUCCESS



Many thanks to Joan and Marianne for leading the charge on this year's Honor Tree. We sold \$197 in ribbons. The weather kept us from selling more during the Memorial Day Parade, but hopefully we have better luck next year! All proceeds will benefit Clear Path for Veterans.

*Honor Tree*



# MEET OUR MAY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

On the second Tuesday of May, the club welcomed Baker High School Senior Abigail Mott, her parents Nancy and Peter and boyfriend Tanner. Abigail was chosen as our Student of the Month because her actions embody the Rotary motto of Service Above Self. She is a member of Key Club, Amnesty Club and Shark Club, loves to dance, do community service and plans to attend Keuka College in the fall to study Human Resources. She addressed the club to tell us all of this, as well as an emotional tribute to her inspiration, her mom. It was fun to get to know yet another wonderful young adult from our community. There is one more Student of the Month, on June 13th, until school's out for the summer!



# JUNE OUTING TO THE CHINESE LANTERN FESTIVAL

Lizzy is coordinating an evening out on Tuesday, June 20th for the club to visit the Chinese Lantern Festival at the NYS Fairgrounds. It is an outdoor display of ornate lanterns and lights that you walk through. This will make for a later meeting time, as it's best to arrive around sunset and enjoy the lights in the evening. It will be \$15/person or \$13 for seniors (age 60+). You will need to pay in cash to get that rate. Detailed instructions to attend and information about carpooling will be available at club meetings and via email. For more information, check out [www.lanternfestnys.com](http://www.lanternfestnys.com)



# ALL ABOUT CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Changing of the Guard (or COG as you hear or see it) is a special ceremony that every Rotarian should prioritize attending whenever possible. This is the time when the outgoing leadership welcomes the incoming leaders of the club, as well as at the district level. As we are all here in our "free time," it's important to recognize the extra commitment it takes to be a volunteer leader, use this opportunity to express our gratitude to them and basically celebrate the new Rotary year that starts July 1.

What's new about the new year? We will have a new theme, "Rotary: Making A Difference." Our club's new president will be Don Distasio. Our district's new governor will be Phyllis Danks, from the Marcellus Rotary Club. And we can be sure there will be many new experiences, members and things to do in the 2017/18 year.

So start it off on the right foot by attending these COG ceremonies in June:

**Baldwinsville Rotary Club COG**  
at the June 28th lunch meeting  
Red Mill Inn, \$12/person for lunch

**District COG**  
Thursday, June 29th  
5:30pm at Traditions/Links at Erie Village  
\$30/person includes apps, cash bar and buffet dinner  
Must register in advance online. Click here to sign up: <https://goo.gl/gu2T91>  
*See Lizzy if you need help signing up!*

## For Norma, it's her passion

"International relations and youth exchange have long been my passions. Rotary's international avenue of service allows me to continue serving in these fields in new and varied ways. It is rewarding to give back to the community and the world while enjoying the camaraderie of like minded people. I am proud to be a member of this outstanding organization."

Norma  
Retired School Psychologist  
In Rotary 13 years

Baldwinsville  
**Rotary**  
Club



# JUNE

welcome summer



## Tuesday, June 6

7pm Meeting: Seneca River Day  
Planning and History

*Induction of new member Katie Reap*

## Wednesday, June 7

12PM: Seneca River Day  
Planning and History

## SENECA RIVER DAY

Saturday, June 10th | 10am-10pm

## SELL SELL SELL

*Sell as many ducks before the big day as you can!*



## Tuesday, June 13

5:30PM: Board Meeting

7PM: Student of the Month

*Come out and show your support for  
our honored teen & their family!*

## Wednesday, June 14

12PM: Assembly Meeting

Get updates from club leaders and  
committees

## Tuesday, June 20

8:30PM: Field Trip to the Chinese  
Lantern Festival at the NYS Fairgrounds  
*DETAILS TO COME*

## Wednesday, June 21

12PM: Speaker Bruce Hathaway with  
Healthy Connections

## Tuesday, June 27

7PM: Speaker & Rotarian Joe  
Brainerd on being a State Trooper

## Wednesday, June 28

12PM: Club Changing of the Guard  
*Join us to show your thanks for Janet's year  
of service leadership and welcome Don!*

## CLICK HERE

to register online  
\$30/person

## DISTRICT CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Thursday, June 29th at 5:30pm | Traditions at the Links  
North Burdick Street, East Syracuse

*Coming up...*

July 9: RYLA Banquet

Aug 2: District Governor Official Visit

Sept 30: Rotary Leadership Institute, Verona

Submit your ideas for programs to Kristin Earle at [kml learle@gmail.com](mailto:kml learle@gmail.com)