

# Baldwinsville Rotary NEWS

June 2018



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Photo: As part of the club's Memorial Day Parade float, our duck was a big hit with the crowd. Here he rounds Genesee Street, giving a friendly wave.

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# FROM PRESIDENT DON



**Club President 2017-18**

**Don Distasio**

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It is hard to believe a year has gone by so quickly. I really wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone for a great year.

It was a banner year on fund raising, membership, activities and meeting our Four Way test.

There really are so many wonderful activities talk about this year. We had a great Big Chill, will have an outstanding Seneca River Days with an even bigger event this year, have done numerous community activities and supported

many local, domestic and international causes. Frankly, I could write volumes on all of our work, but the one activity that really touched my heart was Student of the Month. For a short time we were going to lose this activity during summer break,

but Beth really stepped in to help us produce a very special night once a month. Meeting the students and their families has been beyond special. It is a really demonstration of our Four Way test. It also puts us on the map for so many other people, young and old. Just think about it - at our last Student of the month one of the families had four generations!

While many Rotary clubs and similar clubs have struggled over the last number of years, the Baldwinsville Rotary club has thrived. Each of you owns a piece of that success. Again, thank you.

And let's all wish Meg the best of luck in this coming year!

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## 2017/18 BOARD

### **Vice President:**

Bill Rosentel

### **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

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### **Vice President:**

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### **Immediate Past President:**

Don Distasio

### **President Elect:**

Lizzy Flinn-Brown

### **Secretary:**

Shelley Hoffman

### **Treasurer:**

Bruce Stebbins

### **Board Members:**

Marcia Benson, Ted Croucher,  
Ken Schmidt

## IMPORTANT NOTES

Location Change:  
Meeting at the library  
June 13 & 20th!

DUES ARE DUE JUNE 15TH

COG - June 20th

Get your annual  
donation in at  
[www.rotary.org/give](http://www.rotary.org/give)

# CLUB CHARITY TRACKER

- \$500 donation of our charity funds to the Rotary International Relief Fund to be used for Hurricane Harvey relief  
- \$100 to the Barnes-Hiscock Mansion to provide for 20 city school children to get tours  
- \$500 to the Lysander Concert Series  
- \$500 to the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk  
- up to \$750 to send mosquito nets to Puerto Rico  
- up to \$600 to Honor Flight for two plane tickets  
- \$400 to feed four families for a week through the Baldwinsville Christmas Bureau  
- \$1,000 for two BOCES scholarships  
- \$1,000 for scholarship through the Baldwinsville Community Scholarship Fund  
- \$325 to sponsor a student attending a YMCA Youth & Gov't Program  
- \$1,200 for Dictionary Project  
- \$250 to the MOST  
- \$500 to Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp  
- \$250 to Keep the Ball Rolling After Prom Party  
\$1,000 to B'ville Model UN Club  
\$500 to Robotics Club  
\$1,000 to plant trees in local parks  
\$418 to Eagle Scout Project  
\$1,000 to YMCA Summer Camp Scholarships  
\$1,000 to Haiti Breadfruit Tree Global Grant  
\$250 AIDS Walk Sponsorship  
\$250 to sponsor an award, Syracuse Sunrise Music Festival  
\$300 to global grant to help Puerto Rico  
**TOTAL: \$13,593**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY JUNE 2018

## BIRTHDAYS:

June 7: Marianne Miles

June 11: Beth Chetney

June 24: Judy Santimaw

*Don't see your birthday or anniversary listed here?  
Tell it to Jenny!*



# REMINDER

We recently notified all members that our dues will be increasing to \$145 per membership starting July 1, 2018 in anticipation of increases from the district and Rotary International. Invoices have been distributed and **payment is due by June 15th.** Please speak to a board member with any concerns about dues!

# NEXT BOOK CLUB CHAT



The previous book planned for this upcoming book club meeting has proven difficult for people to find, so Sally is replacing it with a series of articles about land management and flooding. Please take a look at these interesting pieces prior to the discussion!

**Book Club Meeting: Tuesday, June 12th at 7pm**

Floods and land management: myths and reality - <https://goo.gl/MsbxES>

WATERSHEDS & LAND USE - <https://goo.gl/wkCZN6>

National Geographic on Floods: <https://goo.gl/3rvVMB>

# SENECA RIVER DAYS IS HERE



**It's time to pull off yet another fun and successful event!**

Some important information for volunteers:

**-Please volunteer!** It's important that we have the support of all available members to pitch in where needed.

**-Be flexible!** We do our best to match Rotarians with tasks they will excel at and to anticipate the needs of the day, but we need everyone to be ready to roll with the punches and fill in as needed.

**-Be on time!** When you are signed up for a shift, please arrive a few minutes in advance (giving yourself time to park and walk) and please plan to leave your post at the end of your shift. If you hang out past your assigned time without being asked, you could be taking the job of someone else who has gone out of their way to be there. If you wish to stay and continue helping, please check in with Marcia to find a new job.

**-Dress appropriately!** Please be dressed for the weather (which will hopefully be nice) and in your Rotary attire - hats, shirts, duck pins. New duck pins will be available in the camper for new members. Consider sun block and lunch money too.

**-Invite people!** Suggest to your friends and family that they attend because it's fun and affordable, and it supports all that we do!

**We will be reviewing everything at the Tuesday & Wednesday meetings prior to Seneca River Days.**

*Direct questions about volunteering to Marcia and check in with her at our Rotary booth upon arrival to volunteer!*

**JOIN, LIKE & SAY YOU  
ARE GOING  
ON FACEBOOK:**

New SRD Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/senecariverdays/>

Food Trucks & Fireworks Event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/193252171402029/>

SRD River Festival:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/387805561686672/>

## SOLD TICKETS?

**GET THEM IN TO ABE ASAP!**

We have to process the tickets once received and need to complete that as much as possible before the day of the event. Please put all tickets sold into an envelope. On the envelope include:

Your Name & Cell #

Number of Tickets Sold

Amount of Money Enclosed

## MAY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Christopher Rawlins and Victor Ianno were our May 2018 Students of the Month. The club got to meet their families and a principal from Durgee attended since both students attend the junior high. Christopher shared his love of track and field, and how he recently volunteered to help a track athlete at the Special Olympics. He had FOUR generations of family in attendance! Victor is very well spoken, loves to play golf and says he is "diligent in everything" he does. It was very obvious why their guidance counselor, who also attended the special evening, chose these two impressive young men. We have just one more month of these awards before summer break, so please make it a point to join us on June 19th for the final presentation of this school year!



We have also chosen two students to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) this summer. **Save Sunday, July 8th** to attend the banquet, meet their families and hear about their experience at this leadership training!



# SUPPORTING AFTER PROM PARTY

For years, our club has contributed to the Keep The Ball Rolling After Prom Party to provide a safe place for Baker High School kids to go after their prom. This year, students from the school came to our meeting to tell us more about issues students face in school and receive their check!



# WELCOME TORI, TULLY & MARY

Baldwinsville Rotary has officially hit their membership goal for Don's year with the induction of three new members in May. Tori is Sean's neighbor and she works at the Rescue Mission. Tully works in finance and lives right here in the village. Mary has been joining us for several weeks now and we are so happy to have her officially in the club! All three are already active in club activities, participating in Seneca River Days planning, getting active on the public image team and walking in the Memorial Day parade. Please be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to Rotary!



# MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Thanks to all the Rotarians, friends and family, and Interact Students that came out to walk in the Memorial Day parade on a VERY hot and humid evening. It was fun to invite people along the parade route to join us at Seneca River Days and everyone loved the duck. We could use a little more organization and decoration next year, so please give some thought to being on that committee! Thanks also to Jonah for providing the truck and flatbed!



*Great job everyone!*

# CHANGING GUARDS

This is the time of year when we recognize our Rotary leaders for the sacrifices they have made, thank them for their service and welcome the incoming leaders. Please consider attending this year's District Changing of the Guard as our very own Marv will be taking over the position of District Governor. This is an enormous honor and something he has put a lot of work into!

**Friday, June 29th at 5:30pm**

**Dibbles Inn, Verona**

**\$30/person plus cash bar**

**Online registration is required - click here to sign up: <https://goo.gl/586yGA>**

# ROTARY NIGHT AT THE CHINESE LANTERN FESTIVAL

Last year we had over 30 people in our group to check out the Chinese Lantern Festival at the NYS Fairgrounds and it was a great night! This year, the event is back with more lanterns and new sights to see! The fun committee is putting together a night for our club to go together (weather permitting). We hope you will join us again for a lovely stroll around the lantern displays.

**Wednesday, June 20th at 8:30pm**  
NYS Fairgrounds - Enter at Gate 2  
**Tickets are \$15.50/adult**  
**or \$14/senior**

**You can purchase online in advance at**

**[www.lanternfestnys.com](http://www.lanternfestnys.com)**

**or at the ticket booth upon arrival**

*All tickets purchased online are good for any day of the festival, which goes through July 1*



## SENIOR PICNIC PLANNING

**SAVE THE DATE: JULY 25**

Norma and Pam are leading the charge for this year's Senior Citizen BBQ at Canton Woods. We will be planning a picnic dinner to be served, including entertainment from Joe Trionfero and door prizes. Last year we served over 100 seniors who had a great time with Joe!

We will need Rotarians to help with prep, cooking, service and clean up. The whole event goes from about 3:30 until 6:30pm. It is important that we have people signed up to help so we have enough hands on deck to wait on our seniors and get the senior center cleaned up quickly.

If you wish to get involved, please contact Norma or Pam to join the committee!



## ROTARIANS TRAVELING



Got this great shot of Norma & Stu sending their greetings from Denali!

## FUTURE NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Newsletter editor Lizzy is asking for more club participation in submitting newsletter content. It's important that the newsletter cover all activities the club is doing, which requires communication from all committees. If you are on a committee that's working on ANYTHING, please plan on submitting information for the newsletter by the 25th of each month. You can ask for more help from members, share updates, showcase photos of your successes and detail for everyone the work that's been done. We want everyone in the loop on the great work our club is doing to be sure everyone knows how they can get involved!





**Tuesday, June 5 at 7pm: Seneca River Days Review/Planning**

Wednesday, June 6 at noon: Seneca River Days Review/Planning

**Friday, June 8 & Saturday, June 9: SENECA RIVER DAYS**

Tuesday, June 12 at 5:30pm: Board Meeting, and at 7pm: Book Club with Sally (pg 3)

**Wednesday, June 13 at noon: Seneca River Days Recap with Ken *at the library***

Sunday, June 17: Happy Father's Day

**Tuesday, June 19 at 7pm: Students of the Month**

Wednesday, June 20 at noon: Club Changing of the Guard *at the library*

**Tuesday, June 26 at 7pm: TBD**

Wednesday, June 27 at noon: Speaker Freida Weeks with Hope for Heather

**Friday, June 29 at 5:30pm: District Changing of the Guard at Dibbles Inn**

**Please remember to ORDER YOUR LUNCH for Wednesday's meeting  
Call Canal Walk at (315) 635-3619 by 3pm on Tuesdays!**

**UPCOMING  
FUN EVENTS**

**June: Chinese Lantern Festival**

**July 8: RYLA Banquet**

**July 25: Senior Citizen Picnic**

**July: Syracuse Chief's Night**

**December: Elf The Musical at Syracuse Stage**

**Submit your program ideas today...**

Please send along ideas for interesting and fun meeting programs to Meg at [megv@bville.lib.ny.us](mailto:megv@bville.lib.ny.us). If you wish to help with scheduling programs, we need a new volunteer in this position. Speak to Meg to learn more about what the position entails!