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NEWSLETTER

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A note from your president...

In varying degrees, we've all been cooped up in our fortress homes for over a year now. That may be ending soon now thanks mostly to the foresight of our government that fast-tracked the development of vaccines. Lizzy wrote a year ago that Rotary had understandably taken a back seat for many of our members due to the major shifts and uncertainties in our lives. Still, I'm gratified and thankful for the attendance we've had at our Tuesday and Wednesday Zoom meetings. And - the Zoom part is coming to an end. In person meetings will resume shortly. So the Rotary experience we're used to will be back soon. But - and **this is a call to action** - our biggest event - Seneca River Days - sidelined twice now, will be back on August 14th. That leaves very little time to do all the work involved. We need the entire club to step up. **Do not wait for someone to call you and ask you to join** a committee. I'm asking you now to call Ken Schmidt (813-335-4766) Bill Rosentel (315-450-4820) or me (315-727-6490) and offer your services. SRD doesn't happen by itself. Hard work and time are required - but hey - we call ourselves People of Action. I challenge you to be that person. You are needed now.

SAVE THESE DATES

Tuesday, June 8: Club in a Pub
Tuesday, June 22: Rotary at Syracuse Mets
Tuesday, June 29: Changing of the Guard
Saturday, Aug 14: Possible Seneca River Days


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FOOD DRIVE SUCCESS

Thank you to Backpack Program Chair Mary Schmutz for identifying an opportunity to host a food drive during the village garage sale, hosted by the chamber. She helped secure a booth and communicated her program needs to get volunteers, a tent, tables and chairs, and worked with Lizzy to spread the word online. Thanks also to volunteers that helped staff the booth on a Saturday morning - Mary, Chuck, Glenna, Shelly H., Bill, Meg and Interactor Cameron. Thanks also to Meg for printing some materials for the event. Attendance was a bit light, but donations were generous and all went to help get our Backpack Program through the end of the school year. Consider connecting with Mary if you wish to get involved in helping with this program next fall!

Photo left: Interact student Cameron accepts donations for the Backpack Program.

Photo right: From left to right, Shelly H., Cameron, Mary and Bill looking cheerful at our booth collecting donations for the Backpack Program.



DUES ARE DUE JUNE 15TH

Please do not forget to pay your dues by the upcoming deadline. You should have received an invoice via email twice and can reach out to Lizzy if you need it again or need a customized one. It is \$145 for the year or you can pay in two installments of \$72.50 (second payment due by Dec 1) when you pay by check mailed to us at PO Box 713. If you choose to pay on PayPal, please bump that up to \$150 for the year to cover the online payment fees. If you have any questions at all about how to pay or if you need assistance with anything pertaining to your dues, just reach out to Lizzy. Anyone who has not paid or communicated to club leadership about their membership status will be removed from the roster on June 30th in order to ensure proper billing for our club. We appreciate everyone's cooperation with a smooth transition to the new year!



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH SENECA RIVER DAYS?

Great question! Our club's biggest fundraiser, a family-friendly, two-day festival along the river, has been sidelined for two years now thanks to COVID. But we aren't giving up! We are eyeing August 14th for a paired down event with the main fan-favorites that we know the community will appreciate after all of our time at home. Come to the Tuesday, June 15th meeting to hear more about the tentative plans and please make it your plan to get involved. In order to put together even a scaled down Seneca River Day, it will take a complete team covering every area of planning, promotion and day-of volunteering to make it happen. So attend the meeting to find out what's being planned and find a way to get involved that makes the most of your talents and time!

ROTARY IS ON THE TRAIL

Going to Beaver Lake for a little escape from it all? Well you can't get away from reminders about Rotary! Thanks to Norma for reminding us of this sign, showing our support for this local nature center.



That's us!

TRIO OF STUDENTS HONORED IN MAY

Thanks to some special scheduling, we ended up with three students to honor at our Students of the Month presentation. First up was Cate Iven, who plays volleyball and works at the new Chic-Fil-A in Clay. She doubled up her senior year to graduate early and participate in youth exchange, but as we all know those plans were sidelined by COVID. She is moving ahead with her post-graduate plans though to attend Hamilton College to study biology, on a pre-med track (and of course play volleyball). And we can't forget to mention that Cate is a member of Interact and has led the group in their recent trip to Sunshine Farms to volunteer there! Next we met McKenzie Anderson and she is part of our famous marching band and works at Target. She so enjoyed one of her science classes in school that it has inspired her to study nursing at LeMoyne this fall. She was asked if the pandemic has deterred her from getting into nursing at all, but she said it has only made her want to help people more. McKenzie is another awesome Interactor! Our third, bonus honoree was actually represented by his mom while he was playing in a lacrosse game (she was literally at the game in the car!). Kristin Foote, representing her son Cooper, told us that in addition to playing lacrosse he loves to play hockey, is involved with volunteering for Maureen's Hope, is on both student and class council and has represented athletes for Youth Athletic Council too. Cooper plans to major in electrical engineering and play lacrosse at Stephens Institute of Technology. It was an awesome night meeting all of these families and we are so thankful to Beth for coordinating this program for the club. The June Students of the Month are all a little busy with sports and wrapping up the school year, so we will plan on meeting them this summer!

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

Each year our club gives out several scholarship. This year it was two \$500 BOCES Scholarships and one \$1,000 scholarship through Dollars for Scholars. As part of Moving Up Day, when students are presented the scholarships they have won, President Elect Bill was able to be part of the surprise for our two BOCES scholarship recipients. The families knew about the award, but the students were surprised. These awards are a little more flexible than traditional scholarships since BOCES students could be taking several paths, including going to college, attending trade school or directly entering the workforce. This money can be used for whatever clothing, books, tools or materials they will need to help them enter their next chapter in life. Congratulations to both students! (A photo for the third recipient coming next month!)

Member Bruce Stebbins has established a scholarship program in honor of his late wife Debbie, focusing on students who excel in the arts. Here you can see Bruce meeting with the three recipients of these awards. Congratulations to this year's winners!



ARE YOU READY TO LEAD?

Every Rotary Club needs leaders - to take on big roles like being club president and even smaller, but still really important roles like sending the birthday cards for our members. The needs change, but never cease. We need leaders. In order to grow our service opportunities and fundraising efforts as we start to get back together in person and can do more activities in the community, we are asking members to step up and take the lead (or co-lead with a buddy). If you know of a service project, don't just propose it - lead it. If you want to donate to a cause, work with the board on a fundraiser and lead it. Have a special skill or talent you want to lend to the club? Speak to incoming President Bill or secretary Lizzy to find the perfect way to serve through Rotary. Not ready to lead, but ready to pitch in where needed? Let Service Chair Scott know so he can call on you when a project needs volunteers. Being active in Rotary makes it a better experience for you and ultimately helps us serve the community better. Here is a sampling of roles that you might be perfect for:

- shadow Lizzy to learn how to be club secretary for 2022
- become part of the social media team
- be part of a tech team to pitch in at hybrid meetings
- get on the committee for Seneca River Days to help with everything from signs, to selling duck tickets, to making cotton candy the day of the event
- join the Membership Committee to help grow Rotary
- volunteer with the Programs Committee to help plan engaging meetings for our club
- be a Sergeant-At-Arms and help with setting up in-person meetings
- join the Bread Run crew to pick up bakery items for our local food pantry weekly

There are SO MANY ways to be active in a way that fits your schedule and your natural talents. Start a conversation with anyone on the leadership team to find your Rotary sweet spot!

Happy Birthday

MARIANNE MILES JUNE 7

BETH CHETNEY JUNE 11

Happy Anniversary

JAMIE & TOM BODENLOS JUNE 10

Not sure what you want for your birthday? Here's an idea!

Don't see your birthday or anniversary mentioned in the newsletter?

We might not know it! Email it to Lizzy so we can update our records.

ASK FOR THE GIFT OF ROTARY ONLINE

It's pretty common these days for people to host a Facebook fundraiser in honor of their birthday, selecting a charity they care about for friends and family to donate to in honor of them turning another year older. The social media platform actually encourages you well in advance of your special day to consider which charity you will want their followers to support. Did you know that Baldwinsville Rotary is one of the charities you could choose? The Baldwinsville Rotary Foundation, Inc is the charitable arm of our club and one of the eligible charities that you can support with a fundraiser on Facebook (and you can choose us for Amazon Smile while you are shopping!). We hope members will consider asking your circle of influence to support service in our community when you choose your next Facebook fundraiser!

THINK TANK THANKS

Special thanks to member Sally Fedrizzi for leading our monthly discussions, choosing thought-provoking topics, engaging videos and articles that are easy to consume before a meeting and then leading us in discussions that generated new perspectives, service or project ideas and open minds. Think Tanks are taking a bit of a well-deserved break, but we look forward to more opportunities to connect over new ideas and ways of seeing the world!

Our Meetings & Events

TUESDAY, JUNE 1 at 7PM

THINK TANK DISCUSSION WITH SALLY - RANKED CHOICE VOTING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2 at NOON

MEMORABLE MOMENTS AT THE FAIR WITH MICHELLE, PART II

TUESDAY, JUNE 8 from 5-7PM

CLUB IN A PUB AT POTTER'S PUB IN RADISSON

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9 at NOON

SPEAKER FANNY VILLARREAL WITH THE SYRACUSE YWCA

TUESDAY, JUNE 15 at 7PM

SENECA RIVER DAYS PLANNING WITH KEN

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16 at NOON

SPEAKER EDDIE MITCHELL WITH TEAM A.N.G.E.L.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

ROTARY AT THE SYRACUSE METS - 6:35PM GAME - SEE EMAIL FOR TICKETS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23 at NOON

PROGRAM TBA

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

CHANGING OF THE GUARD - SEE EMAIL FOR DETAILS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30 - NO MEETING

NO REGULAR MEETING - WILL RESUME JULY 6TH

Changing of the Guard

Save the date of June 29th for our annual celebration honoring our club's leaders - thanking the outgoing and welcoming the incoming teams.