

Baldwinsville Rotary Club NEWSLETTER

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NEW DUES TIMELINE



Rotary International has changed their billing process - the bills are generated based on the members in our database and we have to pay that bill, no matter what. *That means it is more important than ever that members pay their dues ON TIME or else you will be removed from the database.* To help with this change, we are instituting a new timeline for notification and collection of dues, as follows:

INVOICES OUT: MAY 1ST

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT: JUNE 30TH

If we do not have your dues by June 30th you will be removed from the database to ensure accurate billing and prevent us from paying for members that are not renewing.

We appreciate your cooperation on this matter!

Questions can be directed to the club president or treasurers

FROM THE PREZ...

In like lion, out like a lamb. That is my preferred method for March weather. But when it comes to the Rotary year, I hope the opposite will be true. Our club had a great start to the year in July and we have been gaining momentum ever since...hosting our most successful road race, becoming involved in The Big Chill, a 10% growth in membership to date, and exciting club engagement. There is still more to come. We are "this close" to completing the required activities to receive the Rotary International Presidential Citation for our club. The Seneca River Days Committee is gearing up for what looks to be our best event yet. I would also love to see our club continue our two year streak as an EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) club... so if you haven't yet made your pledge to The Rotary Foundation, please consider doing so. Just a reminder that funds deposited this year will become available the year our very own Marv Joslyn will be District Governor and now is the time to start planning for a great project. None of this could be accomplished without the membership and fellowship that we are so lucky to foster within our club. For that, I would like to thank each and every member.

Keep up the good work!

*Yours in Rotary Service,
Sally*



Sally on her travels

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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MARCH

TUESDAY MARCH 1

Baldwinsville Public Library
7pm Meeting: Clear Path for Veterans

WEDNESDAY MARCH 2

12:15pm Lunch Meeting:
Rotary Online

TUESDAY MARCH 8

6pm Board Meeting at the library
7pm Meeting: David Nettle with OCRRA

WEDNESDAY MARCH 9

12:15pm Lunch Meeting:
David Nettle with OCRRA

TUESDAY MARCH 15

McHarrie Pointe (Syracuse Home)
7pm Irish Hooley
Please join us to sing and
entertain the seniors - a very
heartwarming event!

WEDNESDAY MARCH 16

12:15pm Lunch Meeting
Assembly



TUESDAY MARCH 22

Mohegan Manor
7pm: Book Club with author Neil
MacMillan (see pg 3 for details)

WEDNESDAY MARCH 23

12:15pm Lunch Meeting:
Speaker Dick Scheutzow
on credit card theft



Happy Easter

TUESDAY MARCH 29

Canal Walk Cafe
Steak & Beans Dinner
watch your email for details!

WEDNESDAY MARCH 30

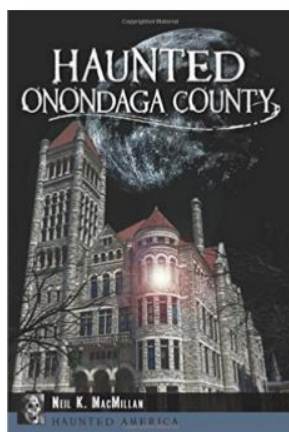
12:15pm Lunch Meeting:
Speaker Vincent Love

Looking ahead...

April 29 - May 1: District Conference Weekend
May 10: Pride of Workmanship Dinner
June 11: Seneca River Day

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

BOOK CLUB



**Tuesday
March 22nd @ 7pm at
Mohegan Manor**

**MEET THE
AUTHOR!**

**"Haunted Onondaga County,"
by Neil MacMillan**

Copies have been made available at the Baldwinsville Public Library. You can also get a paperback or digital version from Amazon here: <http://goo.gl/IYxpmh>

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP NOMINATIONS NEEDED

This event honors local employees who consistently strive for excellence in the workplace. It is not an award of a business owner or a business, but it is an honor given to the frequently unrecognized employee.

Nomination forms and more information are available on our web site at www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org. Rotarians are encouraged to nominate an employee of their own and to spread the word to other business owners. **Nominations are due by April 12.**

The awards banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 10th at the Red Mill Inn with a cash bar and social time beginning at 6 and a dinner catered by Tabitha's Restaurant at 6:45. It is \$22/person to attend. Winners and one guest are guests of Rotary. Their fellow employees are welcome to attend at their own expense. In the past up to 79 people have attended the awards banquet!

Please contact Norma or Marcia with any questions

SOUP CHAMPS

Thanks to Marv for once again coordinating the Snowshoe & Soup event. It's a great way to embrace winter and share in each other's company!

Special thanks to the chefs - the soups were all delicious. We had co-champions - Betsy Johnson and Lyn Rosentel.

\$44 was collected and will go to the Rotary International Foundation!



HOOLEY

**Tuesday, March 15th
7pm @ Syracuse Home**

Help us entertain and deliver some smiles at Syracuse Home with our annual Irish Hooley. Bring your singing

voice or coordinate with Marv to be a featured performer!



SRD SPONSORS NEEDED

**SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 11, 2016
MERCER PARK & PAPER MILL ISLAND**

We need to secure as many sponsors and prize contributions as we can - the earlier the better. Can you help? If you know of business owner or have a contact with someone who would be willing to support our cause, please share with Jenny. We are also looking to get better prizes this year so we would prefer that a business donate a basket, worth about \$100, instead of just contributing a gift certificate or coupon.

**JOIN US AT THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:
MON March 14 at 5pm at the library**

Please consider joining the committee to help out this year - it's a big, important fundraiser for our entire club!!!



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME DEB, TROY & SAM



Deb & Troy Bussinger learn about their responsibilities and rewards for becoming Rotarians!



Deb & Troy tell us about how they met, how they came to Baldwinsville and their excitement to join our club



New member Sam was welcomed on February 24th and shared with us his musical past. He already knows several members and looks forward to getting involved!

A big round of applause to Dawn Custer for bringing in THREE new members in the month of February!
Also thanks to the membership committee, Lizzy and Janet for the new induction process. We welcome any feedback on the presentation format.

Know of someone interested in giving back to their community? Someone who may not realize they exemplify the values of Rotary?
Invite them to a meeting some time, maybe when our program will be particularly interesting to them, and show them how fun we are!

FOUNDATION GIVING

Our club's goal is to have every member contribute something and have an overall contribution to the Rotary International Foundation of at least \$4,600 for the 2015/2016 Rotary year.

WE ARE CURRENTLY AT 69% OF OUR GOAL!

Do you know how to contribute?

Want to learn how you can reach your goals with easy, automatic contributions?

Not sure WHY you should give?

REASON TO GIVE #49:

The grant program funded by donations to the RI Foundation enables clubs to respond to immediate needs locally and around the world!

If you have questions you can speak with our foundation chairperson Marcia!

OUR NEWEST PROJECT

Honor Tree

Many thanks to Marianne for chairing this new project to raise money for Clear Path for Veterans by selling ribbons for \$1 each. People can write a message on their ribbon, which we will then use to adorn the trees in front of the library on Memorial Day weekend!

Please reach out to Marianne if you know of opportunities to sell ribbons!



YOUTH EXCHANGE HERE & ABROAD!!!



Our exchange student Hirono and a YE student from another school district had a cooking night at Pam Fallesen's.



Hirono also presented at the Tuesday, Feb 23rd Rotary meeting on her life in Japan.



She also celebrated her 18th birthday on Feb 18th in Florida. She travelled there with her host family the Caprias.

She is also moving to her third host family on Sunday Feb 28th. She will be staying with Marsha and Dennis Plucinik.



Norma recently traveled to Europe and was presented with a plaque while visiting the Rotary Club of Sierra Madrid for her work as Spain's country contact in our Youth Exchange program. What a great honor!

She also got to visit with some of our former exchange students and told me to tell you all that Arnau says hello!