

# Baldwinsville Rotary NEWS

March 2018



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Photo: Member Sean Becker (left) and District Governor Elect Marv Joslyn (right) celebrate that Sean remembered to wear a Rotary pin at the Foundation Gala.

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# FROM PRESIDENT DON



The Baldwinsville Rotary club continues to shine as our growth in membership increases. We have added a couple of new members within the last couple of months, and in our pipeline we have four prospective members. One has to believe that the Baldwinsville Rotary reputation has enticed people to become part of our group. Even our Student of the Month program has moved people to consider joining. Let's continue our efforts of making people believers in our club.



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

**Club President 2017-18**  
Don Distasio  
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On Friday and Saturday, June 8 & 9 we will be launching a whole new Seneca River Days event. The SRD committee, under the leadership of Ken Schmidt, has been working hard to make Seneca River Days

something very special for the Baldwinsville community.

Here are some of the highlights:

- SRD will become a two day event
- Friday - family friendly but with a bit more focus on adults with bands, entertainers and fireworks will highlight the evening
- Friday - we are also hoping for food trucks and a bar
- Saturday - will focus on family fun as in the past. The day will end late afternoon with our famous duck race.

Please participate with your ideas. The committee would really love to hear from folks. It really should be an amazing weekend!

## CLUB LEADERSHIP: YOUR BOARD

**Vice President:**

Bill Rosental

**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

*Want to be a Rotary leader?*

**VOLUNTEERING IS A GREAT WAY TO GAIN LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE!**

There are many free opportunities to learn about being a leader through service. Just ask a board member and read your newsletter for details!

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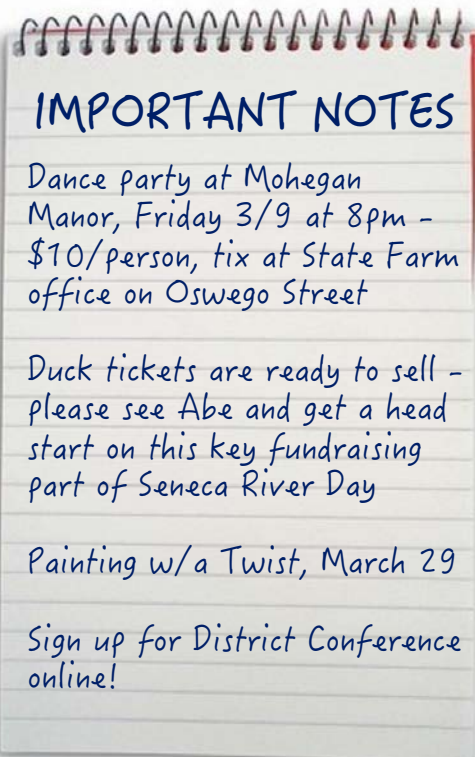
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### IMPORTANT NOTES

Dance party at Mohegan Manor, Friday 3/9 at 8pm - \$10/person, tix at State Farm office on Oswego Street

Duck tickets are ready to sell - please see Abe and get a head start on this key fundraising part of Seneca River Day

Painting w/a Twist, March 29

Sign up for District Conference online!

# 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  
**TOTAL: \$7,625**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MARCH 2018

## BIRTHDAYS:

March 6: Ray O'Neil  
March 14: Kristin Wise  
March 19: Stu Hosler  
March 24: Jimmy Wulforst  
March 28: PJ Scott

## ANNIVERSARIES

None this month!

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



# WHY ATTEND DISTRICT CONFERENCE?

If you are new to the club, you might be wondering why you should shell out \$250 (plus hotel and your time) to come to District Conference. If you are a long-time Rotarian who has been to many conferences over the years, you might be wondering why you should bother with yet another. Let us outline a few things that you will get from investing in this weekend that might make you re-consider joining us in Corning next month!

### Meet Rotarians From Around The District

There are many reasons to want to meet Rotarians from beyond your club - to make new friends, to meet people who have the same hobbies or passions outside of Rotary, or even to find someone to collaborate on a service project. This is the best event for meeting people from around the district because there are many opportunities to socialize.

### It's An Immersion Experience

Much like when you travel and experience another culture, a weekend at District Conference is an immersion in Rotary culture. You are surrounded by fellow Rotarians, everyone is speaking in acronyms, we get nerdy about community service, and we share the emotions that come with helping people, spreading kindness and changing lives. It's a celebration, a time to share ideas, an opportunity to socialize, and all within the bubble of the conference city. Get in the bubble and get inspired!

### You Get To Eat, Drink & Be Merry

The food at the Radisson is great, there are cocktail hours each night to socialize and sip, we plan on having a wine tasting in-house and you have so many opportunities to have a great time - no matter how you define fun. You can take the opportunity to get a good night's sleep and hit the spa in your free time, or use this weekend to dance the night away and shop 'til you drop! We will lead you to the fun, but it's up to you to have a great time!

### It's Fun For Spouses & Non-Rotarians Too

We don't always nail this one, but in Corning there is so much to do, we can't lose! Spouses and non-Rotarians will have plenty to explore at local shops and museums, and can even visit the spa in the hotel. We will also have several break-out sessions that are not Rotary related, so even the educational portion could be of interest to everyone!

### Every Conference is Different

I have been to almost a decade's worth of conferences, both in our district and others. Even when the venue is a repeat, the event never was, so being in a new city means opportunities for many new things to see and do. It's sad to me when I hear someone say they've "been there, done that," because the planning committee works hard to maintain tradition, while incorporating new and fun features every year!

### We Have Fun

Each year the fun at conference takes on different forms. This year we have planned a 1K walk to End Polio Now and everyone gets a tee-shirt to wear in it. We will have a hypnotist, line dancing and free time to explore a very fun and interesting city. You really don't want to miss this!

# REGISTER TODAY!

# 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THIS YEAR'S SENECA RIVER DAYS



## 1 IT'S TWO DAYS

Why? Because two days are better than one! Seriously though, the committee felt that Rotary doesn't get the benefit from the fireworks and bands like we should. We decided to go back to a two-day event (which is what it was for many, many years) so we could run the show on the island with our music and our fireworks!

## 2 FRIDAY IS GROWN UP

Friday will still be a family-friendly, but more adult focused. The plan is for multiple bands on Paper Mill Island, possibly a Cirque de Soleil style acts roaming the crowds, and hopefully fireworks. We are talking with the Village concert promoter and are in the process of trying to figure out how to increase the size of the event (and purchase of duck tickets). There may even be a bar and food trucks at the event. More on that to follow as we firm up our plans!

## 3 WE NEED SPONSORS

Speaking of fireworks - our sponsor from past years has decided not to sponsor them this year. We are grateful for Hudson and Mowen's very generous support in the past and hopefully they will feel inclined to do so in the future, but this year we need to find a new sponsor! If you have any ideas about who might be willing to help as a partial or full sponsor of the fireworks, please reach out to Dave Horan.

## 4 SATURDAY HOURS

Saturday will be shorter (at least for the attendees) with the duck race at 4pm being the grand finale of the day. We intend to shorten the day to make better use of the volunteer time that you all so graciously donate. We will still have the same activities, music and vendors set up, but everything will wrap up around 5pm.

## 5 WE LIKE NEW IDEAS

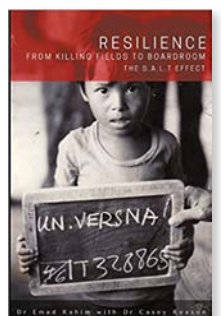
We would love your ideas and/or participation on our committee. Our next meeting will be in mid-March (watch your email for details). Even if you just want to come by for one meeting, all are welcome! Contact chairperson Ken Schmidt at [ken@steelintheair.com](mailto:ken@steelintheair.com) to join in!

## AND THE NEXT BOOK CLUB IS...

The next book was inspired by a recent speaker who visited our club, Dr. Emad Rahim. You will especially want to read this if you missed his presentation and you will definitely want to participate in the discussion, led by Sally, no matter what. Join us and be sure to share the Facebook event with your fellow, book-loving friends!

**"Resilience - From Killing Fields to Boardroom"** by Dr. Emad Rahim  
Tuesday, March 13th at 7pm at the Red Mill Inn

Click here to join our Facebook event: <https://goo.gl/9g8PiA>



# MEET FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Every month we are wowed by two students from Baker High School and February was no exception. Future politician and piano player extraordinaire, Connor Sullivan was ready to join Rotary on the spot. We talked about him getting involved in Rotaract when he goes to college next year and enjoyed getting to chat with his parents. Devon Van Dervoort is an artist and traveler who brought several family members to witness the special evening. She wants to study fashion and art history and was about to embark on a trip to her 33rd country the next day! It was a fun night with the families. We hope you will make it a point to attend the next presentation, which is moved to the third Tuesday, on March 20th.



## FEBRUARY FUN IN SNAPSHOTS



Last month, we held our annual Soup 'n Snowshoe event at Beaver Lake, with a great turnout and Marv winning the top soup!



Fulton Rotarians LaVerne and Dennis joined us at a Tuesday evening meeting to teach everyone a little two-step, with a line dancing lesson. Fun!

## MORE FUN IN MARCH

The fun committee has been busy planning a schedule of events that Rotarians can join in on to get their minds off the weather and get to know each other. Here is a schedule of events where Rotarians can gather:

### Friday, March 9th: Dance the Winter Away

Mohegan Manor at 8pm

Tickets are \$10 each and proceeds go to our club  
Get tix from Scott or Kathleen at a meeting or their State Farm office on Oswego Street

### Thursday March 29th: B'ville Rotary Painting Night

Painting With a Twist, Glens Crossing Plaza in Liverpool from 7-9pm

\$35/person, BYOB and snacks to share

MUST REGISTER ONLINE at:

<https://goo.gl/rEghd7>

password: rotary1

The painting for the evening can be done as a couple, spanning two canvases, or as an individual!



### Friday, April 6th: Keep Dancing the Winter Away

Head back to Mohegan Manor this Friday for another dance party - tickets still \$10 each and available from Scott or Kathleen!

# FOUNDATION GALA FUN

Several B'ville Rotarians attended the Foundation Gala on February 10th at the DoubleTree Hotel in Syracuse, chaired by our very own Janet, to celebrate giving to the Rotary International Foundation and End Polio Now campaign. In addition to raising money for the foundation through a silent auction and 50/50, members enjoyed a nice dinner and our club was recognized for achieving the Presidential Citation for the 2016/2017 Rotary year and our level of giving to the End Polio Now program. We were also big winners with the Becker's sweeping the silent auction with FIVE baskets, the Joslyn's also took home FIVE baskets between the three of them and Michelle won the 50/50 for the evening!



## BIG CHILL WINNERS

On a sunny Sunday in February, during a delicious buffet breakfast at the local VFW, the top two polar plunge teams were recognized for their success in raising money for their charities of choice. VFW Post 152 raised \$4,383, followed by WT Brew's Crew with \$3,579 and both were presented with their checks by Rotarian Meg and Mary Anne from the Chamber. The VFW is donating their funds to the 8th floor of the VA hospital and WT Brews will give theirs to Clear Path for Veterans. Such a big win for these causes serving our local vets! The Baldwinsville Rotary Club is also a winner in this equation as we will receive funds raised from the event during the March 14th lunch - a joint event with the chamber. Come hear more details about the event and hear how much we raised.



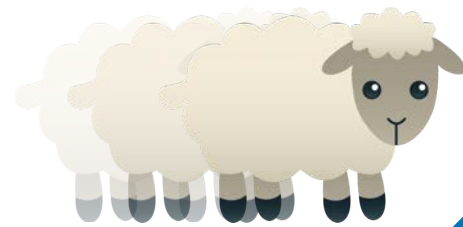
## WELCOME BACK JIMMY

Red Mill Inn Manager and member Jimmy Wulforst was out for a few months after back surgery. It was great to have him back at a lunch meeting this past month, standing upright and looking much better! PE Meg took the opportunity to present him with a club banner as a gift for generously donating the space in his business for our club meetings and events! Thanks Jimmy - we are loving meeting at the Red Mill Inn!



**GET LIZZY YOUR NEWS BY THE 25TH OF THE MONTH TO BE FEATURED IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER!**

# MARCH



Tuesday, March 6 at 7pm: Assembly Meeting

**Wednesday, March 7 at noon: Assembly Meeting**

Friday, March 9th at 8pm: Dancing the Winter Away at Mohegan Manor (see pg 5)

**Tuesday, March 13 at 5:30pm: Board Meeting, at 7pm: Book Club with Sally**

Wednesday, March 14: JOINT LUNCHEON WITH CHAMBER - Big Chill Wrap-Up

**Tuesday, March 20 at 7pm: Students of the Month**

Wednesday, March 21 at noon: TBD

**Tuesday, March 27 at 7pm: Speaker from the library**

Wednesday, March 28 at noon: Speaker Staysa Erikson with Northside Up & Salt City Dishes

**Thursday, March 29 at 7pm: B'ville Rotary Painting Night (see pg 5)**

*Please remember to RSVP to Dawn if you are attending Wednesday's lunch  
Call Canal Walk at (315) 635-3619 by noon on Tuesdays!*

MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS

**April 7: District Training Assembly**

**April 27-29: District Conference - Corning**

**June 8-9: Seneca River Days**

**June 24-27: International Convention - Toronto**

## Submit your program ideas today...

What would you find interesting? Know of an organization in the area we should all learn more about? Submit your ideas and any contacts you have for them to program coordinator Kristen Earle at [kmlearle@gmail.com](mailto:kmlearle@gmail.com) ASAP!