# Baldwinsville Rotary Club NEWSLETTER MAY 2016 EDITION | Editor: Lizzy Flinn-Brown



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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 for the week between the calendar Memorial Day and the one we celebrate in town on May 30th.

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

Be a gift to the world

It's the Merry Month of May and we have reason to celebrate! Our membership numbers are way up, our balance sheet is way up and our biggest fundraiser and opportunity to be in front of the public hasn't even happened yet.

Speaking of that fundraiser... June 11 is just around the corner and the final push for Seneca River Days is on! We will need every Rotarian (and some of their able bodied friends) to give us a hand between now and the big day. Sign-up sheets to work the event will start to circulate at the meetings and duck ticket sales are off!

And... don't forget that we have the Pride of Workmanship Dinner May 10. Norma and Marcia did a great job and received 12 applications for the award. Join us to honor the unsung heroes of our local business community and thank them for the job they do.

Yours in Rotary Service. Sally



**THE FOUR WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do:** 1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to call concerned? 3. Will it BUILD GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org

**Tuesday, May 3, 2016** 7pm @ B'ville Public Library Backpack Program hands-on work

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 12:15pm @ Methodist Church Speakers Katey Hart & Art Lilienthal with the American Cancer Society

### May 8 - Happy Mother's Day!

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**Tuesday, May 10, 2016** 6pm @ The Red Mill Inn **Pride of Workmanship Dinner** 

### Wednesday, May 11, 2016

12:15pm @ Methodist Church Speaker Sandy Baker with RMS

### Tuesday, May 17, 2016

7pm @ Canal Walk Cafe Cooking fun with Dawn

#### **Tuesday, May 24, 2016**

7pm @ B'ville Public Library Speaker **TBD** 

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day Parade Watch your email for details!

**COMING UP** 

### Wednesday, May 18, 2016

12:15pm @ Methodist Church Speaker **TBD** 

### Wednesday, May 25, 2016

12:15pm @ Methodist Church Speaker Brian Walsh

#### **Tuesday, May 31, 2016** 7pm @ B'ville Public Library Speaker TBD

June 11: Seneca River Day June 28: Club Changing of the Guard October 8: Rotary Leadership Institute

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

# **SENECA RIVER DAYS NEEDS YOU!**

We are only about a month away from our big event and the need for committed volunteers who can help both before, during and after is more important than ever. Pre-sale duck tickets make up the bulk of what we sell and ensure success even if we don't have great weather the day of the event. Please do your part to sell as many tickets as you can. Last year we sold more ducks than we had in a decade, so let's continue to grow that number!

Sheets are being circulated for you to sign up to help the day of the event. It is important that everyone makes themselves as available as possible, works at least one shift or more and that we all show up for whatever responsibility we sign up to do. We need people to commit to a certain task or a time frame to work so we are certain that every part of the event is covered. Make a note for yourself of when and where you are supposed to be that day so you are on time - we will be counting on you.

### SPONSORSHIP **SUCCESS**

This year's Seneca River Day committee is working hard and makes a great team, shown by the success they have had with sponsorships and prizes. Soliciting businesses for money or donations isn't an easy job, but this money pays for our duck race prizes and the free entertainment we provide for the day. It's very important!

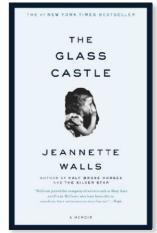
The team has generated thousands more in support and prizes than last year, with several new cash sponsors and lots of great prizes. And the effort is on-going as they continue to try to get more and more sponsors. Many thanks for their hard work!

# **NEXT BOOK CLUB**

The next book to read is "The Glass Castle," by Jeannette Walls

To be discussed at the June 7th meeting!

Pick up a copy from our book club kit at the check out desk at the Baldwinsville Public Library. The library staff will note your name with the copy number from the kit, so be sure to let them know it was part of the book club kit when returning it.



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# SPRING SNAPSHOTS

# **INTERACT** THANKS

#### Mrs.Doane.

I'm interested in running for president of interact next year and I heard the amazing news about the generous donation and I just wanted to say thank you and the entire Rotary for that! We plan on granting a wish for make a wish next year and with that donation it will help immensely. I speak for the entire club when I say how excited we are for next year. I understand that this is a tough endeavor but I couldn't be more proud to be in this club and to be doing this next year. I love what the club offers for all students and for the community.

Thank you again for the donation, Emily Lacey



Janet & Marv took SU Hirono to an Lacrosse game where Svracuse beat St. John's 15 to 4!

