

# Baldwinsville Rotary NEWS

May 2018

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A Royal Affair

Foundation Giving 101

Photo: Member Bruce Jones participates in the annual Earth Day clean up. For more photos and info on what our club did for Mother Earth this year, check out page 5.

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# FROM PRESIDENT DON



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This past weekend our District had its annual conference. It is a great together with incredible camaraderie all throughout the weekend. For me it's a strong reminder of the purpose of the Rotary. And what is most interesting is how Rotary contributes at the community level, district level, state level, country level and internationally. For the purpose of this newsletter I want to focus on Rotary International Foundation. Our club has been very generous over the past number of years. In a relatively short time we have contributed over \$103,000. It is quite amazing to see what has been accomplished through the Rotary Foundation. Whether you want to focus on public health (like End Polio Now), Saving Mother and

Children program, Promote peace program, Provide clean water program, Support education program or Grow local economies program, that gives a Rotarian many good reasons to make a difference.

If you have donated this year, thank you, If not, I hope you will please take a moment to write a check and give it to Marcia or donation online at [www.rotary.org/give](http://www.rotary.org/give).

The Baldwinsville club continues to demonstrate leadership in so many categories This past weekend, we were recognized with several rewards for the work both our leaders and members make possible. Let's continue to demonstrate what the Baldwinsville Rotary Club is made of!

## 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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## IMPORTANT NOTES

Location Change: Meeting at  
the library May 9 & 16th!

Do I have a fascinator to  
wear to the Royal Wedding?

COG - June 20th

**SELL DUCK TICKETS**

Learn more 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  
**TOTAL: \$10,375**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MAY 2018

## BIRTHDAYS:

May 4: Bruce Stebbins  
May 15: Ann Smiley  
May 22: Dawn Custer  
May 23: Lynn Rosentel

## ANNIVERSARIES

May 22: Dan & Patricia Garcia

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



## CLUB DUES

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 will be going out in early May and payments will be due by June 15th. Please speak to a board member with any concerns about dues!

# JOIN IN THE DISCUSSION

Taking the popularity of book club and expanding it, member Sally will now also lead discussions on much shorter reads, like magazine articles. Hopefully even more people will participate since you can review the article much quicker than reading a book! Book Club will also continue and here are the next two discussion events:

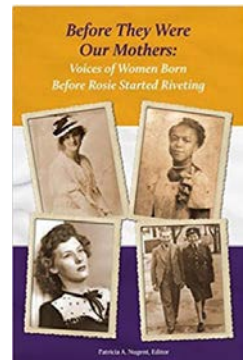


## Think Tank Discussion: Tuesday, May 29th at 7pm

Article: *This Tiny Country Feeds the World*, By Frank Viviano  
Read it here: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/2017/09/holland-agriculture-sustainable-farming/>

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

Reading "Before They Were Our Mothers: Voices of Women Before Rosie Started Riveting," by Patricia Nugent  
Cheryl Tosh (Doug's wife) has a copy to loan out and it is available on Amazon: <https://goo.gl/EtjgJC>





# SENECA RIVER DAYS UPDATES



So far the planning committee is killing it! We have more sponsorship dollars than the past couple years and still time for new sponsors to join in. You have probably already heard that we have a new fireworks sponsor, George Townsend of Honda City, and our new grand prize sponsor for the duck race will be Sally with Vagabond Tour & Travel. You can check out the Seneca River Days tab on our web site for the full list of sponsors.

Only about four weeks away, the two big days will be here fast. Food trucks are being booked, the bands are ready to rock and the fireworks paperwork is in order for Friday night. Fun activities are being scheduled to fill the day and fill Mercer Park on Saturday. We truly will need all hands on deck, so be sure to sign up to volunteer when asked so this event can continue to raise thousands of dollars for our community!

**And don't forget to save the dates - June 8 & 9!**

## 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/>

## NEW LOGOS:



## SELL TICKETS:

Sign up to sell at a local store for a two-hour shift and make a big difference in our total ticket sales. See Abe for the list of locations and make it happen! Pre-sale tickets are important so that if we have bad weather the day of the race we can still raise enough money to give back to our community for the next Rotary year!

## MEET APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Sam Farren and Andrew Panos were our two students of the month for April 2018. Their families joined them at our special evening to recognize these young adults for their hard work and hearts of service. Sam (top photo) likes to help others through work with the Baldwinsville Volunteer Fire Department and hopes to study both criminal justice and fire protection technology. Andrew is student council president who likes to play baseball and piano. Just two more months of the school year to recognize these great kids. It's truly touching to hear their stories, meet their families and hope that this moment will be a small part of what propels them to become leaders and make a difference in the world.



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!

# ROYAL WEDDING VIEWING PARTY

Join us bright and early on Saturday, May 19th from 7-10am at the Baldwinsville Public Library for a gathering to view the royal wedding of Prince Harry & Meghan Markle. Feel free to wear your fancy hats or fascinators, bring some scones and have a fun time wishing the newly weds a lifetime of happiness!



## BVILLE WINS BIG

It was almost a clean sweep at the awards ceremony at District Conference, with our club taking home several awards for the work that we do every year. Many thanks to the people who take the lead, the worker bees that get the heavy lifting done and the Rotarians that paved the way for our club to be as successful as it is today!

Here are the awards we received:

**Club Service Award**

**Community Service Award**

**Innovation Award**

**Passport to Fellowship Award**

**Youth Services Award**

**International Services Award**

**Communication Award**



*Thanks everyone!*

## SAVE THE DATE



The Fun Committee is always working to put together ideas of fun things we can do. Last year's Syracuse Stage outing was a huge hit with members and their families, so we have booked another family-friendly matinee for Saturday, December 8th and it will be "Elf, The Musical." Mark the date and be ready to buy your tickets later this year!

## THE 5K IS NOW A TURKEY CHASE

In order to continue growing our annual 5K event, we have moved it to November 17th and will give away turkeys as prizes, thus renaming it the Baldwinsville Rotary Turkey Chase 5K/10K to Stomp Out Hunger. We'll just call it the Turkey Chase though! Check out the new Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/bvilleturkeychase/>), like and share it with your friends, and know that registration is already open!







Tuesday, May 1 at 7pm: Assembly Meeting

**Wednesday, May 2 at noon: Help Puerto Rico with Heather Beebe**

Tuesday, May 8 at 5:30pm: Board Meeting, and at 7pm: Speaker TBD

**Wednesday, May 9 at noon: Water Safety with the Coast Guard at the library**

Tuesday, May 15 at 7pm: WWI Liberty Bond Posters with Brian Walsh

**Wednesday, May 16 at noon: Speaker Steve Darcangelo, City Engineer at the library**

Saturday, May 19 from 7-10am at the B'ville Library - Royal Wedding Party

**Tuesday, May 22 at 7pm: Students of the Month**

Wednesday, May 23 at noon: Speaker Kelley Hamilton with B'ville Arts

**Tuesday, May 29 at 7pm: Think Tank with Sally (see page 3)**

Wednesday, May 30 at noon: Speaker Nicole Hurley with Karla Fund

and at 5pm: Line up for the Memorial Day Parade on Lock Street - see Jenny to get involved!

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

## UPCOMING FUN EVENTS

June: Chinese Lantern Festival

June 20: Club Changing of the Guard

June 29: District Changing of the Guard

July 8: RYLA Banquet

July: Syracuse Chief's Night

December: Elf The Musical at Syracuse Stage

## 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!