



Rotary International has declared May as Youth Service Month. It is a time to place special emphasis on the many Rotary-sponsored programs which serve children and young people. In a time when you hear in the media about negative actions performed by young people it is important to highlight the fact that there are many great youth performing actions that make a positive impact on the community around them, as well as in the wider community. The Baldwinsville Rotary Club is to be proud of its efforts to support today's youth. On May 7th we will be welcoming Maria Mudrak and Devon Neish to a meeting where they will be honored as the May Students of the Month. Like many of our previous Students of the Month they are involved in sports, service clubs and volunteer work. If you have never attended a Student of the Month meeting do check one out. You will be inspired by their example of a bright hope for the future!

Interact is a Rotary sponsored club that is based at the high school. In November the club members placed post-it notes on each student's locker to send them off for the Thanksgiving holiday with a positive message. Other activities included: packing food for the school backpack project, helping out with the Big Chill, working with Rotarians to clean up the park as part of Earth Day and helping to move books for the Baldwinsville Library's book sale.

RYLA, Rotary Youth Leadership Award, is an intensive leadership experience where students develop their skills as leaders while having fun and making connections. Baldwinsville is pleased to be able to make it possible for one or two students to participate each year. Students have come back from the experience ready to put skills learned into action with activities like developing a food pantry at the high school or planting a vegetable garden on school grounds to feed those in need.

Mark Twain is quoted to say "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness". Over the years many Baldwinsville youth have spent a year in another country and students from other countries have lived in Baldwinsville. Baldwinsville Rotary is proud to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange. The chance to spend time with families and experience the day to day life of someone from another culture goes a long way to understanding that while we may have different ways of approaching life, we want the best for ourselves and others.

Time, energy and funds spent by the membership to further the goal of working with and empowering today's youth is an investment in the future.

If you see a young person doing good, be it something big like organizing a food pantry or little like holding the door for someone, take a moment to give them a compliment and spread the word that there are some great kids out there and we need to encourage them.



MEG VAN PATTEN, CLUB PRESIDENT

Photo: Baldwinsville Interact Students helped with bringing all the books for the library's book sale up from the basement. This is a hardworking group!

NEXT THINK TANK

MAY 14 AT 7PM
ARTICLE DISCUSSION

Sally is pulling another great article from The Rotarian Magazine's May 2019 issue. Click here to read: "Putting civility back into civil discourse"



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

April's Students of the Month were a fun group. First we met Abby Contello, who (as you can see in the photo) was a little laid up with a bum ankle. It was especially frustrating for her since she is a competitive gymnast! She hopes to student pre-med in college and continue with her gymnastics at the collegiate level. Then we met Jake DelVecchio and he is also an athlete who loves running, participating in all the running sports at school. He is also very into films and is a member of the film club. The families that joined in that evening were really fun and we spent a lot of time chatting with them all. Only two more months of this school year. Don't miss out on this special evening if you have yet to attend a Student of the Month presentation!



DISTRICT C-O-G

Please plan to attend the celebration of Marv's year as our District Governor at the District Changing of the Guard on Thursday, June 27 at the Traditions at the Links in East Syracuse. We should be proud to be a club with such dedicated leaders that one becomes a governor! It is \$30 per person and it starts with cocktails at 5:30pm. Click here to register online (required!).

ACTS OF KINDNESS MINI CHALLENGE

Get an idea of how great it feels to be kind by incorporating these small, but meaningful acts of kindness into your life this month!

**Rake leaves or pick up sticks
in a neighbor's yard to help
with spring cleaning!**



ROTARY QUIZ TIME!

Can you answer these B'ville Rotary trivia questions?

1. What did Seneca River Days used to be called?
2. How much do duck tickets cost?
3. How many ducks did we sell in the 2018 duck race (within 100 ducks)?

Email your answers to megv@bville.lib.ny.us to be entered to win a prize. Correct answers in next month's newsletter.

Answers to April's questions:

1. Baldwinsville Rotary was formed in 1972
2. The next two club presidents will be Lizzy and Doug
3. The next Rotary International President will be Mark Maloney of the Decatur, Alabama Rotary Club

No winner in April :(Make sure you email Meg your answers for a change at \$10 donated to RI in your name and a pen/paper note keeper with the Rotary logo.

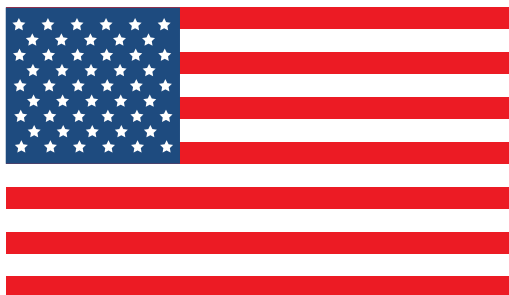
APRIL SHOWERS BRING NEW MEMBERS!

In April, we welcomed three new members and are really showing Rotary how it's done! First we had a transferring member from the former Fayetteville-Manlius Club, Brian Burmeister. He is an Aflac representative and business coach, and he has a great energy. Next we inducted Johnnie-lynn Fioramonti as a brand new Rotarian. She is opening a creativity studio here in the village, is a mom and will no doubt brighten up our group. Finally, we officially welcomed new member Luke Boshart. He is a second generation entrepreneur in the headstone business and he is currently running Barnes Memorials, just across the lock from our meeting location. Each new member will go through orientation with membership committee member Dave and will be assigned a mentor to help them navigate Rotary. Please make sure you introduce yourself and connect with each of these new members!



LOOKING FOR OLD FLAGS

The club's next big Act of Kindness will be to replace some worn-out flags around the community. Please keep an eye out in your neighborhood and make note if someone might have a flag that needs to be retired and replaced. We can't afford to do all of them, but we can draw from the homes you give us and present new flags to them.



HELP WITH DUCKS

Duck Ticket King Abe has put together a schedule of days and times when we can sell duck tickets outside of local businesses. This is a fun and easy way to sell tickets and support our club's major fundraising effort! Watch your emails for requests to help out and sign up at meetings for days and times that work for you. Bring a friend or grab a Rotary pal because it's always more fun in a flock!

Why would people want to buy a duck ticket?

- The odds of winning are far better than the lotto
- The grand prize is \$1,000 cash!
- The money is supporting local community service projects that help our youth, seniors, veterans and families in need
- They get to name their ducks and then come route their ducks on at Seneca River Days!

BIRTHDAYS

May 3: Shauna Teelin
May 4: Bruce Stebbins
May 14: Ann Smiley
May 21: Ted Croucher
May 22: Dawn Custer
May 23: Lynn Rosentel

ANNIVERSARIES

May 14: Jenny & Paul Doane
May 17: Lizzy & Scott Martin
May 22: Dan & Garcia
May 23: Tori & Nick Shires
May 31: Sarah & Don Brown

MAY MEETINGS

WED., MAY 1 AT NOON: SPEAKER JAMIE RODEMS - SCHOOL UPDATE

TUESDAY, MAY 7 AT 7PM: STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

WED., MAY 8 AT NOON: SPEAKER WAYNE MAHAR ON GLOBAL WARMING

TUESDAY, MAY 14 AT 5:30PM: BOARD MEETING, AT 7PM: THINK TANK W/SALLY

WED., MAY 15 AT NOON: SPEAKER MIKE BLOCK ON DISASTER RECOVERY/RELIEF

TUESDAY, MAY 21 AT 7PM: SPEAKERS DAVE & ANN HORAN, MISSION TO PERU

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TUESDAY, MAY 28 AT 7PM: SEE AUSTRALIA WITH MEG

WED., MAY 29 AT NOON: SPEAKER ANN SMILEY, MANAGING YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS

THURSDAY, MAY 30TH AT 6PM: MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - WATCH EMAIL FOR DETAILS

COMING UP

MAY 30

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

JUNE 14/15

SENECA RIVER DAYS

JUNE 27

CLUB CHANGING OF THE GUARD

JUNE 29

DISTRICT CHANGING OF THE GUARD

JULY 10

OFFICIAL VISIT FROM DG RANDY

HELP WITH PROGRAMS - NO REALLY, PLEASE HELP OUT!

It's not lip service when we ask for your suggestions. We really want ideas for programs so we can fill the schedule with fun and interesting speakers, topics and events. Feel free to think outside of the box! Send your ideas to Pam at lizardmom67@hotmail.com and include a contact if you have one. We are currently booking for the spring time!



This is a photo of our stash of donated food used for the Backpack Project, providing food to elementary students at risk of hunger on the weekends. There is enough here for the rest of the school year and then some! Many thanks to Laurie Maddaloni for taking the lead on this project, to our partners in Kiwanis and St Marks Church, and to anyone who helped with packing food this school year!