

2016-17 District Governor: Peter F. Cardamone

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May is Rotary Youth Service Month

Rotary's Youth Service Programs have a long history of developing young leaders, and providing for health and education projects to make the world a better place. These programs make it a priority to create world peace and understanding while exposing youth to the ideals of "Service Above Self." Youth Service is important because youth are our future. Youth will be running our country and the world, and are the future of Rotary. For Rotary and its ideals of service as a worthy enterprise to survive and thrive beyond our lifetime, Rotarians must be involved in Youth Service

Rotary's 5th Avenue of Service, Youth Service, includes programs for those up to age 30. They range from providing scholarships, encouraging youth leadership and student exchange, to sponsoring youth-based service clubs. They include RI Programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Early Act, Rotary Youth and New Generations Exchanges, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Community Corps. Individual Rotary Clubs also support youth related humanitarian projects, scholarships, and youth programs. These include International Scholarships, Peace Fellowships, and United Nations Day.

Rotary Clubs support varied projects that serve young people in our communities (such as the Dictionary Project, reading and literacy projects, local scholarship programs, leadership training and expanding ethics training for youth). Rotary's Youth Protection Policies and Training are important resources for Rotarians that protect all young people.

There are a wide range of programs and projects included under Rotary's Youth Service umbrella. Every Rotary Club in the district connects with one or more of these. Does your club have a Youth Services Chair? This Rotarian coordinates and communicates among all your youth programs for the benefit of them all. Your Youth Services Chair may already be the RYLA chair, Interact Advisor or Youth Exchange Officer. They will recruit Youth Club members, engage youth in service projects, help develop and maintain long-term relationship with area schools, and work with club leaders to coordinate and maximize the impact of all Youth Service activities.

Make May the month you grow Youth Services!

*Yours In Rotary Service,
Pete C.*





CONFERENCE IN REVIEW

APRIL 21-23, 2017 | GIDEON PUTNAM, SARATOGA NY



Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who came to conference, who helped plan it, who taught a breakout session, who led a pledge or invocation, who chaperoned Youth Exchange students, who brought House of Friendship displays and door prizes, who volunteered as a Sergeant-at-Arms, who bought items at the Rotary Shop and who honored Rotarians we've lost at the In Gratitude service. It was an inspiring, educational and fun weekend just as the committee had hoped it would be!

Here's what you missed:

We raised over \$400 for the Rotary International Foundation at Friday's 50/50

There were 32 clubs represented in the business meeting and more than 20 House of Friendship displays

We met our RI Rep Matthew Kane and his wife Sonia, from Raleigh, North Carolina - really great Rotarians and new friends!

Rotarians got to help at the Salvation Army and local community garden for afternoon service projects

The food got rave reviews!

The Youth Exchange kids got to go bowling, visit the Saratoga Auto Museum and did an Earth Day project at SPAC (Saratoga Performing Arts Center)

Saturday's 50/50 raised over \$700 for ShelterBox USA, whose rep Tom Deuson was there to show off a real ShelterBox tent and present the Moravia Club with a Hero Award for their donations

Beautiful derby hats, snazzy bowties and a bagpiper

Dozens of Rotarians of Excellence were recognized for their hard work, clubs that grew their membership so far this year were congratulated and we surprised the newest Paul Harris

Congrats Ward!

We had a very special award presentation at Saturday's banquet dinner. After decades of service through Rotary and passionate leadership through CNY Books for the World, Ward Vuillemot was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award - the highest honor we could bestow upon him. Shown here is District Governor Peter and our RI Rep Matthew Kane presenting the award to Ward. Make sure you tell him congrats next time you see him or reach out with your message of support for this well-deserved award!



**SHARE
PICS**

DISTRICT CONFERENCE PHOTOS

Check out our online folder of photos taken by Rotarian Marilyn Anderson. Download the ones you love and add your photos to the bunch to share with everyone!

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2018

April 27-29, 2018 | Radisson Hotel, Corning NY
www.rotary7150.org



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DIFFERENCE**

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**\$250/Guest includes all meals
and registration**

\$119/night - Queen Room

\$129/night - King or Double Bed

SAVE THE DATE NOW - PLAN TO BE AT CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR!

We will be once again putting together a weekend full of fun, education and fellowship, taking into account your feedback from this year.

We have a great location that's close to many interesting and unique attractions like the Corning Museum of Glass and so much more!

DOWNLOAD A REGISTRATION FORM AT
www.rotary7150.org

In Memoriam

Michael Occhipinti

April 27, 1931 - April 13, 2017

Rome Rotary Club

Past District 7150 Governor 1985-86

*Thank you for your
leadership through service*

Past club president of Rome Rotary Club and former chair of the Rome Club's Polio Plus fundraising efforts, PDG Mike was an active Rotarian for decades. He also worked with the Gift of Life program to bring children to the US for much needed surgery, and he was a host parent for the Youth Exchange Program. In 1985 he served as the District Governor for District 7150, with the Rotary theme "You are the Key."

CONGRATULATIONS RANDY WILSON DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2019-2020

A little about Randy:

He has been a member of the Sauquoit Rotary Club since 1979.

He was a Youth Exchange Officer (YEO) for ten years and has been a part of the District Youth Exchange Committee.

Randy has been a club president three times, is a Paul Harris Fellow +6, a Paul Harris Society Member and is currently the Assistant Governor in Area 2.

Randy and his wife Jan have been Youth Exchange host parents and because of all of his years in working with youth, many call him "Uncle Randy."



Congratulations and appreciations go out to Randy for stepping into this leadership role for District 7150. Please note his Rotary email will be randyw7150@gmail.com and don't hesitate to reach out to him.

Club	July '16	Jan '17
Adirondack Foothills	33	27
Auburn	42	46
Aurora	7	7
Baldwinsville	50	59
Camden	11	9
Camillus-Solvay-Geddes	30	33
Canastota	19	18
Cato	17	16
Cazenovia	20	15
Chittenango	46	39
DeWitt	78	80
Dolgeville	20	19
Eastwood	27	26
e-Club of Syracuse	15	14
Fayetteville-Manlius	7	0
Fulton	26	27
Fulton Sunrise	23	24
Greater Utica Sunrise	7	9
Hamilton	32	32
Kuyahora Valley	26	27
Little Falls	27	29
Marcellus	27	28
Mohawk Valley	28	32
Moravia	14	17
New Hartford	25	26
North Utica - Whitestown	21	22
Oneida	57	56
Onondaga North	7	7
Oriskany Falls	17	19
Oswego	32	31
Oswego Sunrise	12	15
Rome	40	38
Sauquoit	15	16
Sherrill	12	13
Skaneateles	60	56
Skaneateles Sunrise	17	17
Syracuse	57	60
Syracuse Inner City	9	11
Syracuse Sunrise	19	18
Tully	25	23
Utica	118	119
Waterville	17	16
West Winfield	10	8
TOTAL	1,202	1,204

DISTRICT CHANGING OF THE GUARD

June 29, 2017 | 5:30-8pm at Traditions at the Links
 5900 North Burdick St, East Syracuse
 \$30/person

Register online at <https://goo.gl/GlbCrN>

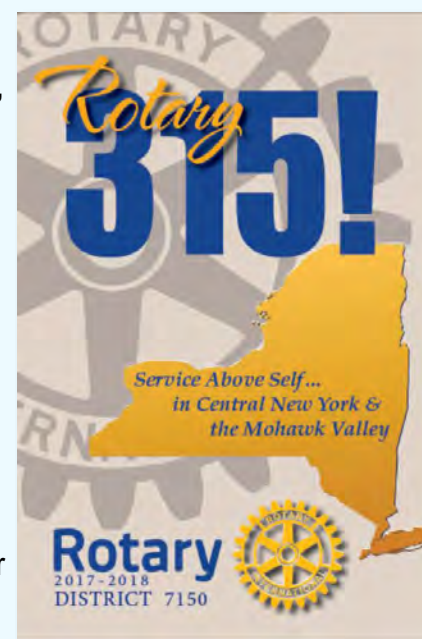
Or send your check by June 16th, with "Changing of the Guard" in the memo line to:
 Rotary District 7150
 c/o Susan Reisman, Treasurer
 131 W Seneca Street #321
 Manlius, NY 13104

Join us for the 53rd annual Changing of the Guard and celebrate leadership succession in District 7150. The evening is open to all Rotarians and will include food, fellowship and awards for officers and clubs. We will be both thankful to our outgoing leaders and welcoming to our new ones, while we acknowledge accomplishments and achievements from this past year.
Club Presidents and President Elects should attend to participate in the ceremonial passing of the gavel (and bring your club's gavel for this!).
All Paul Harris Fellows should wear their PHF pins.

If you have questions about the event, please contact District Governor Nominee Marv Joslyn at marvd7150@gmail.com

SHARE YOUR ROTARY 315'S

The latest edition of the Rotary 315!, our guide to everything Rotary in CNY and the Mohawk Valley, was distributed at District Conference. If you weren't there to get your copy, extras were sent home with all of the Assistant Governors to distribute to clubs. Each club should also receive a few extra copies. Please take the time to distribute these at area libraries, doctor's offices and places where people might be looking for something to read while waiting. You'd be surprised at how much traction we can get with everyone doing their part to distribute these in their communities! Thanks to the advertisers, and especially Rotarian Ed Helinski for securing them all, the cost of the printing was covered. Let's make sure all the effort that went into producing this great booklet pays off by getting it out into our communities!



CLUB MEMBERSHIP BY THE #'S

We learned a lot about membership at District Conference - both recruitment and retention. Be sure to apply what you've learned in your club to help drum up new Rotarians all year-round!

If you need membership assistance, contact PDG Deb Glisson, District Membership Chair at deborah7150@gmail.com.

AUBURN ROTARY NEWS

It's been a busy month for Auburn Rotarians with the inductions of Donna Clark and Greg Lattimore plus additional preparations for the inaugural Rotary Ribs Rhythm and Blues Festival, coming to Owasco Lake, July 15-16. This festival is a combination of a two days music festival and Kansas City BBQ Society (KCBS) sanctioned and New York State Championship competition.

And a good contingency of Auburn Rotarians ventured to District Conference at Saratoga Springs.

TWO NEWEST MEMBERS IN DISTRICT 7150 - AREA 5

Baldwinsville Rotary inducted a new member on April 5th, welcoming Michelle Martin to the club. She was sponsored by member Lizzy Flinn-Brown - her coworker and future sister-in-law. Michele is an account executive at Advance Media NY, was born and raised in Syracuse and has been a volunteer through her church for many years. The club looks forward to having Michelle help out on projects and bring her humor to weekly meetings.



At a recent Fulton Sunrise Rotary meeting, Janet (Cashman-Shipmen) Lake, right, was inducted as a new member. Janet is a Financial Advisor With Lake Financial Services. Pictured with Janet is club President Linda Rossiter.



MOHAWK VALLEY ROTARY CLUB NEWS

The Mohawk Valley Rotary Club has had a busy month! The Mohawk Valley Rotary Club was honored to have the City of Little Falls Mayor Mark Blask as the speaker at their weekly meeting on Tuesday April 11. The Mayor expressed considerable pride in the community and enthusiasm for his job.



District Governor Peter Cardamone and Foundation Chair Mark Matt visited the Mohawk Valley Rotary at Tuesday's meeting. Several members were on hand to learn about how the rotary club can get more involved with a Foundation project or program. Cardamone and Matt were also on hand to welcome newest member Erica Lebert, Branch manager at GPO Federal Credit Union.



Club members packed nearly 3 pallets for CNY Books for the World from the Mohawk Valley and Kuyahoorra Valley Rotary Clubs.

B'VILLE CHALLENGES ALL CLUBS TO RACE

Baldwinsville Rotary invites all Rotary Clubs in District 7150 to enter their Anything That Floats contest. This decades old tradition takes place at Seneca River Day each year and involves racing homemade rafts down the Seneca River. Each club could form a team or teams to compete against each other and the other organizations and groups that participate annually.

Get started building your vessel now and plan to join us on Saturday, June 10th at Cooper's Marina at 3pm, with the race starting at 4pm. All boats will have one hour to get one mile down the river to the shore of Mercer Park. The crowd loves it when the teams have a fun theme for their costumes and boats too!

Think you have it in you? Do your members have building skills? Can your club win it all? Visit www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org to download a registration form and waiver today.

RULES OF THE RACE:

- Vessel must be homemade - no kits!
- Cannot spend more than \$50 on materials - use found items and recycled materials
- No engines or pollutants
- Must wear life vests that you provide
- Must be over the age of 16 - minors need parental consent on waiver
- Cannot exceed 9' in width
- No alcohol consumption permitted
- Must bring to marina and remove from park

Marcellus Rotary's
**Brud Wilson Memorial
Golf Tournament**

June 10, 2017 | Shotgun start at 10am
Pearl Lakes Golf Course
1441 Old Seneca Trnpg, Skaneateles

Proceeds benefit Upstate Cancer Center & the community of Marcellus
\$50/person - sign up alone or with a foursome!
includes lunch

MORE THAN \$800 IN PRIZES

Marcellus Rotary is also seeking sponsors
Contact Kevin Pangman at (315) 345-2093 or
kevinpangman18@gmail.com to register and/or
become a sponsor today!

Skaneateles Rotary's 49th Annual
Father's Day Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, June 18 from 7:30am - 1pm
Austin Park Pavilion, Skaneateles

\$7 for Adults | \$4 Children ages 6-12 | Kids under 5 FREE
All You Can Eat Pancakes, plus:
scrambled eggs, sausages, orange juice, milk & coffee

Guests will also enjoy the community band while
making dad feel special on Father's Day!

Proceeds benefit club programs like Youth Exchange,
The Rotary Pavilion, improvements at Clift Park and
Austin Park, and more!



Syracuse Inner City Rotary Club
Seneca Niagara Casino Trip

Saturday, June 17th
\$60 per person - seating limited!
Bus leaves Valley Plaza, Syracuse at 6:30am

Spend the day at the newly remodeled casino, with a \$25 free
play and \$5 food voucher. In addition to table games and slots,
there is shopping on site and great tourist attractions.

SIGN UP TODAY

Contact Charles Rivers at (315) 313-4653



The Rotary Club of DeWitt's 63rd Annual

PANCAKE DAY

Saturday, May 13, 2017
7am-2pm
Shoppingtown Mall

**Volunteer for at least two hours and enjoy a
FREE pancake breakfast on us after your shift!**

Sign up early for your preferred shift. Please contact: Kuki
Haines at 8189ekhaines@gmail.com

Advance sale tickets are available
from any DeWitt Rotarian - \$7
each, 2 for \$10



Or get tickets online at
www.DewittRotary.org

New Hartford Rotary Golf Social
May 22 at Yahnundasis Golf Club

8639 Seneca Turnpike, New Hartford

\$100/cart (\$50/person)

A great opportunity to invite a friend and golf at this
premier club for half price! Includes lunch.

19th Hole Cash Bar

Proceeds benefit Area 2's End Hunger Program

Contact Jim Cook (315) 797-6399 or Dan
Daly (315) 534-1400 to sign your team up



Baldwinsville Rotary's
BOOK CLUB



Wednesday, May 31st at NOON
Red Mill Inn, Baldwinsville

"The Residence: Inside the Private World of the White House"
AND

"First Women: The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies"
Both by Kate Anderson Brower

We will also be watching "The Butler" the week before, Tuesday
May 23rd at our 7pm meeting.

Follow our event on Facebook at <https://goo.gl/YpY4lx>

Baldwinsville Rotary's 23rd Annual


SENECA RIVER DAY

June 10, 2017 | Mercer Park
Family Festival, Music, Food & Fireworks
Anything That Floats | 4pm
The Great Seneca River Duck Race | 7pm

Get your ducks and all the details online at
www.BaldwinsvilleRotary.org



New York State BBQ Championship! Great BBQ, Music & More!

Rotary 

Ribs Rhythm & Blues Festival



July 15 & 16, 2017

EMERSON PARK

Owasco Lake, Auburn NY

Brought to You by the Auburn Rotary Club



Suggested donation \$10 per person | Learn more at auburnrotaryny.org

DEWITT ROTARY CLUB NIGHT

THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST | 6:35 PM



TICKETS ONLY \$6

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DEWITT

TICKETS ONLY FOR SEC.: 302 & 304

FOR TICKETS, CALL 474-7833 OR GO TO: SYRACUSECHIEFS.COM

Adirondack Foothills Rotary Invites you to the
Richard W Abbott Jr Memorial Scholarship

Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 13, 2017
Woodgate Pine Golf Course, Booneville



\$75/person or \$300/team
Shotgun start at 9am | 2pm Steak Dinner & Raffle
Prizes and trophies

Proceeds will benefit the Adirondack foothills
Rotary Scholarship Fund for graduating
students from Holland Patent High School and
Remsen High School

For more information contact Deb Shambo at
dshambo@gmail.com



Chittenango Rotary's 34th Annual Lobster Fest

Sat. May 20, 2017

2-6 p.m.

Jim Marshall Farms
New Boston Rd, Chittenango

Donation \$35/ticket

\$10 Children's Ticket
(Excludes Lobster)

Benefiting Community Projects

1 lb. Live Steamed Maine Lobster

Steamship Round of Beef • Salt Potatoes • Salads
Hot Dogs • Hamburgs • Sausage & Peppers
Draft Beer • Beverages

Entertainment

Tickets at the following locations:

Delphia's
McGowan's Hardware
or from any Rotarian

sponsored by
The Chittenango
Rotary Club



SKANEATELES ROTARY FIGHTS ALZHEIMER'S WITH \$6,000 DONATION

The Skaneateles Rotary Club presented a check for \$6,000 to Catherine James, chief executive director of the Alzheimer's Association's Central New York chapter, at its meeting Thursday, April 6. The check represented funds earned at the club's March 9 International Women's Day event at the Lodge at Welch Allyn.

James thanked the club and the Skaneateles community for joining the effort to combat the disease. "It is the only disease in the top 10 diseases that has no cure ... and no way to slow the progression," she said. In addition to being devastating to individuals and families, it is devastating to our society, she said. "It cost \$259 billion last year."

The vision of the Alzheimer's Association is "A world without Alzheimer's disease," she said. She shared the history of the disease and the push for more research to eliminate it altogether. "We are calling for a cure by 2025," she said.

James said that the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Huling Hummel, who was the keynote speaker at the Rotary event on March 9, was humbled by being invited. "She speaks in the Finger Lakes region and also around the country" as someone afflicted with the disease, James said.

The audience at the International Women's Day event was riveted as the Rev. Dr. Hummel told of her personal journey with Alzheimer's disease. Hummel put a personal face on a disease that 5 million Americans are living with today.

Hummel was 50 and studying for her doctorate when she first experienced symptoms.

Rotarian Amy Tormey said the Skaneateles Rotary Club chose to focus on Alzheimer's after it became a focus of Rotary International. "Rotary International has taken on Alzheimer's right along with polio and malaria," she said.

The Alzheimer's Association, Central New York Chapter is the only organization in our region dedicated to the elimination of Alzheimer's disease and the support of individuals who have been diagnosed with it. The Chapter was founded in August 1982, the result of a local community seeking more information about Alzheimer's disease. In 1983, it became affiliated by the national Alzheimer's Association.



THANKS GIVEN TO BOOKS FOR THE WORLD FROM UGANDA

A recent shipment of books through the Books for the World program generated a note of thanks and some great pictures from recipients in Uganda:

Letter of Thanks from President Sophie to Second Wind Foundation, Texas

"Thank you for the Rotary Books which were organized by Charlie Clemmons, shipped by Charlie Buscemi and cleared in Uganda by Rtn Moses Nareeba of RC Kololo. Thanks to Rtms Favia & Paul Nampala and Ran Joy Ngobi who connected us to Second Wind Foundation.

We advertised in our club fellowships and a number of Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians came to pick up books for the schools that they support.

We wish also wish to recognize URA who exempted us from paying taxes for the textbooks which ranged from Secondary Chemistry, Physics, Biology, History, Literature to Primary school Mathematics, English, Science, Novels, Nursery writing. Plus many different books of general knowledge.

Thank you Charlie Clemmons and your team in Texas. The books were all freely given. These books will go a long way to be used as reference guides to boost education in the country."



IS YOUR CLUB LOOKING FOR A GLOBAL PROJECT? BALDWINSVILLE ROTARY SEEKS HELP WITH ZIMBABWE MILL



Several years ago, while on a safari trip in southern Africa, Rotarian Joan Patchett met a family in the small village of Ngamo, Zimbabwe. Over the years she has kept in touch, sending care packages, making pen pals and helping where ever she could from afar. The country is very poor and rife with political corruption. Her friend Themba said that it would be a great blessing to their village to have their own corn grinding mill to make flour. As of right now, they have use a donkey cart to haul their grain to another village to use their mill. Not only would having a mill of their own save them this effort, but they could help other villages.

After connecting with a Rotary Club in that area to help with the ordering, delivery, installation and training for use of the diesel-powered mill, and selecting the right sized mill, Joan put together a proposal for \$3,500 to cover the cost of the project. Baldwinsville Rotarians were happy to have the opportunity to serve internationally and are wondering if your club would like to be a part of the project. Donations will be accepted through the end of May from individuals and Rotary Clubs wishing to get on board with this truly impactful project.

If you are interested in contributing, individual donations are tax deductible through the club's foundation. Please contact Joan Patchett at rpachett5201@gmail.com or (315) 635-6989.

FULTON NOON SUPPORTS LITERACY

Steve Chirello, left, updated the Fulton Rotary Club on the Literacy Coalition of Oswego County's recent activities. The coalition is all volunteer and is the hub of referrals for resources for the county. He noted that 17,000 people in Oswego County do not read above a fifth grade level. In the photo, Rotary President Helen Hofer, center, and past president Bridgette Seguin, a Literacy volunteer, present Chirello with a \$250 donation toward the Coalitions programs.



AUBURN ROTARY BUILDS WELLS IN BUENOS AIRES



Auburn Rotary has once again sponsored a service project abroad and this year they have made another big impact in Buenos Aires, Argentina in South America. Where 80% of adults are unemployed and school can be cancelled due to lack of clean water, the basics that people need to get by are a challenge. Auburn Rotarian Matt Feola made a connection at a Rotary International Convention 14 years ago and has been working to serve in the region ever since.

This past fall, a trio of Auburn Rotarians made the 5,500 mile trip to Buenos Aires to check on the progress of the latest project to install wells that will serve six schools. They traveled to each school, saw the wells being dug, provided signs that the schools will proudly display, met some of the 4,800 kids that will benefit from this project, as well as many thankful educators and administrators and got to take in some of the culture by connecting with local Rotarians from the Ezeiza Rotary Club.

The project drew attention from media in Buenos Aires and back home in Auburn, which is great exposure for Rotary. Hopefully fewer kids will miss out on days at school for lack of water and local Rotary Clubs can maintain the wells for us!



YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS HIT SARATOGA

Sixteen of this year's Youth Exchange students attended District Conference. On Friday evening of conference, YE Committee leaders took the kids out bowling and for pizza, to have fun and socialize all evening. On Saturday, the kids did a service project in connection with Earth Day, raking leaves and cleaning up the outdoor entertainment venue SPAC, or Saratoga Performing Arts Center. In the afternoon, all the students took part in the Country Faire, where Rotarians were invited to meet with and get to know the students and more about their home countries. At the Saturday evening banquet, the students participated in the Parade of Flags, sharing their country's national anthem and flag. And then on Sunday morning they were all presented with their Youth Exchange Alumni pins to wear proudly, amongst all the other pins, on their blazers. Each year, Rotarians and guests of District Conference express how much they enjoy having the students at our annual event. The opportunities to get to know them are rewarding and it is the perfect place for them to have fun too!



DISTRICT YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEE RECOGNIZED

The District 7150 Youth Exchange Committee was recently presented with the North American Youth Exchange Network's Gold Award for running such an excellent program. The well-oiled machine that manages students here and abroad was again recognized for this honor during District Conference in Saratoga Springs. Present to accept the recognition were (from left to right) Dave Bauer, Stuart Wood, Bill Rosentel, Colleen Weibel, Mindy Taylor and Tom Taylor. Words don't suffice to thank these folks and the rest of their team for the hard work and dedication they put towards our youth program!



BALDWINSVILLE ROTARY ENJOYS STUDENT OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

Starting this past fall, Baldwinsville Rotary launched a new youth program to recognize a Baldwinsville High School Senior each month, called Student of the Month. Guidance counselors at the school were recruited to nominate students based on their commitment to helping others and were asked to consider kids that don't already get a lot of



recognition, although more than worthy. They have really delivered, with wonderful students attending Tuesday evening meetings each month (except when Nor'easter Stella cancelled the meeting in March). The Student of the Month for March/April was Brianna Rhodes. Her friends, family, fiancé and teachers attended the Rotary meeting to see her presented with a certificate, letter of recognition, Four Way Test keychain and hear her address the club. Brianna shared a beautiful self-portrait she had done, told of her contributions to the community and shared that she hopes to attend college to study sociology (or fashion design!). It was a pleasure getting to meet Brianna and her family!