Service Above Self





2012-2013 Annual Report

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The Rotary Club of Cohoes is committed to service above self in our community.

The Rotary Club of Cohoes is a thriving, highly visible and respected service club of involved professionals who gather in the spirit of fellowship to provide support and service to the community.

The Rotary Club of Cohoes is a branch of Rotary International, an organization of service clubs located all over the world. It is a secular organization open to all persons regardless of race, color or creed. There are more than 32,000 clubs and over 1.2 million members world-wide. The members of Rotary Clubs are known as Rotarians.

The purpose of the organization is to bring together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The members of the Cohoes Rotary Club consist of local businesses owners, community organization leaders, city employees and community volunteers. Members enjoy a sense of comradery and pride in working together to make the City of Cohoes a better place live, work, and play.

Club Mission

The Rotary Club of Cohoes exists to promote goodwill and better friendships through service and support to the people of Cohoes.



Building Community

◆ Adopted Cayuga Plaza as a clean-up site around the Cohoes Community Center, the Cohoes Senior Center, and the walkway servicing Cayuga Plaza Apartments and McDonald towers to beautify and maintain. The club partnered with other citizens, employees from the Cohoes Community Center and the Cohoes Senior Center, and students from the Cohoes School District to perform landscaping and other maintenance duties within the plaza.



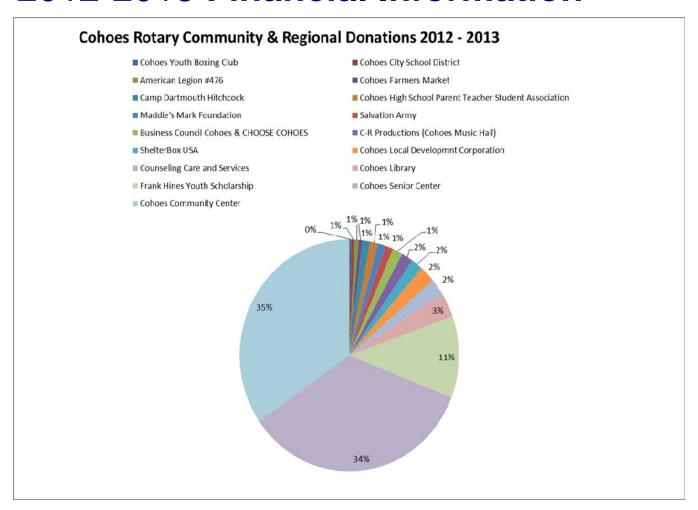
- Participated in holiday gift collections for families of students in need within the Cohoes school district
- Supported Cohoes winter coat drive
- Rang the bell to accept donations for the Salvation Army
- Distributed community meals for the Salvation Army at the Vineyard church
- ♦ Collected items to send to a homeless shelter in Haiti
- You will often see Cohoes Rotarians volunteering and participating in many community events such as, Global Youth Service Day, the Cohoes Mastodon 15K race, the Memorial Day parade, Canal Square summer concert series, and most other city sponsored events.
- Raised and gave away over \$8000 to support local organizations within the City of Cohoes
- ◆ Cohoes Rotarians toured the Mohawk Paper Company mill, the Van Schaick Mansion and the Brookfield's School Street hydroelectric power plant.
- Sponsored a hugely popular Keveny Memorial Academy reunion. The reunion was attended by graduates from numerous classes spanning over 40 years.
- The Club co-sponsored the Cohoes State of the City address presented by the Mayor, George Primeau.

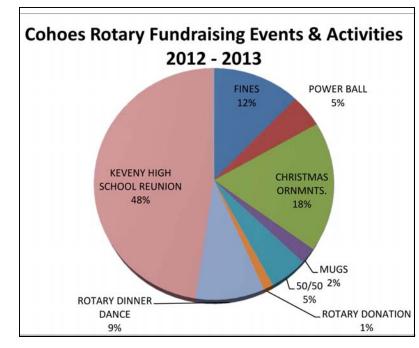






2012-2013 Financial Information







Community **Donations**

From its yearly fundraising activities, the Rotary Club of Cohoes is able to make significant financial contributions to the community at large. The Cohoes Rotary provides an annual scholarship to a graduating high school senior, the Frank Hines Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000. Since 2004 the club has donated \$8,000 in Frank Hines Scholarships; \$362 to the Cohoes American Legion Post 476; \$1,200 to the Cohoes Caretakers; \$16,615 to the Cohoes Community Center; \$1,950 to the Cohoes Library; \$16,745 to the Cohoes Senior Center; \$190 to the Cohoes Youth Boxing Club; \$1,240 to Counseling Care and Services; \$1,000 to CR Productions at the Cohoes Music Hall; \$800 to the Juvenile Diabetes Association; \$125 to the Cohoes Kiwanis; \$600 to the Cohoes Knights of Columbus; \$1,877 to the Salvation Army; \$1,024 to Shelter Box USA; and \$1,950 in other miscellaneous donations.

2012-2013 Primary Donations

- **♦** Frank Hines Youth Scholarhip \$ 1,000.00
- ♦ Maddie's Mark Foundation \$100.00
- ♦ Counseling Care \$ 100.00
- ♦ Cohoes Library \$ 300.00
- ♦ Salvation Army \$ 100.00
- ♦ Rotary Foundation \$ 5 00.00
- ♦ Cohoes Senior Center \$ 3,000.00
- ♦ Cohoes Community Center \$ 3000.00



Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and around the globe. The 1.2 million Rotarians who make up more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in nearly every country in the world share a dedication to the ideal of Service Above Self. Rotary clubs are open to people of all cultures and ethnicities and are not affiliated with any political or religious organizations.

Founded in 1905, Rotary is a worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate their passions into relevant social causes to change lives in communities.

Made up of over 34,000 Rotary clubs around the world, Rotary International forms a global network of business, professional, and community leaders who volunteer their time and talents to serve communities locally and around the world – and form strong, lasting friendships in the process.

Our motto, <u>Service Above Self</u>, exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide. Service efforts are directed toward our areas of focus:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

(Source for Above: Rotary International Website)

Membership Call to Action

If you want to learn more about becoming a Rotarian and helping your community, contact David Mitola, Club President, at 518-237-0700.

The Rotary Club of Cohoes was given its official charter on May 19, 1927. The parent club of the Cohoes Rotary was the Rotary Club of Troy. The membership of the Cohoes Club consisted of Cohoes businessmen and community leaders. One major change has occurred in Rotary since it was founded in 1905. The 1989 Rotary International Council on Legislation voted to admit women into Rotary Clubs worldwide.



