



Rota-Briefs



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

November 25, 2009

Invocation: Reverend Gerry Clemmons
Song: Chuck Ries – Shine On Harvest Moon

Anniversaries: none
Birthdays: Chuck Ries - belated

Visiting Rotarians: none
Guest: Byard Clemmons, Julie DeFrusico

Big Bucks

Mystery Raffle: Harry McDonald
Powerball: Marshall Barrett was not successful.
Sawbuck: John Doemel, Megan Barrett

Rotarians Present: Barrett, Brooks, Hornbrook, McDonald, Musiker, Ries, E. Tremblay, L. Tremblay, and Van Alstine

Good News/Bad News: The following members paid happy/ sad dollars:
Keith Hornbrook for the successful Mixer (23 guests attended), and thanks to the Mixer Planning Committee; Chuck Ries for the Siena win over Delaware (90 - 56); Ed Tremblay as a follow-up on Keith's remarks regarding the Mixer, for the Super Saturday in Cohoes, see events/ Information; Linda Tremblay because we will be selling Ornaments at the Super Saturday; Marshall Barrett for the Mixer; Amy Musiker because her daughter is having a 16th birthday on Sunday, November 29th.

Rotary Club Officers

Marshall Barrett - President
Keith Hornbrook – President Elect
Robert W. Van Alstine - Secretary/
Editor Club Newsletter
Michael Brooks - Treasurer
Beverly Signoracci - Sergeant At Arms
John C. Eaton - District Governor
Cohoes Rotary Web Site - www.rotaryclubofcohoes.org

Events/ Information:

- [Annual Super Saturday](#), November 28th, 2009 from 1 to 3 pm. Soup tasting, Santa rides, horse carriage rides and more! Soup Competition at the Senior Center at 5:00pm. Tree lighting at Silliman Park at 7:00 pm
- Exclusive performance of [Beauty and the Beast](#) for Rotarians on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at the Cohoes Music Hall. A reception will be hold at 5:30 pm and the show begins at 7:30 pm.
- District 7190 is sponsoring an [Albany River Rats](#) hockey game on January 15, 2009 for the benefit of the Rotary Foundation. The game begins at 7:00 pm at the Times Union Center in Albany.
- A copy of District 7190 [2009/10 Directory](#) is available on their web site.
- District 7190's [Toolbox](#) for November 2009 is available on their site.

Club Business:

- Marshall Barrett explained that Bennington, VT has two Rotary clubs. Rotarians ring a bell at Price Chopper, Wal-Mart, etc to raise money for their clubs.
- Lottery tickets have been printed. We will be selling them in December, and drawings will be held in January.
- Our club will be ringing the bell for Salvation Army at Wal-Mart in Latham from noon to 6:00pm on Friday, December 11th, 2009. A signup sheet was passed around for Rotarians to sign up.
- December 2009 club board meeting will be on Tuesday at the Century House at 5:30 pm.

Program:

Reverend Gerry Clemmons spoke to our club about Thanksgiving, see attached.

Keith Hornbrook responded on behalf of the club.

Next Week's Program: Lauren Payne and Robert Clancy from Spiral Design Studio



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**November 25th 2009
Thanksgiving
by The Reverend Gerry Clemmons**



The Reverend Gerry Clemmons and Keith Hornbrook

The Reverend Gerry Clemmons, pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church in Cohoes, spoke at our club on the topic of Thanksgiving. Pastor Clemmons began with the remark that it was good to hear a group begin their meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thanksgiving dates back to 1621 when the Pilgrims celebrated the harvest with Native Americans who brought gifts of food as a gesture of goodwill. Their meal was simple, probably including fish or fowl, nuts, squash, corn and boiled pumpkin. In the past, the feast was religious as the Pilgrims focused on God, giving thanks for having survived the harsh winters in America.

The Continental Congress issued the first National Thanksgiving Proclamation in 1777, after the success at the Battle of Saratoga. In 1863, in the midst of Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation. Then in 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt issued another one, again when war was brewing. That year, the US Congress passed legislation making it a Federal Holiday.

Ironically, in times of hardship we are more apt to turn to God, whereas, in good times, we often take what we have for granted. Often we forget to give thanks for what we have until we are in danger of losing it. It is difficult to give thanks when your world is falling apart, but knowing that others care makes it easier to do.

A grateful person is someone who remembers from where his or her blessings come and gives thanks to God in appreciation for what they've been given. Rotarians are grateful people who give thanks and remember others, reaching out to help in a variety of ways. Ethnics are an important part of Rotary. Therefore, Rotarians must submit to a higher power, and are good stewards for what God has given us.

Thanksgiving is a time not only to give thanks, but to 'give' - time, talent and treasure! This is what Rotarians do. The desire to do this comes from God. Thanksgiving is a day to stop and give thanks. Let us be grateful for such a day and for every other day.

We want to be known as 'Thanksgiving' people.

When and Where Other Rotary Clubs Meet:

Monday	
Corinth	7:15PM
Agape Bed and Breakfast, Rt. 9N, Corinth	
Hudson Falls	12:10 PM
Pizza Hut. Rt.4, Fort Edward	
Racing City Rotary	5:30 PM
Olde Gaslight Restaurant, 12 Ballston Avenue, Saratoga Springs	
Burnt Hills/Ballston Lake	6:15 PM
Bill Sewell Community Room, Town of Ballston Town Hall	
Lake George	6:15 PM
Holiday Inn Rt. 2223 State Rt. 9	
Tuesday	
Northern Lake George	7:30 AM
Watson Arts Center, Silver Bay	
Wilton	7:30 AM
Friendly's Restaurant, Route 50, Wilton	
Latham	12:00 PM
Century House, Latham	
Watervliet	12:10 PM
First Presbyterian Church, 819 23 rd Street, Watervliet Meets 2 nd and 4 th weeks only)	
Ballston Spa	12:15 PM
Manna's Restaurant, 17 Low St, Ballston Spa	
Glove Cities	12:15 PM
Holiday Inn, Rt. 30A, Johnstown	
Menands	12:15 PM
The Corner Well Restaurant, 698 North Pearl St.	
Scotia	6:00 PM
Turf Tavern, 40 Mohawk Avenue, Scotia	
South Glens Falls	5:45 PM
Humbuggs, Corner Bluebird Rd. and Rt. 32, South Glens Falls	
Chestertown	6:15 PM
O.P. Frederick's Restaurant, Rt. 8., Chestertown	
Lansingburgh	6:15 PM
Paradise Lounge, 630 2 nd and 117 th Streets, Troy	
Northville	6:30 PM
(Call for locations and directions)	
Schoharie	6:30 PM
Parrot House - Rt. 30 Main St. Schoharie	

Wednesday	
Niskayuna	7:15 AM
Route 7 Diner, 1090 Troy-Schenectady Road	
Delmar	7:30 AM
Normanside Country Club, 150 Salisbury Rd., Delmar	
Mohawk Valley	7:30 AM
Senior Center, 204 Canal St., Fort Plain	
Schenectady East	7:30 AM
Old Country Buffet, Crosstown Plaza, Rt. 7, Schenectady	
Turning Point	7:30 AM
General Schuyler Pantry 166 Broad St., Schuylerville	
Champlain Canal	8:00 PM
Community Room, Mid-Rise Senior Apts, 180 N. Main Street Mechanicville	
Albany	12:15 PM
Wolferts Roost Country Club, 1230 Van Rensselaer Blvd., Albany	
Amsterdam	12:15 PM
Raindancer Steak Parlor, Rt. 30N, Amstgerdam	
Cohoes	12:15 PM
Century House, Rt. 9, Latham	
Colonie-Guilderland	12:15 PM
Western Turnpike Golf Course Rt. 20, Guilderland	
Saratoga Springs	12:15 PM
Longfellow's Restaurant, Rt. 9P	
Cobleskill	6:10 PM
Best Western Inn of Cobleskill Rt. 7, Main Street, Cobleskill.	
Granville	6:15 PM
AJ's Restaruent, Quaker Street, Granville	

Thursday	
Malta Sunrise	7:15 AM
Malta Diner Rts. 9 & 67, Malta (Exit 12 off I87)	
Rotterdam Sunrise	7:15 AM
McLanes Restaurant, 2717 Broadway, Rotterdam	
Shenendehowa	7:15 AM
Coburg Village Retirement Facility, Grooms Rd., Clifton Park	
North Creek	7:30 AM
Marsha's Restaurant, Main St., North Creek	
Schenectady	12:00 PM
Stockade Inn, 1 North Church St., Schenectady	
Twin Bridges	12:00 PM
Salty's, Northway Exit 8A, East of Rt. 9, Halfmoon	
Glens Falls	12:10 PM
Queensbury Hotel, 88 Ridge Street, glens Falls	
Troy	12:15 PM
The Red Front Restaurant, 71 Division Street, Troy	
Middleburgh	6:05 PM
Middleburgh United Methodist Church, Rt. 145 Middleburgh Main St. & Bush Rd.)	
Salem	6:15 PM
Bunker Hill B&B on Bunker Hill Rd. Salem (5.5 mi. NW of Salem)	
Southern Rensselaer	6:15 PM
Holiday Inn Express, US 4 East Greenbush (Exit 9 off I 90)	
Broadalbin	6:30 PM
The White Holland House, 1520 Ste Highway 29, Gloversville	
Fort Ann	6:30 PM
Mountain View Java, Rt 4, Fort Ann	
Sharon Springs	6:30 PM
Pit Stop BBQ, Rts. 10 & 20, Sharon Springs	
Friday	
Glenville	7:15 AM
Turf Tavern, Rt. 50, Scotia	

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