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Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

February 18, 2009

Invocation: Ed Tremblay
Song: Harry McDonald - Let Me Call You Sweetheart

Anniversaries: none
Birthdays: none
Visiting Rotarians: none
Guests: Brad Utter

Big Bucks

Mystery Raffle: John Doemel
Powerball: Jack Farrell tried for the prize but was not successful.

Rotarians Present: Barrett, Brooks, Cooley, Doemel, Farrell, Hornbrook, Hull, McDonald, Ries, E. Tremblay, L. Tremblay and R. W. Van Alstine

Good News/Bad News: The following members paid happy/ sad dollars:
Bob Van Alstine because his father is home and doing much better and because Walter Speidel is also doing much better; John Doemel because the Cohoes Community Center received \$5,000 from Robert Reilly funds; and Ed Tremblay because he and Linda had a great vacation in Lake Placid.

Events/ Information:

- District 7190 [Toolbox](#) for December/January.

Club Business:

- January to June 2009 dues in the amount of \$90.00 is due. I sent an e-mail to all Rotary Club members. This e-mail represents your invoice. If anyone needs a paper copy, please let me know.
- Marshall announced that \$2,700 in Century House Dinner Raffle tickets were sold, more than our goal of \$2,400.

Program:

Brad Utter, Director of the Waterford museum and Cultural Center made a presentation to our club, see attached.

Bob Van Alstine responded on behalf of the club.

Rotary Club Officers

Colin Demers - President
Marshall Barrett - Vice President/Program Chair
Robert W. Van Alstine - Secretary/Bulletin Editor
Michael Brooks - Treasurer
Beverly Signoracci - Sergeant At Arms
Mike Popolizio - District Governor
Cohoes Rotary Web Site - www.rotaryclubofcohoes.org

Next Week's Program:

Peggy O' Shea - Update on the Cohoes City School District.

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
Longfellows 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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Attachment to February 18, 2008 Newsletter

Waterford Museum and Cultural Center

Brad Utter, Director of the Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center, spoke to the Rotary Club of Cohoes about its mission and the programs offered.

History:

Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center was founded in 1964, and is housed in the Hugh White Homestead in Waterford. Hugh White was a brother to Canvass White, who purchased land in Cohoes and Waterford in the 1820's. He was instrumental in the Cohoes Power Company which evolved into the Harmony Mills. Hugh White came to Waterford in 1830 to help with his brother's businesses. He moved to Waterford, settling in Northside.

Northside got its name because the people that lived there used to get their mail from the City of Cohoes. The City of Cohoes is south of Waterford. Therefore, the southern portion of the Town of Waterford was the northern most part of the Cohoes mail route. In 1850, Hugh White was elected to the U.S. Congress. He died in the 1870's.

After his death, the Hugh White mansion was rented to an inventor named Miller. In the 1920's it was apartments. In 1964, the land was sold the Grand Union. They offered the home to the Waterford Museum for \$1.00 if they could move it off of the land. The home was moved from the west side of Saratoga Avenue to the bank of the Mohawk River where it has been ever since. The Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center opened the Hugh White Homestead to the public in 1966. 2009 is their 45th anniversary.

In 1999, the Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center hired a full time director. Brad Utter is the second director and has been with the museum for eight years.

Programs:

The scope of its services extends to Cohoes, Halfmoon, Lansingburgh and Waterford. A summary of the programs they provide includes:

- A research facility and archives that focus on the history of Waterford.
- Working model of Lock 4 of the Champlain Canal.

Making Waterford Our Home Exhibit Series

The series will run over a three year period and each year we will focus on a specific ethnic group that settled in Waterford, including Italians, French-Canadians and Irish. After the third year we will be producing an online exhibit comparing the three different experiences. Together, descendants of these three ethnicities make up 75% of Waterford's current population.

This year our exhibit featuring Italian-Americans in Waterford will open in May. Over the past year we collected over 16 oral histories, scanned hundreds of images, identified numerous objects for the exhibit and conducted primary and secondary resource research. We are currently seeking sponsors to help defray the cost. Work has also begun on the French-Canadian exhibit that will open in May of 2010. We are currently in the research phase of the exhibit. We are looking for people of French-Canadian descent who live or lived in Waterford, or who have ancestors who lived in

Waterford to interview. We are also interested in scanning photographs and potentially borrowing objects for the exhibit.

Keep an eye on our website and in the papers for upcoming programs and workshops relating to the Italian exhibit, such as Italian cooking and wine making.

- On the first Friday of each month from 6 to 8 pm they offer a relaxed atmosphere during which entertainment is provided. Musicians visit frequently.
- This is the 6th year that the Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center will offer a 4th grade program on the Eire Canal. It includes a ride on a canal boat and a walk along the tow path. They host about 100 students per day.
- Heritage Day is an annual event. Highlights include a display of Button Fire Engines, and a parade. This year the Museum will also be producing Heritage Week which will include a Matton's Ship Yard open house (not produced by the museum) and other events each day for one week leading up to Heritage Day which will include an old fashioned firemen's muster on August 8th.
- A haunted walking tour of Waterford Rural Cemetery will be held in October 2009.
- December 2009 will be the Holiday Open House. Which will include a wine and cheese tasting.
- For more information please check their website at www.waterfordmuseum.com