



# Rota-Briefs



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

March 18, 2009

**Invocation:** Father Arthur Becker  
**Song:** Harry McDonald – I'm Looking Over A Four Leaf Clover

**Anniversaries:** none  
**Birthdays:** none  
**Visiting Rotarians:** Father Arthur Becker  
**Guests:** none

## Big Bucks

**Mystery Raffle:** Bill Hull  
**Powerball:** Bill Hull tried for the prize but was not successful.

**Rotarians Present:** Barrett, Brooks, Demers, Farrell, Hornbook, Hull, McDonald, Pearson, Ries, E. Tremblay, R. Van Alstine

**Good News/Bad News:** The following members paid happy/ sad dollars:

Mike Brooks because trees fell in his back yard and Ed Tremblay's brother in law took care of them; Colin Demers because he is an empty nester again; Jack Farrell for missed meetings; Ed Tremblay for Linda - she could not be at the meeting because of a work commitment; Chuck Ries because last week he was in South Carolina, and because he and his son are going to the NCAA tournament in Dayton Ohio to watch Siena play Ohio State; Marshall Barrett because he got lost in Albany, missed his ride to Presidents Elect training in Syracuse with Bill Nathan, and wound up driving himself.

## 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](http://www.rotaryclubofcohoes.org)

## Events/ Information:

- District 7190 [Toolbox](#) for December/January.
- The annual Lansingburgh Boys Club and Rotary Luncheon will be held on April 6, 2009.
- A [District Assembly](#) will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Hudson Falls High School.
- The Cohoes Rotary Club annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- [Cohoes Relays](#) will be held April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Cohoes High School.

## Rotary Basics: The 4- Way Test:

The 4-Way test is one of four principles that guild Rotarians in achieving ideals of service and high ethical standards. It was created by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932. It was adopted by Rotary in 1943.

1. Is it the truth?
2. It is fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

See [Rotary's Guiding Principles](#).

Also see [The Four-Way Test Means Business](#) for an example of how is still being used in the business world.

## Club Business:

- Colin announced that Bill Nathan will be District Governor for the 2011/12 year.
- Marshall Barrett announced that representatives from other Rotary clubs were impressed with how our club is run: treasures report, the club newsletter, goal setting and reporting, etc.

## Program:

Father Arthur Becker, Pastor of the Holy Trinity Church of Cohoes, made a presentation to our club on a trip he made to China. See attached.

Jack Farrell responded on behalf on the club.

## Next Week's Program:



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**Attachment to March 18, 2008 Newsletter**

## **Father Becker's Trip to China**

Father Arthur Becker, Pastor of the Holy Trinity Church of Cohoes, spoke to our Rotary Club about a 10 day trip he took to China in November 2008. The trip was sponsored by the Albany Chamber of Commerce.

Father Becker explained that China is a country of contrast.

### **Overall Comments and Observations:**

Father Becker explained that in China young people have tremendous respect for the elderly. There is no government support for the poor, since it is the family's responsibility to care for them. There were many people in every temple; people go there and burn incense.

Many of the young people have iPods and cell phones. The food is the same everywhere: noodles, rice, pork, beef and chicken. It is the same three meals a day. Cold beer is served with every meal. There is no litter anywhere.

They visited Beijing and Shanghai.

### **Beijing:**

While in Beijing, they visited Tiananmen Square, and palaces. The Chinese people have much respect for their history. There is so much history there. Father Becker walked up to the Great Wall of China. He was told that the steps are all different sizes to make it difficult for invaders wearing armor to climb them.

It is a Communist Government controlled society. Tour guides are paid by the government, and are polite to visitors. While in Beijing they toured a silk, rug and a pearl factory. While visitors were there, factory workers never took their eyes off of their work. They toured an elementary school. Students seemed between 7 and 10 years old. There were no smiles among the children and no attention to visitors.

People in Beijing purchase living quarters by the room. A typical middle class family has a four room apartment and a shower (not a full bathroom).

### **Shanghai:**

Shanghai is very different from Beijing. It is very western. This city has a section much like China Town of New York City. Cars are everywhere. Traffic crawls along. The people there are helpful and friendly.

## When and Where Other Rotary Clubs Meet:

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

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

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

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