



# Rota-Briefs



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

September 2, 2009

**Invocation:** Keith Hornbrook  
**Song:** Harry McDonald – Let me Call You Sweetheart  
**Anniversaries:** none  
**Birthdays:** none  
**Visiting Rotarians:** Bill Nathan  
**Guests:** Bill McCarthy

## Big Bucks

**Mystery Raffle:** Marshall Barrett  
**Powerball:** Bev Signoracci tried for the prize but was not successful.

**Rotarians Present:** Barrett, Brooks, Cooley, Doemel, Hornbrook, McDonald, Rivera, Signoracci, Speidel, E. Tremblay, L. Tremblay and Van Alstine

**Good News/Bad News:** The following members paid happy/ sad dollars:  
Bob Van Alstine because Walter Speidel is back;  
Walter Speidel for being here; Mike Cooley for missed meetings, Walter Speidel is back and it's a beautiful day; Ed Tremblay because August 27<sup>th</sup> was the second End of Summer Celebration and \$1,700 was raised for the Senior Center, and for Explore Cohoes (see events below); Tony Rivera for the success of the End of Summer Celebration, and to wish Bill McCarty a happy retirement; and Marshall Barrett for helping pack up his daughter for her return to college.

## Events/ Information:

- Explore Cohoes will be held downtown from 4 to 7 pm on Friday, September 11, 2009.
- Exclusive performance of Beauty and the Beast for Rotarians, their families and friends will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at the Cohoes Music Hall. Proceeds will be donated to RI

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

Foundation. This money comes back to the District to help fund the activities they provide, including the Group Study Exchange.

- The Rotary Leadership Institute will be held at Siena College on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- Faddigan's Nursery in Latham is selling bags of bulbs to benefit Shelter Box. They must be ordered by September 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Club Business:

- Marshall Barrett stated that it was great that Walter Speidel is back with us.
- Membership Recruitment Drive, see below.
- Bill Nathan stated that we want a good representation from the Rotary Club of Cohoes at the Beauty and the Beast show on December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Bill Nathan explained that if the club would like to sponsor a student to RYLA, they must do so by September 19, 2009

## Membership Recruitment Drive:

Marshall Barrett explained to the club membership that this fall, the Rotary Club of Cohoes will conduct a membership recruitment drive. In order for this plan to to succeed, all members of the club must be involved.

***Each member must present the name of one or more people who may be interested in joining Rotary. We ask that you submit them to me (Marshall Barrett) or Bob Van Alstine by September 16, 2009.***

Wednesday, November 18, 2009 will be Membership Recruitment Night from 6 to 8 pm at the Century House. You and one or more people who you recommended as possible Rotarians should attend this event. This will be our weekly Rotary meeting, however it not be the same format we usually have.

Membership Recruitment Night will include: socialization, giving each guest a packet of information about Rotary, hors d'oeuvres; introduction of guests; an RI Video, remarks about Rotary by Harriet Noble; and another video featuring organizations that our club donates to.

A flyer for the membership Recruitment Drive, see attached, will be sent to the District for inclusion in the October issue of The Toolbox.

**Next Week's Program:**

Julie Defruscio, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.



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**Cohoes Community Center Receives  
the 2008/9 William Dillon and Robert Van Alstine Memorial Award**

On July 22, 2009 John Doemel, Executive Director, accepted the 2008/9 William Dillon and Robert Van Alstine Memorial Award on behalf of the Cohoes Community Center. On September 2, 2009 he followed up with a presentation of what is happening at the Center.



**Colin Demers and John Doemel**  
**July 22, 2009**

On behalf the staff and the board of the Cohoes Community Center, John Doemel thanked the Rotary Club of Cohoes for their contribution.

The Cohoes Community Center has a 1.3 million dollar annual budget, 50% of which is funded by contracts with the Department of Social Services. The center has 620 members, 54% of whom reside outside the City of Cohoes. Half of the 54% are senior citizens.

The Center provides many services: 125 children are enrolled in an after school care program; 53 children in a pre school care program, and 48 - 2 to 4 year olds in daycare.

The economy and unemployment has had an impact on the center. Since more people are out of work, there is less need for child care. In addition, donations are down. They also have an aging building. Their building, built in 1971, needs things done to it. They are still dealing with damage caused by the September 2008 flood to the downstairs level of the building. Because of insurance money, several improvements were made including a new floor, and a weight room. The next things on the horizon include a new roof and pool.

John Doemel concluded his remarks by stating that the Cohoes Community Center will continue to serve the citizens of Cohoes and the surrounding area.

## Rotary Club of Cohoes - Membership Recruitment Drive!

A major initiative for the Rotary Club of Cohoes this year is to increase its ranks by sponsoring a membership recruitment drive.

Each member was asked to recommend one or more people who may be interested in becoming a Rotarian. In addition, the club is also reaching out to local businesses, residents and the public at large.

The Rotary Club of Cohoes will host Rotary Information Night session on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Century House in Latham from 6 to 8 pm.



**Interesting Speakers**  
Dr. Kevin Costello received a Certificate of Appreciation for his May 20, 2009 presentation club about his tours in Iraq



**Helping the Community**  
On August 8, 2009, Major Lidia Pearson of the Salvation Army and a Cohoes Rotarian Receives one of the 2008/9 Awards.

This session will begin with hors d'ouvres and socialization, followed by presentations explaining what Rotary is, what the Rotary Club of Cohoes is about, the organizations they help, and what Rotarians do.

Each year the Rotary Club of Cohoes raises money for several local organizations. During 2008/9 money was raised for the Cohoes Community Center, Cohoes Senior Center, Salvation Army, Cohoes Library, Counseling & Care Services, Cohoes Music Hall, and the Juvenile Diabetes Association.

The Rotary Club of Cohoes meets each week at the Century House in Latham from 12:15 to 1:30 pm. These meetings include lunch, and Rotary traditions such as a speaker, singing, and a lot of good fellowship and fun!

Be a part of this effort and join us on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and learn more about us, what we do and how you can be a part of it all!



**Reaching Out to the Community**  
Cohoes Rotarians: Linda Tremblay, Bev Signoracci and Ed Tremblay at the August 8, 2009 Day Peckinpaugh Exhibit at Matton's Ship Yard in Cohoes

Contact Club President, Marshall Barrett at [ddofcohoes@aol.com](mailto:ddofcohoes@aol.com) or 369-5337; or Bob Van Alstine, Secretary and Membership Chair at [rvanals1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rvanals1@nycap.rr.com) or 885-1024; or visit us on the web at <http://www.rotaryclubofcohoes.org/> for additional information. RSVP Bob Van Alstine by November 11, 2009 if you plan to attend.

## 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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