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Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

February 17, 2010

Invocation: Lydia Pearson
Song: Chuck Ries – Rotary 'Fight' Song
Anniversaries: Bob Libby
Birthdays: none

Visiting Rotarians: Bryan Moak
Guests: none

Big Bucks

Mystery Raffle: Ed Neary
Powerball: Keith Hornbrook was not successful.

Century House Gift Cert. Raffle: Julie DeFruscio

Rotarians Present:

Cohoes: Barrett, DeFruscio, Doemel, Hornbrook, Libby, Musiker, Pearson, Ries, Rivera, E. Tremblay, L. Tremblay, Van Alstine, Williams.
Latham: 8 Rotarians

Good News/Bad News:

The following members paid happy/ sad dollars:

Lydia Pearson because she was here two weeks in a row; Chuck Ries because he was glad that Lydia was here two weeks in a row; Marshal Barrett because we are having another joint meeting with the Latham Rotary Club; John Settanny to find out if he get a tax reduction?; Bob Van Alstine because Joanne Alvarez-Williams is becoming a Rotarian today; C. C. Chen because his e-mail got all the way to Taiwan; and Joanne Alvarez-Williams because she is becoming a Rotarian today.

Events/ Information:

- The February 2010 issue of the [Toolbox](#) is available.
- District 7190 [February Events](#) is available.

- Rotary's 100th Birthday Celebration will be held at the [Empire State Aerosciences Museum](#) at the Schenectady County Airport on February 23rd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The price is \$10 per person. An afghan will be raffled off and the proceeds will go to Polio.
- [Karaoke Contest](#), sponsored by the Rotary Club of Schenectady on March 4th, 2010 from 6 to 9pm at the Van Dyck Restaurant in Schenectady. The price is \$25.00 per person.
- [Presidents Elect Training Seminar](#) will be held in Syracuse, NY on March 12 and 13, 2010 at the Double Tree Hotel.
- District 7190 [Conference and Assembly Day](#) will be held on May 1, 2010 at the Century House.
- The [RI Convention](#) will be held in Montreal from June 20 to 23, 2010.

Club Business:

Third 2010 Joint Meeting with the Latham Rotary Club – Cohoes President Marshal Barrett presiding.

Induction Ceremony:

Joanne Alvarez-Williams became the newest member of the Rotary Club of Cohoes at an induction ceremony on Wednesday, February 17th, 2010 at 12:15 pm at the Century House.

Cohoes Mayor John McDonald Discusses 'State Of The City':

John McDonald, Major of the City of Cohoes, spoke to a combined meeting of the Cohoes and Latham Rotary Clubs about the State of the City of Cohoes. See attached.

Rotary Basics: The 4- Way Test:

The 4-Way test is one of four principles that guide 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 it is still being used in the business world.

Rotary Club Officers

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

Next Weeks Program: Lise Toch from Ragged Edge Studio



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Attachment to February 17th , 2010 Newsletter

State of the City of Cohoes for 2010



Marshall Barrett and Mayor John McDonald

John McDonald, Mayor of the City of Cohoes, spoke to the Rotary Club of Cohoes regarding the State of the City of Cohoes.

Last year the city began looking at increased cooperation for fire department services between the cities of Cohoes and Watervliet. The combined fire departments have 62 staff members and an annual budget of 4.5 million dollars. Anything that can be done to make these departments more efficient is to the benefit of citizens in both cities. The City of Cohoes will be having several public meetings in the forthcoming months on this subject and citizens are encouraged to attend. Partnering in this manner is about saving money, and at the same time maintaining a high quality of service.

The Mayor also explained that the city has been working with Albany County regarding more efficient ways to handle county wide 911 dispatching. The city is also looking at ways to consolidate tax assessment and collection functions.

Economic development efforts in downtown Cohoes are going well. Phase II, a 25 million dollar project to complete the Harmony Mills Apartments complex, has begun. Changes in demographics in the Capital District, such as Global Foundry in Malta, may create opportunities for Cohoes. Our city and others have an opportunity to become bedroom communities for people who will be moving to this area to work there. Several new businesses have been started in Cohoes.

The Mayor said that when he was a child, we went into the Commerce and Industry Office that office that Bob Van Alstine had upstairs in the Fishman building. At that time his office was one of the few up there. Today there are many offices there.

The 2010 Census is very important. Every person must be counted. Population is one of the factors that drive the sales tax formula, and will have a direct impact on the amount of sales tax revenue that Cohoes will receive.

The Mayor explained that ten positions were cut from the 2010 city budget. Costs such as health care costs and employee retirement continue to rise. At the same time, the city is also trying to find more revenue.

You cannot keep raising taxes. You have to look at each initiative and make a decision to do it based on whether you can afford to start it and to sustain it in the future. Sometimes you just have to say no, we cannot afford it!

The Mayor closed by stating that fundamentally he is an optimist. By working together, we can get through these fiscally trying times.

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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