



# Rota-Briefs



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

March 10, 2010

**Invocation:** Bob Van Alstine  
**Song:** Harry McDonald - For He's A Jolly Good Fellow  
**Anniversaries:** none  
**Birthdays:** none

**Visiting Rotarians:** Christine Harvey Barry -  
Twin Bridges Rotary Club.

**Guests:** none

## Big Bucks

**Mystery Raffle:** Colin Demers

**Powerball:** Dave Mitola was not successful.

## Rotarians Present:

Barrett, Brooks, Demers, Farrell, Hornbrook, Hull,  
McDonald, Mitola, Patrick, Rivera, and  
Van Alstine

## Good News/Bad News:

The following members paid happy/ sad dollars:

Bob Van Alstine and Charles Patricelli because [Siena](#) won the MAAC tournament and will be going to the Big Dance; Colin Demers because the Century House donated food to the 22nd Annual "[Confections in Chocolate](#)" at Wolfert's Roost for the benefit of the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York; and a benefit breakfast for JDRF, see Events/ Information; Marshall Barrett for starting the program on the wrong foot; Dave Mitola because he purchased a house in Clifton Park; Christine Harvey Barry for the March 14th Pasta Dinner Fundraiser at CP Senior Center for the benefit of the Captains Program; Mike Brooks because Siena still has to play Syracuse; and Judy Patrick because she is glad that she is part of this club.

## Events/ Information:

- The March 2010 issue of the [Toolbox](#) is available.

- District 7190 [March Events](#) is available.
- [Presidents Elect Training Seminar](#) will be held in Syracuse, NY on March 12 and 13, 2010 at the Double Tree Hotel.
- [Pasta Dinner Fundraiser](#) at Clifton Park Senior Center, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 5 pm.
- [St. Patrick's Day Lucky 7 Mixer](#), will be held at the Century House on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 9:00 am. Proceeds to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.
- 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:

- The [Hudson River Community Credit Union](#) is selling chocolate bunnies for the benefit of the Lyons Club.
- Be prepared to help with the Spaghetti Dinner, we will be contacting you.
- The remaining scheduled joint meetings with the Latham Rotary club will not be held.

## Rotary's wheel Emblem:

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem. From - [ABCs of Rotary](#).

## Program:

Charles Patricelli, Director of the Cohoes Housing Authority spoke to our Rotary Club, see attached. Marshall Barrett responded on behalf of the club.

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

**Next Weeks Program:** Lise Toch, Ragged Edge Studio



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Attachment to March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Newsletter

## Cohoes Housing Authority



**Charles Patricelli and Marshal Barrett**

Charles Patricelli, Executive Director of the Cohoes Housing Authority, and the Watervliet Housing Authority, spoke to our club about his background, the service that housing authorities provide and the people who live in them.

Mr. Patricelli has lived his entire life in Watervliet. He is an Eagle Scout and graduated from Siena College in 1976. He began working for the Watervliet Housing Authority in 1982. Over the years he has administered over 20 million dollars in grants and services to many tenants.

Several years ago the Watervliet Housing Authority began providing PCs to tenants. PCs were donated, and staff would refurbish them, after which they would be given to any tenant who wanted them at no cost. Today, all the apartments in the facilities in Watervliet are wired for Internet access.

For several years, the Watervliet Housing Authority has been administering a TV station. It operates 24 x 7 and broadcasts news about local events, churches and non for profit organizations. They also show movies for tenants, and provide public service announcements.

In February 2009, the board of the Cohoes Housing Authority approached Mr. Patricelli about managing the Cohoes Housing Authority. In February 2010, he began managing the Cohoes Housing Authority, as well as the Watervliet Housing Authority. Mr. Patricelli stated that his goal is to provide many of the services that they provide to tenants in Watervliet, to the tenants in Cohoes. He explained however that it will take time to do it and he needs help to do it.

Mr. Patricelli explained that they many great tenants live in housing authorities, and that many of the apartments are kept beautifully. Tenants are treated fairly, consistently and problems dealt with quickly. The Cohoes Housing Authority has 311 apartments, and receives 45 to 50 requests for them each month. There is more demand for apartments than the number available.

Charles Patricelli gave Rotary club members calendars from the Watervliet Housing Authority, and a newsletter from the Cohoes Housing Authority.

## When and Where Other Rotary Clubs Meet:

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

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

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

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