



Rota-Briefs



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

May 12, 2010

Invocation: Bob Van Alstine
Song: Chuck Ries - You Are My Sunshine

Anniversaries: Bill Hull
Birthdays: Keith Hornbrook
Visiting Rotarians: none
Guests: none

Big Bucks

Mystery Raffle: Chuck Ries
Powerball: Mike Brooks was not successful.

Rotarians Present:

Barrett, Brooks, DeFruscio, Demers, Hornbrook, Libby, McDonald, Mitola, Ries, E. Tremblay, and Van Alstine

Good News/Bad News:

The following members paid happy/ sad dollars:
Bob Van Alstine because he is now of [Facebook](#); Colin Demers because the Century House hosted a group of Israeli journalists - a great cultural experience; Harry McDonald because it is Bill Hulls birthday; Ed Tremblay because of the Israeli journalists, and the fact they will be promoting the Capital district in Israel; Chuck Ries because he is leaving on a fishing tip, and because Bob Van Alstine's great ⁴ grandfather , Marin Cornelius Van Alstine, was a 1st Lieutenant in the Tryon County Militia and fought in the Battler of Oriskany; Dave Mitola because of a great Rotary function on May 1, 2010, representatives from the United Church in Cohoes are going to Zimbabwe, and because his father has a horse named [School Yard Dreams](#) that will be running in the [Preakness](#) on May 15, 2010; Bob Libby because one of his daughters is graduating from St. Rose, and because another daughter is graduating from NY Law School; Keith Hornbrook because the two GSE team members our club sponsored [Chris Nolan](#),

and [Christina Williams](#) have blogs thru which they are sharing the experiences they are having in France, and Matt Nolan, who received the Frank Hines scholarship from our club, is graduating from NYU.

2010 Cohoes Rotary Club Sponsored GSE Team Members - Blogs:

See what the GSE Team member's we sponsored are up to in France. Check out their blogs!

[Chris Nolan](#)
[Christina Williams](#)

Events/ Information:

- The May 2010 issue of the [Toolbox](#) is available.
- [District 7190 Events](#) is available for April.
- A Schwan's truck will be in Corinth in Saturday, May 15th, taking orders. Rotary clubs placing orders will receive points toward their Polio pledge. Contact Bill Nathan if you which to place an order.
- Presentation by 2010 GSE Team to the US will be held on Wednesday, May 19th at Wolferts Roost Country Club at 12:15pm. Lunch is \$16.00.
- The [RI Convention](#) will be held in Montreal from June 20 to 23, 2010.

Club Business:

Our June 2010 Lottery drawings will begin June 1, 2010.

Program:

Mike Schnitzler, a teacher at the Cohoes High School made a presentation about the community focused school projects his students are involved in, see attached.

Bob Libby 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
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Next Weeks Program:



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Attachment to May 12, 2010 Newsletter

Community Focused School Projects

Mike Schnitzler
Cohoes High School



Mike Schnitzler and Bob Libby



Zack Mainville and Nancy Ascenzi

Mike Schnitzler, a global history and economics teacher in Cohoes High School, spoke to our club about several community focused school projects that his students were involved in. Zack Mainville - a senior, and Nancy Ascenzi, a sophomore, were also in attendance.

Pennies for Peace:

[Pennies for Peace](#) is an international service-learning program that empowers communities through education in Pakistan and Afghanistan! It was founded by Greg Mortenson, co-founder and Executive Director of the [Central Asia Institute](#).

Money is raised to build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. So far, 100 schools, serving over 28,000 students have been built.

While a penny is virtually worthless in the United States, in impoverished country, a penny buys a pencil, 2 to 3 pennies buys an eraser. These small amounts open the door to literacy in these countries.

Micro Lending Project:

[Kiva](#) is an organization that connects people, through lending, for the sake of alleviating poverty. Kiva empowers individuals to lend to an entrepreneur across the globe.

The world became a little smaller for the students in Mike Schnitzler's tenth-grade honors global history, and his economics course. [Students](#) learn about micro loans and how these small projects can make a big difference in someone's life.

Mike explained that by using the Kiva Web site, 10th grader students researched countries and individuals and made presentations to the 12th grade economic class. Thru a vote, they choose the one who they would loan money to. They loaded money to the Abdul S. Bangurals Group, and to the Ibrahim Construction Group.

Mike Schnitzler explained that the project helped students better understand global issues, and learn how they can help make a difference. He also stated that over 98% of the loans made thru Kiva have been repaid.

Zack Mainville and Nancy Ascenzi:

Zack Mainville is a senior at Cohoes High School, and will be attending St. Rose College in the fall of 2010, majoring in Music Education.

Nancy Ascenzi is a sophomore at Cohoes High School, and is interested in designing video games, art and the law.

When and Where Other Rotary Clubs Meet:

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

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

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

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