



Rota-Briefs



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

May 26, 2010

Invocation: Bob Van Alstine
Song: Harry Mc Donald - In the Good Old Simmer Time

Anniversaries: Harry Mc Donald
Birthdays: none
Visiting Rotarians: none
Guests: none

Big Bucks

Mystery Raffle: David Mitola
Powerball: Sonjnetta Searight was not successful.

Rotarians Present:

Barrett, Brooks, Demers, Farrell, Libby, McDonald, Mitola, O' Shea, Ries, and Van Alstine

Good News/Bad News:

The following members paid happy/ sad dollars:
Mike Brooks because Chuck Ries is known to 'Fee – Fee – Fee rather than 'Prepare - Prepare – Prepare', and because he is sitting across the table from a Rotarian (Dave Mitola) who's father has a horse who ran in the 2010 Preakness; Chick Ries because it is an honor to be here today: Dave Mitola because has was not wearing his Rotary pin; Bob Van Alstine because his wife Karen had a 60th surprise birthday party, and his son Matt is graduating from Brooklyn College; Bob Libby because the 2010-11 school budget was defeated, and because when it is presented to the voters again, it will pass, and one of his daughters graduated from St. Rose, and another daughter graduated from NY Law School.

Events/ Information:

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

- The 2010-11 Installation Luncheon will be held on June 23, 2010 under the tent at the Century House.
- Friday June 4 & Saturday, June 5 is [the City-Wide Garage Sale Weekend](#).
- June 18, 2010 4PM to 7 PM, [PASTA NIGHT](#) at the Ukrainian Club in Cohoes.
- The [RI Convention](#) will be held in Montreal from June 20 to 23, 2010.
- [C-R Productions](#) and the [Center For Disabilities Services](#) have teamed up as part of [C-R Center Stars](#) to develop a program to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the performing arts. From now until May 31, 2010 if you vote for them and they remain in the top 10 they can receive a \$50K grant to launch this exciting program. Instructions for voting are on the [C-R Productions](#) web site.

Club Business:

The June 2010 board meeting will be held June 1, 2010 at 5:30 pm at the Century House.

Definition of Rotary:

In 1976 the Rotary International Board of Directors was interested in creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. They turned to the three men who were then serving on Rotary's Public Relations Committee and requested that a one-sentence definition of Rotary be prepared. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications:

Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Those 31 words are worth remembering when someone asks, "What is a Rotary club?" From [ABC's of Rotary](#)

Program:

Tom Mullins, history teacher at Cohoes Middle School, and coach of the Cohoes High School Mock Trial team, spoke to our club about the experiences that students have in Mock Trial, see attached. Bob Libby responded on behalf of the club.

Rotary Club Officers

Marshall Barrett - President
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Next Weeks Program:



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Attachment to May 26, 2010 Newsletter

Mock Trial Team Cohoes High School



Coach Tom Mullins and Sonjnetta Searight

Tom Mullins, history teacher at Cohoes Middle School, and coach of the Cohoes High School Mock Trial team, spoke to our club about the experiences that students have in Mock Trial. Members of the team in attendance were: Sonjnetta Searight, Christina Kelley, Kimberly Hansen and Jordan Dedrick. Sonjnetta Cooper-Searight and Florence Wagar, assistants to Tom Mullins, were also in attendance.

What is Mock Trial?

Mock Trial is an extracurricular program in which students participate in imitation trials to learn new skills and compete with each other. Tom Mullins explained that, in government class, students learn about the law. In Mock Trial, they learn how to apply it.

2010 Competition:

In this year's competition, the Mock Trial team from Cohoes was very close to winning the championship. They lost by only one point!

About the Students:

Sonjnetta Searight, Kim Hansen and Florence Wagar were attorneys. Sonjnetta is an excellent attorney. She does a thorough job in researching the case being argued. Kim Hansen is very effective at picking up on facts and using them either for or against a witness. Christina Kelley is an excellent expert witness. She can take a difficult topic and simplify it so the jury can understand the main points being made. Jordan Dedrick is excellent at a multi-tasking, and does a great job.

How Students Benefit from the Mock Trial Experience:

Each of the seniors in attendance explained how they have benefitted from their Mock Trial Experiences:

Sonjnetta Searight is a senior, and has been in Mock Trial for three years. She has developed writing, research, public speaking skills, and learned how to organize her thoughts. She has also made a lot of friends. She would like a future in law.

Kim Hansen is a senior, and has been in Mock Trial for three years. She has developed public speaking skills, and has been given a great opportunity to write and do research. She will be attending the College of St. Rose in the fall and would like to become a criminal prosecutor.

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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