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Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

May 5, 2010

Invocation: Linda Tremblay
Song: Chuck Ries - Erie Canal Song

Anniversaries: none
Birthdays: Mike Cooley
Visiting Rotarians: none
Guests: none

Big Bucks

Mystery Raffle: Ed Tremblay
Powerball: ?? was not successful.

Rotarians Present:

Barrett, Brooks, DeFruscio, Farrell, Demers, Hornbrook, Hull, Libby, O' Shea, Mitola, Ries, E. Tremblay, L. Tremblay, Van Alstine, Williams.

Good News/Bad News:

The following members paid happy/ sad dollars:

Mike Brooks because his son's wife is expecting a baby; Peggy O' Shea because her night class is completed, and Adam Hotaling is here; Colin Demers for a successful District 7190 Conference and Assembly Day, and for meeting the Rotary Exchanges teams; Joann Alvarez-Williams for missed meetings; Dave Mitola for St. Augustine's fundraiser at the Century House; Bob Libby for missed meetings; Ed Tremblay for bringing steel for the Bridge Avenue bridge thru Cohoes; Linda Tremblay for donations to Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis, Marshall Barrett for a hiking trip that he and his wife had to Snow Mountain.

Events/ Information:

- The May 2010 issue of the [Toolbox](#) is available.
- [District 7190 Events](#) is available for April.
- The [RI Convention](#) will be held in Montreal from June 20 to 23, 2010.

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

Club Business:

Club Lottery tickets were passed out to members in attendance. Members were asked to sell as many as they can. Drawings will begin June 1, 2010.

Program:

Bob Libby and Adam Hotaling of the Cohoes City School District made a presentation to the club on the 2010-11 budget, see attached.

Paul Harris Fellow:

Undoubtedly the most important step to promote voluntary giving to The Rotary Foundation occurred in 1957, when the idea of Paul Harris Fellow recognition was first proposed. Although the concept of making \$1,000 gifts to the Foundation was slow in developing, by the early 1970s it began to gain popularity. The distinctive Paul Harris Fellow medallion, lapel pin and attractive certificate have become highly respected symbols of a substantial financial commitment to The Rotary Foundation by Rotarians and friends around the world.

The companion to the Paul Harris Fellow is the Paul Harris Sustaining Member, which is the recognition presented to an individual who has given, or in whose honor a gift is made, a contribution of \$100, with the stated intention of making additional contributions until \$1,000 is reached. At that time the Paul Harris Sustaining Member becomes a Paul Harris Fellow.

By 1994, more than 450,000 Paul Harris Fellows and 160,000 Sustaining Members have been added to the rolls of The Rotary Foundation.

A special recognition pin is given to Paul Harris Fellows who make additional gifts of \$1,000 to the Foundation. The distinctive gold pin includes a blue stone to represent each \$1,000 contribution up to a total of \$5,000 in additional gifts.

Paul Harris recognition provides a very important incentive for the continuing support needed to underwrite the many programs of The Rotary Foundation which build goodwill and understanding in the world. From [ABC's of Rotary](#)

The following members of our club hold this distinguished award: Michael Cooley, Colin Demers, John S Farrell, Col. Jake Robert, Walter Speidel and Linda Tremblay.

Next Weeks Program: Mike Schnitzler, Cohoes High School - Student Projects



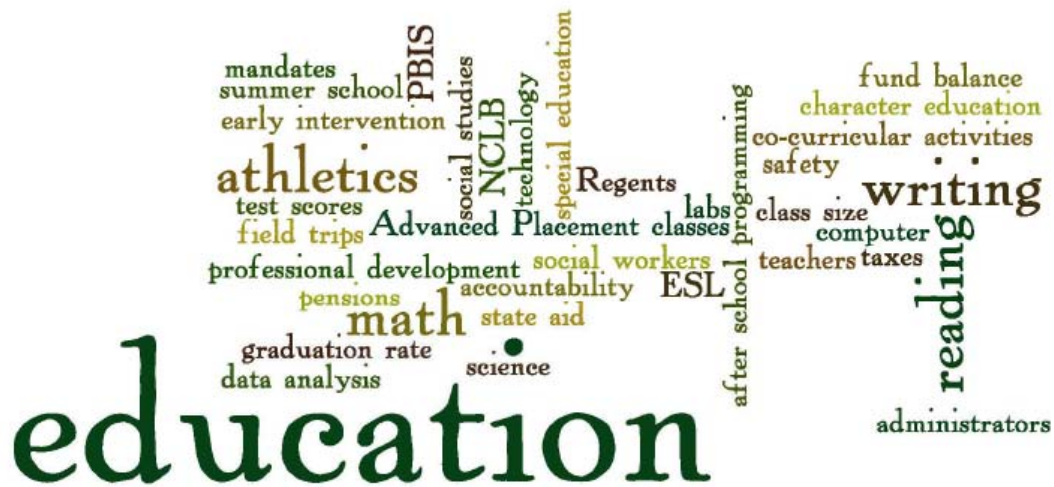
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Attachment to May 13, 2010 Newsletter

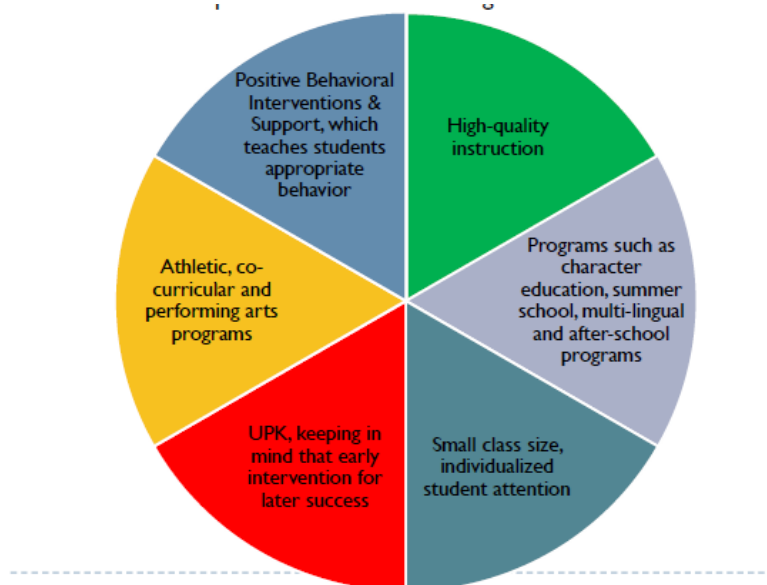
Cohoes Central School District Proposed 2010/11 Budget Highlights

Bob Libby, Superintendent, and Adam Hotaling, Treasurer, of the Cohoes City School District provided an overview of the proposed 2010/11 budget.



Priorities:

Bob Libby began his remarks by explaining that budget planning is about understanding competing factors and crafting a budget that will accommodate them. The 2010-11 budget is based on the following community and school district priorities (based on input received from the March 2009 budget forum):



Guiding Principles:

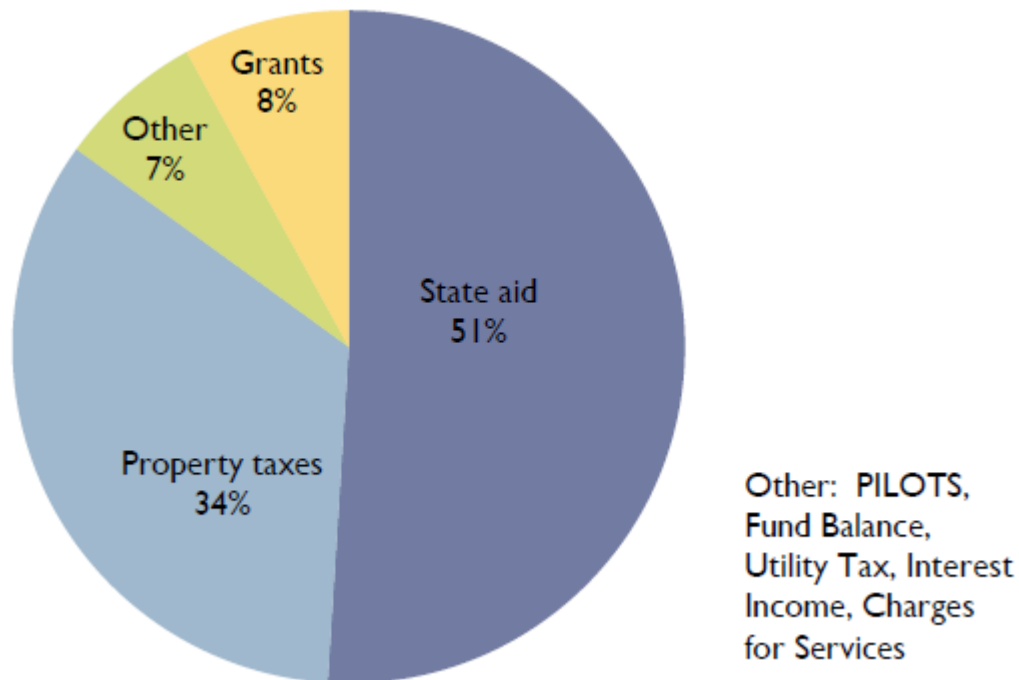
Bob Libby explained that they wanted a budget that reflects the needs and desires of the community, preserves jobs, limits the impact of fiscal constraints on students, and limits the increases in real property taxes to the extend possible.

How Is the School District Budget Constructed?

- Identify Fixed Costs - Those costs that the school district is obligated to pay. For example: teacher contract: salaries, heath insurance; state mandates, and retirement, etc.
- Identify State and Federal Aid: Aid from the State of New York and federal government that is expected for the 2010 - 2011 fiscal year.
- Solicit Input - from the Community and School district Staff.

Factors Considered:

- Loss of 1.2 million in state aid form the 2009/10 funding level.

Revenue Sources:**Anticipated Expenditure Increases:**

Bob Libby also explained that the largest increases in expenditures are for payments to the retirement systems and health insurance.

Year	FYE 2003	FYE 2010	FYE 2011
TRS	\$39,030	\$1,068,305	\$1,281,278
ERS	\$40,358	\$256,299	\$455,766

Year	FYE 2009	FYE 2010	FYE 2011
Health Ins Costs	\$4,052,273	\$4,408,447	\$4,868,729

Federal Stimulus (ARRA):

Bob Libby explained that the federal stimulus money is what saved the 2009/ 10 school district budget. Once the school district accepted federal stimulus money, however, it obligated the school district to adopt a real property tax levy for 2010-11 that is not less than what it was for 2009/10.

Sound Fiscal Management:

- Use of reserve funds to help keep the tax levy down.
- Increase in real property tax revenue from economic development efforts, e.g. Harmony Mills.
- Not replacing people who retire unless it is absolutely necessary: reduction of 9.5 FTE positions for 2010/11 and 10% reduction in supplies.

2010/11 Budget Summary:

2009-10 Budget	2010-11 Budget	Budget to Budget Increase	Percent Increase
\$36,008,640	\$37,767,093	\$1,758,453	4.88%

▪ Tax Levy = \$13,248,964

▪ Tax Levy Increase = \$418,006

▪ Projected Tax Rate Increase (July) = 3.00%

If Budget is Defeated:

The school district would have a contingency budget. It would be forced to:

- Eliminate non essential field trips.
- Eliminate supplies given directly to students.
- Charge a fee to community groups for use of school facilities.

Budget Vote:

The budget vote is Tuesday, May 18th, 2010.

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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