



# Rota-Briefs



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

September 15, 2010

**Invocation:** Ed Tremblay

**Song:** Keith Hornbrook – Home on the Range

**Anniversaries:** none

**Birthdays:** none

**Visiting Rotarians:** Byron Moak

**Guests:** none

## Big Bucks

**Mystery Raffle:** Peggy O' Shea

**Powerball:** Colin Demers was not successful.

## Rotarians Present:

Barrett, DeFruscio, Demers, Doemel, Farrell, Hornbrook, McDonald, Mitola, Musiker, O' Shea, Ries, E. Tremblay and Van Alstine

## Good News/Bad News:

The following members paid happy/ sad dollars:

Bob Van Alstine because the Yankees won last night; Dave Mitola because his brother is getting married; Peggy O'Shea because Jack Farrell got married; Colin Demers because the Century House is having a reception to celebrate having served 100,000 meals to those in need; Chuck Ries because this coming weekend he is going to Washington to visit relatives; Ed Tremblay because the Annual Fall Festival is this weekend; and Keith Hornbrook because he is visiting his parents this weekend.

## Events/ Information:

- The September 2010 issue of the [Toolbox](#) is available.
- September 16, 2010 - Reception for Having Served 100,000 Meals, 5 to 7 pm at the Century House.

- September 17 - 18, Kiwanis Club of Cohoes Fall Festival at Van Schaick Island: Friday - 5 to 11 pm, Saturday - Noon to 11 pm.
- October 23, 2010 - [Rotary Leadership Institute](#), Siena College in Loudonville.
- December 8, 2010 - ["A Christmas Carol"](#) Foundation Event, Cohoes Music Hall 6 to 11 PM.

## Club Business:

- Bob Van Alstine to e-mail questions regarding attendance at weekly meetings to club members who were not here today.
- Keith Hornbrook, Bob Van Alstine and Chuck Ries to meet and analyze the input received from club members regarding weekly meeting attendance.
- Next week the power ball drawing is \$285.00.

## Attendance at Weekly Meetings:

Input from club members regarding attendance at weekly meetings, see attached.

## The 4-Way Test:

One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is the Rotary "4-Way Test."

The 4-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than 100 languages and published in thousands of ways. The message should be known and followed by all Rotarians. "Of the things we think, say or do: 1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

From [ABC's of Rotary](#)

## Rotary Club Officers

**Keith Hornbrook** - President

**Marshall Barrett** - Past President

**Robert W. Van Alstine** - Secretary/  
Editor Club Newsletter

**Michael Brooks** - Treasurer

**Amy Musiker** - Sergeant At Arms

**Dan Stec** - District Governor

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**Next Week's Program:**



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## Attachment to September 15, 2010 Newsletter

### Attendance at Weekly Meetings

The following is input from club members regarding attendance at weekly meetings. It represents the responses thirteen members who attended the club assembly and others who provided their input by e-mail.

We asked each member to respond to each of the questions below. A count of the number of members who responded to a question the same way is also shown.

Question/ Response		Count
<b>1. What is holding you back from attending more weekly meetings?</b>		
• Meetings are too long.		7
• Meetings at work that are beyond my control are scheduled at noon.		3
• Distance to commute, and out of town business.		3
• Other duties, employees calling, etc make attending a weekly meeting difficult.		1
• Unplanned meetings with clients.		1
• Business emergencies.		1
<b>2. What makes weekly meetings worth attending?</b>		
• Good speakers		7
• Camaraderie		5
• Good company		2
• One time during the week that that you can get away from the office.		1
• Singing		1
• Location		1
• Meeting people, becoming part of the community		1
• Discuss ways we can help others.		1
<b>3. What can we do to encourage better attendance at weekly meetings?</b>		
• Good Speakers		3
• Bi-weekly meetings		3
• More special meetings - a specific purpose.		2
• One hour meeting.		2
• Meeting once a month.		1
• Members talk about their business or expertise.		1
• Dinner meetings		1
• More educational related speaker topics based on a theme, e.g. social networking.		1
<b>Other Suggestions:</b>		
• We need to do service projects, not just giving money to other organizations.		5
• Advertise in the local newspaper upcoming theme based speakers.		1
• Offer alternatives to weekly meetings.		1
• Institute a fine for missed meetings.		1
• Plan ahead for speakers and announce them in advance.		1
• Institute a fine for coming late to a meeting.		1
• Speaker presentation while the club members are eating.		1
• Have one really good speaker a month.		1
• Use an event calendar at weekly meetings as we did when Colin was president.		1
• Call a fellow Rotarian to see if they are going to the forth coming meeting.		1
• Have meetings at alternate times, e.g. breakfast.		1

## 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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