



Rota-Briefs



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

September 8, 2010

Invocation: Julie DeFruscio

Song: Chuck Ries - You Are My Sunshine

Anniversaries: none

Birthdays: Linda Tremblay

Visiting Rotarians: none

Guests: Steve Ries

Big Bucks

Mystery Raffle: Marshall Barrett

Powerball: Marshall Barrett was not successful.

50/50: Bob Van Alstine

Rotarians Present:

Barrett, Brooks, DeFruscio, Demers, Doemel, Farrell, Hornbrook, McDonald, Mitola, Ries, E. Tremblay, L. Tremblay, and Van Alstine

Good News/Bad News:

The following members paid happy/ sad dollars:

Colin Demers because one of his daughters is in France, and another has a new apartment in Boston; Dave Mitola for missed meetings, and because he had to leave his first board meeting early; Mike Brooks because the Orioles are 'on the move'; Ed Tremblay for missing the August board meeting, and because the Bridge Avenue Bridge in Cohoes is open; Marshall Barrett for Jack Farrell's new bride; and Steve Ries because he has a son in kindergarten, and a daughter in 3rd grade.

Events/ Information:

- The August 2010 issue of the [Toolbox](#) is available.
- October 23, 2010 - [Rotary Leadership Institute](#), Siena College in Loudonville.
- December 8, 2010 - ["A Christmas Carol"](#) Foundation Event, Cohoes Music Hall 6 to 11PM.

Club Business:

- The club assembly to discuss attendance at weekly meetings has been rescheduled for a week in September.
- Orders for the Faddigan's Nursery bulb sale must be sent by Friday, September 10th. E-mail Keith Hornbrook if you wish to place an order.
- Bob Van Alstine passed out a printed copy of an updated Club membership Directory to each member in attendance.
- Keith Hornbrook thanked Marshall Barrett for acting as Sergeant At-Arms.
- Each member should check their contact information on ClubRunner and let Bob Van Alstine know if it is not correct.
- Next week the power ball drawing is for \$276.00.
- Next week we will have a club assembly in which we will discuss how we can improve attendance at weekly meetings.

Why Attendance at Weekly Meetings Is Important - By Chuck Ries

Read the attached and learn why Chuck Ries takes time out from his busy schedule to attend weekly Rotary meetings, and how he plans his time so he can attend them.

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: Club Assembly - Improving Attendance at Weekly Meetings



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Attachment to September 8, 2010 Newsletter

Why Attendance at Weekly Meetings Is Important By Chuck Ries

I have been a member of the Cohoes Rotary Club since 1970. During my forty years, I have realized how important it is to attend as many weekly meetings as possible. This allows me to maintain personal contact with fellow Rotarians and their guests, as well as keep abreast of various assundry local and international projects and not-for-profit organizations that we attempt to support. Attending meetings allows me to make and maintain friendships with a broad spectrum of people that I would not otherwise have an opportunity to meet. During my years in Rotary, I have actually considered some of the older members to be mentors.

I have a very busy legal practice that requires a great deal of attention, both in handling transactional matters for clients as well as court appearances. Despite my busy schedule, I attempt to organize my appointments so that I can set aside the time to attend Rotary meetings. My staff is aware of this and do their best to help me in this regard. There are times when the rush of business will not allow me to attend meetings and times that I have to leave a meeting early.

Failure to make meetings has a financial impact upon the club. We must pay for a minimum number of lunches and if attendance is low, it costs the club money. Also, not being there results in less money for the raffles that we conduct. Failure to attend does have a financial impact upon our bottom line, and does result in less money for the good that we do.

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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