



# Rota-Briefs



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

May 11, 2011

**Invocation:** Byron Moak  
**Song:** Chuck Ries – Tiptoe Through the Tulips

**Anniversaries:** Bill Hull  
**Birthdays:** none

**Visiting Rotarians:** Byron Moak

**Guests:** Stacy Mackay, School Business  
Official  
**Big Bucks**

**Mystery Raffle:** Chuck Ries  
**Powerball:** Chuck Ries was not successful.

**Rotarians Present:**  
Barrett, Brooks, DeFruscio, Farrell, Hornbrook, Libby,  
McDonald, Musiker, Ries, Robert, Signoracci,  
E. Tremblay and Van Alstine

**Good News/Bad News:**  
The following members paid happy/ sad dollars:  
Bev Signoracci because she will be going to Europe on a vacation; Bob Van Alstine because the Yankees won; Chuck Ries because he is going to the Adirondacks on a fishing trip; Byron Moak because it is a beautiful day, and because Jake Robert is here; Jack Farrell because Jake Robert is here; and Ed Tremblay for missed meetings, for a missed board meeting, and because an international woman's business group visited Cohoes.

## Events/ Information:

- May 21 - 25, 2011 [2011 Rotary International Convention](#), New Orleans, June 29, 2011
- District 7190 Change Over Dinner, no details yet.
- **District 7190:**  
The Gift Of Life Board is looking for new members. Let Keith Hornbrook know if you are interested. June 23, 2100, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Gift of Life Golf Tournament, Antlers Country Club at 12 noon.

## Club Business:

- We conclude each weekly meeting with recitation of The 4 Way Test, see below.

## The 4-Way Test:

The 4-Way Test "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](#)

## Program:

Bob Libby - Highlights from the 2011-12 School district budget.

## 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  
**Cohoes Rotary Web Site** - [www.rotaryclubofcohoes.org](http://www.rotaryclubofcohoes.org)

**Next Week's Program:** Bob Libby will be presenting highlights from the 2011-12 school budget.



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Attachment to May 11, 2011 Newsletter

## Cohoes Central School District Proposed 2011/12 Budget Highlights



**Bob Libby**

Bob Libby, Superintendent of the Cohoes City School District provided an overview of the proposed 2011/12 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 2011-12 budget is based on input from the community and school district staff, diminishing state aid, and workshops with the Board of Education that began in the fall of 2010.

### **The 2011-12 Budget – By the Numbers:**

The proposed budget is \$38.2 million, and represents an increase of 1.69% over the 2010-11 budget. The tax levy is \$13.3 million and represents an increase of 2.42% over last year. The projected tax rate increase is 1.85%.

On the expenditure side, instruction, and operation and maintenance decreased from last year, whereas employee benefits (pension benefits and health insurance), transportation and debt service increased over last year. On the revenue side, building aid and real property taxes increased, whereas state aid, refunds, tuition and other decreased from last year. In addition, \$833, 000 in fund balance, representing an increase of 8.89% was still needed to balance to 2011-12 budget.

**State Aid – A Moving Target:**

Bob Libby explained that state aid is a moving target. For example, in April 2011 he was notified by the State Educating Department that the Cohoes City School District was overpaid \$35,695 in 2002/4, which will be deducted from 2010-11 state aid.

**If the Budget is Defeated:**

Put up the same budget again; put up a revised budget, or adopt a contingency budget.

**Contingency Budget:**

- Eliminate 'non-contingent' equipment purchases
- Eliminate non-education field trips
- Eliminate supplies given to students
- Charge community groups for use of school district buildings and grounds

**School District Savings:**

- Elimination of 25 positions
- Partnering with the City of Cohoes: gas, diesel, road salt; trash removal, etc.
- Health care - working to extend the health insurance consortium to include four regional BOCES

**Budget Vote – May 17, 2011**

## When and Where Other Rotary Clubs Meet:

<b>Monday</b>	
<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	
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<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	

<b>Wednesday</b>	
<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	

<b>Thursday</b>	
<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	
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Glenville</b>	<b>7:15 AM</b>
Turf Tavern, Rt. 50, Scotia	

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