



Rota-Briefs



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

December 21, 2011

Song: "Jingle Bells"

Anniversaries: Bob and Karen Van Alstine (Dec 21)

Visiting Rotarians: Byron Moak

Guests: Steve Koval, Bev Signoracci's brother
James Breig, author and speaker

Powerball: Amy Musiker

Rotarians Present:

Barrett, Musiker, Robert, Ed and Linda Tremblay,
Signoracci, Van Alstine, Mitola

Good News/Bad News:

The following members paid happy/ sad dollars:

Ed Tremblay was happy to announce the ornament sale fundraiser was successful and thanked Linda for her hard work. Also, his daughter and son-in-law sold their home and are now living with Ed and Linda until they buy a new home.

Linda Tremblay was happy to announce her granddaughter is thriving and doing well.

Dave Mitola was happy for our visitors and for a successful Salvation Army bell ringing experience.

Bob Van Alstine was happy to celebrate his 36th wedding anniversary.

Byron Moak was happy to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and happy New Year. Sad dollar for Jack Burn who recently had a stroke and is in Albany Med.

Bev Signoracci was happy for a good time at the club Christmas party and that she enjoyed "It's A Wonderful Life" at the Cohoes Music Hall.

Jake Robert was happy for the Christmas party.

Steve Koval was happy for the club making his day great!

Program:

James Breig, Author

Club Business:

A community meal sponsored by the Century House will take place on Tuesday, December, 27th. The location will be the Vineyard Church on Remsen Street. Approximately 200 at need people, both adults and children are expected to receive meals. The club would like members to volunteer to assist with the meal. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 11:00 AM to prepare for the meal that will last from 12-2.

Events/ Information:

- Colin Demers will be presented with the Colonie Chamber of Commerce Leader Award at their annual banquet, Jan. 27th. Congratulations Colin!
- Polar Bear Plunge is scheduled for January 1.
- The District Toolbox is available to view online and contains information about other clubs and their activities in our district. <http://www.rotary7190.org/>
- Program scheduled for next week:
None
- 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?"

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Rotary Club Officers Membership Committee Recommendations for year 2012-2013

Keith Hornbrook - Past President

Robert W. Van Alstine - President

David Mitola - President elect

Linda Tremblay - Secretary

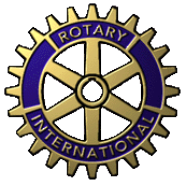
Michael Brooks - Treasurer

Marshall Barrett - Sergeant At Arms

Peggy O'Shea - Director

Charles Ries - Director

Cohoes Rotary Web Site - www.rotaryclubofcohoes.org



Cohoes Rotary Club Program 2011-2012



James Breig
Author

December 21, 2011

The title of Mr. Breig's book is "Searching for Sergeant Bailey," Saluting an Ordinary Soldier of WWII. The book was published in November 2011. He has spoken about the book to over 20 agencies, Rotary clubs, senior centers, community groups, etc...He was also on a syndicated radio show, the Jim Bohanan show. He has appeared on Channel 13 years twice to discuss his book.

The story behind his book began in a most unusual way. Three years ago he and his wife went on a trip for their wedding anniversary to Williamsburg, VA. Along the way, they stopped at an antique store and he found a stack of WWII letters from Sergeant James Bailey to his mother. The letters were in a format known as V-mail, or Victory mail. Soldiers' letters to their families were microfilmed into easily transportable sizes to be shipped across the ocean to the United States, 18,000 letters at a time. After reaching the United States, the letters were blown up but not to their full size. However, the letters were often difficult for people to read because they were not blown up to their original size. Sergeant Bailey was stationed in New Guinea and his mother lived in Prince George, VA. Prince George was a very small town and is where Sergeant Bailey was born and raised.

Sergeant Bailey went by his middle name, Boissieu. The book is a biography, telling his life story from birth to death, focusing on his time serving in WWII. The book also contains excerpts from 50 other service men and women, soldiers who did not have extraordinary stories of heroic actions. These are ordinary soldiers like Sergeant Bailey. Mr. Breig wanted to compare the stories of other ordinary soldiers to the stories told by Sergeant Bailey. Sergeant Bailey was a quartermaster, support troops who supplied the soldiers on the front line. These soldiers did not get shot at and many felt like they were not part of the war.

The book is a story of an ordinary man. Mr. Breig asked the club, "Why would anyone like to read about an ordinary life?" Mr. Breig explained that most of our lives are ordinary, but ordinary people do extraordinary things. He compared the premise of the book to the meaning behind "Death of a Salesman." We need to pay attention to ordinary soldiers, not just the soldiers who made extraordinary acts of heroism.

Sergeant Bailey is buried in Blanford cemetery in Prince George, VA. He died before Mr. Breig had an opportunity to interview him directly for the book. He did not die in the war. Mr. Breig received his information on the book from the local historical society and friends and family who knew Sergeant Bailey.

The book cost is \$24.99; however he was selling the book for \$20 at the meeting.

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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