

Rota-Briefs



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

August 17, 2011

Song: Chuck Ries, "On Moonlight Bay"

Anniversaries: Chuck and Debbie Ries, Mike and Marie Brooks, Marshall and Constance Barrett

Birthdays: Marshall Barrett (8th)

Visiting Rotarians: Byron Moak (Lansingburgh)

Guests: Mike Weidrich

Curtis Hovey

Powerball: Ed Tremblay (8 Diamonds), graciously donated \$5 back to club.

Rotarians Present:

Barrett, Brooks, Demers, Doemel, Hornbrook, McDonald, Ries, Robert, Mitola, Signoracci, Ed Tremblay, Van Alstine

Good News/Bad News:

The following members paid happy/ sad dollars:

Ed Tremblay happy Curtis Hovey was the Executive Director of the Cohoes Community Center. Curtis and his wife are expecting their second child and they are very close friends with Ed's daughter. Sad dollar that Fall is coming.

Bev Signoracci was happy she is having a good summer.

Mike Brooks was happy to announce that his wife Marie is grateful to be married to a guy like Mike (???)

Colin Demers was happy to announce that the Century House was hosting a Texas BBQ for the employees of Sematech. The Century House will reach 2,000 meals of the Give 1, Share 1 program this week.

Byron Moak announced the Lansingburgh Rotary Club will host their Chicken BBQ this Sunday.

Events/ Information:

- Members will be asked to suggest community service programs that the club can undertake during 2011-2012.
- The District Toolbox is available to view online and contains information about other clubs and their activities in our district (including Lansingburgh's BBQ) <http://www.clubrunner.ca/data/7190/html/134284/august2011toolbox.pdf>
- Next week's speaker will be District Governor, Bill Nathan. Please plan on attending!

Program:

John Doemel, past Executive Director, Cohoes Community Center and Curtis Hovey, Executive Director, Cohoes Community Center.
Program notes will be attached.

- 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](#)

ROTARY'S WHEEL EMBLEM

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement."

Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association."

A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

Rotary Club Officers

Keith Hornbrook - President

Robert W. Van Alstine - President elect

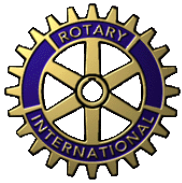
David Mitola - Secretary

Michael Brooks - Treasurer

Marshall Barrett - Sergeant At Arms

Bill Nathan - District Governor

Cohoes Rotary Web Site - www.rotaryclubofcohoes.org



Cohoes Rotary Club Program 2011-2012



John Doemel

August 17, 2011

Past Executive Director, Cohoes Community Center

Curtis Hovey

Executive Director, Cohoes Community Center

John thanked the club for the \$1,800 donation to the Cohoes Community Center. In September, the Community Center will be celebrating 40 years of service to the community.

The operating budget for the Cohoes Community Center in 2011 is 1.4 million dollars. These funds come primarily from the Department of Social Services and is based on individual memberships. The largest department of the Community Center is the Child Development, consisting of Universal Pre-K (UPK), summer programs, and after school programs. The UPK program consists of 4 classes of 15 students, all four years old. Three of the classes are located at Abram Lansing Elementary and one class at Head Start. The program is full day and the curriculum is mandated by the NY State Dept. of Education. There are 3 state certified instructors and 6 aides, a ratio of 15 students to 1 instructor and 2 aides. The student selection for the UPK program is done by a lottery system organized by the Cohoes School District. There is no cost to students enrolled in the UPK program. The state contributes \$197,000 toward the UPK program. The Community Center serves 195 children this year through their programs.

The largest expense for the Community Center are salaries. The Community Center is required to maintain mandated ratios of employees to children and currently has 50 staff members, 25 full time. Most of the programs within the Community Center are free for members. There are approximately 500 members, senior citizens comprise the largest percentage. Membership dues generate approximately \$130,000. The Center has been offering 3 and 6 month membership options, however, these type of memberships have not generated a significant amount of income and their continuation will be evaluated.

The most significant struggle facing the Community Center is cash flow. The building is "not new" and requires costly maintenance and upgrades. There is currently no endowment for the Community Center that provides an annual funding source.

Fundraising has two primary events, the fashion show and the gold outing. Fundraising has generated \$152,000 this year through these two events and different raffles.

The Community Center is currently undergoing a transitional stage. John Doemel recently retired last month and Program Director, Bob Gully retired at the end of May. The new Executive Director is Curtis Hovey. Curtis was with the Community Center in 2005 as a programmer. Since then, Curtis has been with the Capital District YMCA involved with youth programs and as the Bethlehem ice rink director. John stated Curtis will be effective with youth programs involving technology and electronics. Curtis stated that he would like to reintroduce the Community Center to the community through social media and personal contact. Projects currently in process at the Community Center include, the locker room refurbishing and possibly a new gym floor. Curtis would also like to reinstitute older programs that have been successful in the past.

Chuck Ries added that it is important for the community to know that the Center's pool offers many uses and to make people aware of the pool's possibilities.

Mike Brooks feels it is important to convey to the community that it is very difficult to operate a not for profit Community Center.

Bev Signoracci was informed that the building is owned by the Community Center.

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When and Where Other Rotary Clubs Meet:

Monday	
Corinth	7:15PM
<i>Agape Bed and Breakfast, Rt. 9N, Corinth</i>	
Hudson Falls	12:10 PM
<i>Pizza Hut. Rt.4, Fort Edward</i>	
Racing City Rotary	5:30 PM
<i>Olde Gaslight Restaurant, 12 Ballston Avenue, Saratoga Springs</i>	
Burnt Hills/Ballston Lake	6:15 PM
<i>Bill Sewell Community Room, Town of Ballston Town Hall</i>	
Lake George	6:15 PM
<i>Holiday Inn Rt. 2223 State Rt. 9</i>	
Tuesday	
Northern Lake George	7:30 AM
<i>Watson Arts Center, Silver Bay</i>	
Wilton	7:30 AM
<i>Friendly's Restaurant, Route 50, Wilton</i>	
Latham	12:00 PM
<i>Century House, Latham</i>	
Watervliet	12:10 PM
<i>First Presbyterian Church, 819 2nd Street, Watervliet Meets 2nd and 4th weeks only)</i>	
Ballston Spa	12:15 PM
<i>Manna's Restaurant, 17 Low St, Ballston Spa</i>	
Glove Cities	12:15 PM
<i>Holiday Inn, Rt. 30A, Johnstown</i>	
Menands	12:15 PM
<i>The Corner Well Restaurant, 698 North Pearl St.</i>	
Scotia	6:00 PM
<i>Turf Tavern, 40 Mohawk Avenue, Scotia</i>	
South Glens Falls	5:45 PM
<i>Humbuggs, Corner Bluebird Rd. and Rt. 32, South Glens Falls</i>	
Chestertown	6:15 PM
<i>O.P. Frederick's Restaurant, Rt. 8., Chestertown</i>	
Lansingburgh	6:15 PM
<i>Paradise Lounge, 630 2nd and 117th Streets, Troy</i>	
Northville	6:30 PM
<i>(Call for locations and directions)</i>	
Schoharie	6:30 PM
<i>Parrot House - Rt. 30 Main St. Schoharie</i>	

Wednesday	
Niskayuna	7:15 AM
<i>Route 7 Diner, 1090 Troy-Schenectady Road</i>	
Delmar	7:30 AM
<i>Normanside Country Club, 150 Salisbury Rd., Delmar</i>	
Mohawk Valley	7:30 AM
<i>Senior Center, 204 Canal St., Fort Plain</i>	
Schenectady East	7:30 AM
<i>Old Country Buffet, Crosstown Plaza, Rt. 7, Schenectady</i>	
Turning Point	7:30 AM
<i>General Schuyler Pantry 166 Broad St., Schuylerville</i>	
Champlain Canal	8:00 PM
<i>Community Room, Mid-Rise Senior Apts, 180 N. Main Street Mechanicville</i>	
Albany	12:15 PM
<i>Wolferts Roost Country Club, 1230 Van Rensselaer Blvd., Albany</i>	
Amsterdam	12:15 PM
<i>Raindancer Steak Parlor, Rt. 30N, Amsterdam</i>	
Cohoes	12:15 PM
<i>Century House, Rt. 9, Latham</i>	
Colonie-Guilderland	12:15 PM
<i>Western Turnpike Golf Course Rt. 20, Guilderland</i>	
Saratoga Springs	12:15 PM
<i>Longfellow's Restaurant, Rt. 9P</i>	
Cobleskill	6:10 PM
<i>Best Western Inn of Cobleskill Rt. 7, Main Street, Cobleskill.</i>	
Granville	6:15 PM
<i>AJ's Restaruent, Quaker Street, Granville</i>	

Thursday	
Malta Sunrise	7:15 AM
<i>Malta Diner Rts. 9 & 67, Malta (Exit 12 off I87)</i>	
Rotterdam Sunrise	7:15 AM
<i>McLanes Restaurant, 2717 Broadway, Rotterdam</i>	
Shenendehowa	7:15 AM
<i>Coburg Village Retirement Facility, Grooms Rd., Clifton Park</i>	
North Creek	7:30 AM
<i>Marsha's Restaurant, Main St., North Creek</i>	
Schenectady	12:00 PM
<i>Stockade Inn, 1 North Church St., Schenectady</i>	
Twin Bridges	12:00 PM
<i>Salty's, Northway Exit 8A, East of Rt. 9, Halfmoon</i>	
Glens Falls	12:10 PM
<i>Queensbury Hotel, 88 Ridge Street, glens Falls</i>	
Troy	12:15 PM
<i>The Red Front Restaurant, 71 Division Street, Troy</i>	
Middleburgh	6:05 PM
<i>Middleburgh United Methodist Church, Rt. 145 Middleburgh Main St. & Bush Rd.)</i>	
Salem	6:15 PM
<i>Bunker Hill B&B on Bunker Hill Rd. Salem (5.5 mi. NW of Salem)</i>	
Southern Rensselaer	6:15 PM
<i>Holiday Inn Express,US 4 East Greenbush (Exit 9 off I 90)</i>	
Broadalbin	6:30 PM
<i>The White Holland House, 1520 Ste Highway 29, Gloversville</i>	
Fort Ann	6:30 PM
<i>Mountain View Java, Rt 4, Fort Ann</i>	
Sharon Springs	6:30 PM
<i>Pit Stop BBQ, Rts. 10 & 20, Sharon Springs</i>	
Friday	
Glenville	7:15 AM
<i>Turf Tavern, Rt. 50, Scotia</i>	

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