



Rota-Briefs



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

September 7, 2011

Song: Chuck Ries, "Happy Birthday"

Anniversaries:

Birthdays: Peggy O'Shea (September 2nd)
Linda Tremblay (September 11th)

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests: Johanna Shogan, DAR
Helen Festa, DAR

Powerball: Ed Tremblay, 9 Diamonds, kindly donated \$5 consolation prize to the club.

Rotarians Present:

Barrett, Brooks, Hornbrook, Ries, Robert, Mitola, Ed Tremblay

Good News/Bad News:

The following members paid happy/ sad dollars:
Ed Tremblay was happy to wish his wife and fellow Rotarian Linda a Happy Birthday.
Keith paid a fine for missing the board meeting.
Marshall had bad news that the member attendance was low for the program.
Dave M. was happy for the presenters from the DAR.

Events/ Information:

- We are updating the membership directory, please contact Dave Mitola with any changes since last year.
- Please attend John Doemel's retirement party, Sep. 9th at the Ukrainian-American Club in Cohoes.
- The ornaments of Van Schaick Mansion for the fundraising sale have been ordered.
- The District Toolbox is available to view online and contains information about other clubs and their activities in our district.
<http://www.clubrunner.ca/data/7190/html/137712//september2011tbfinal.pdf>
- Next week's speaker will be Tom Burdick, ambassador for the Gift of Life Program.

Program:

Johanna Shogan, Regent, General Peter Gansevoort Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

- 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



Johanna Shogan
Regent, General Peter Gansevoort Chapter
National Society
Daughters of the American Revolution

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The Van Schaick Mansion is their chapter home. The mansion was built by Anthony Van Schaick between 1735 and 1755. It served as military headquarters during the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. It housed many dignitaries including, Generals Montgomery, Schuyler, Gates, Stark, Morgan, Gansevoort, St. Clair and Benedict Arnold planned the Battle of Saratoga at the mansion. It also served as capitol of NY State for 4 days from August 22-25, 1777.

Ms. Shogan presented photos of the mansion and some of the restorations and updates that their group has done.

The mission statement of their chapter's current project is to collect, preserve, and present the cultural history of Van Schaick Island. The project has been divided into 4 phases.

Phase I: Acquire mansion (2001-2004)

This was accomplished using different funding grants from the State of NY and Cohoes Savings Bank.

Phase II: Categorize and collect historical documents and materials

Phase III: Restoration

Phase IV: Preservation

The list of projects to be completed in phases III and IV include:

- ◆ Refinish wood floors
- ◆ Repair cracks & re-paint walls
- ◆ Slate Roof maintenance
- ◆ Handicap access
- ◆ Replace storm windows
- ◆ Downspouts / gutters
- ◆ Clean & repair foundation
- ◆ Point exterior masonry
- ◆ Insulation
- ◆ Furnace

Maintain and restore Van Schaick Cemetery

In 2011, the National DAR Organization provided a \$2,000 grant to complete the cemetery project. The cemetery project consisted of 25 volunteers and a gravestone specialist, Joe Ferrannini. The project took 3 days to complete. The cemetery was originally refurbished between 1961-1966 by local civic organizations including, the Cohoes Rotary Club. The cemetery fell into a dilapidated state and most of the headstones were broken and disorganized. The project used a plot from the 1966 restoration to reorganize the headstones. It required a lot of painstaking work to repair the headstones. Volunteers used plastic instruments in order to not damage the stones as they were unearthed. The stones and markers were cleaned with small instruments and toothbrushes so the writings were not disturbed. In addition to the tombstone restoration, an Eagle Scout project cleared the walkway and other debris near the cemetery. The stones are replicas from the 1966 restoration, the original stones are in located in the mansion and are in very poor condition.

Other ongoing projects include, establishing a genealogical library of ancestors of the Revolutionary War.

The club asked Ms. Shogan what potential services members of the club could provide. She will send a list of needed projects and these will be discussed with club members. Ms. Shogan looks forward to establishing a relationship with Cohoes Rotary. It was suggested that Cohoes Rotary Club could have a weekly meeting at the Van Schaick Mansion and have a guided tour.

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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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