

# **Rota-Briefs**



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

January 10, 2018

**Invocation:** Byron Moak

Song: "On Top of Old Smokey," Chuck Ries

Birthday: Monika Boeckmann

Anniversary:

**Visiting Rotarians:** ADG Jack Faddegon, Colonie-Guilderland; Suzanna Bernd, Glens

Falls; Kevin Markham, Corinth

Guests:

**Door Prize:** Byron Moak

Powerball: Ed Tremblay tried for \$56 but was

unsuccessful

Rotarians Present: Barrett, Hovey, Moak, Ries,

Tremblay, E., Tremblay, L.,

#### Good News/Bad News:

The following members paid happy/sad dollars:

Linda Tremblay was happy for a great anniversary weekend she and Ed had in Lake Placid even though it was very cold. Her sister and brother-in-law had a gift certificate waiting for them at the Mirror Lake Inn, but it was addressed to Ed and Lisa. Linda would like to know who Lisa is.

**Byron Moak** was happy to officially be a member of the Cohoes club. He was happy to have been able to substitute teach a few days last week. He was glad there was no snow in the immediate weather forecast.

**Ed Tremblay** was sad that because of the new minimum wage laws the payroll between the Albany, Cohoes and Watervliet Senior Centers went up by \$100,000.

Marshall Barrett was happy that his granddaughter participated in a fundraiser where she swam laps for donations. She raised \$700. Suzanna Bernd was happy that her two daughters did very well in their piano recital. She was happy to be visiting the Cohoes club to discuss the Rotary Youth Exchange program. Chuck Ries was happy to see that the District decided to cancel the Polio Plunge on New Year's Day in Lake George because of the extreme cold temperatures.

**Jack Faddegon** was happy that he and his wife get to babysit their grandson. It was several hours of having his grandson there before he noticed he was wearing a shirt that said "Mom hopes it is a girl."

Curtis Hovey paid for missed meetings. The Community Center had its challenges through the cold with the heating system. Hopefully everything is resolved. He was happy that his daughter has been medically cleared to return to soccer and gymnastics. A friend of Curtis posted a story about a 29 year old woman who died. Before her death she posted a good bye letter on the internet. It made him realize how important it is to not sweat the small stuff. Focus on family and friends and appreciate what you have.

Club Business: Assistant District Governor Jack Faddegon offered his services to the club if ever we need assistance. He stressed the importance of bringing new members into the clubs. If our district falls below a certain number we will be absorbed into another district. People who join Rotary are looking to do something to help people. His club has held a couple of meetings in the evening called "Discover Rotary" where they inform people about the work done by Rotary clubs worldwide and in the United States. Attendance should not be the focus of a person's membership. Some clubs are having success with E-meetings.

Suzanna Bernd and Kevin Markham were thrilled that the Cohoes club has become active in the Youth Exchange program again. They are there to offer the club any assistance. Even though there may be some struggles with participation in the program, they encouraged the club not to give up on the program. This program fosters world peace one person at a time.

**Upcoming Events/Speakers 1/17/17-** Katherine Oliver, Cohoes Housing Authority

# When and Where Other Rotary Clubs Meet:

To view when and where other Rotary Clubs in District 7190 meet go to: http://www.rotary7190.org/, click on When/Where Clubs Meet in the upper left corner of the home page.

## **Cohoes Rotary Club Meeting Schedule**

Rotary Board Dinner Meeting open to all members, spouses and guests Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Century House Restaurant (Dinner will be ordered individually off the regular Century House menu)

**Rotary Lunch Meeting** Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm in the North Room Century House Restaurant **Rotary Lunch Meeting** Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm in the North Room Century House Restaurant **Rotary Lunch Meeting** Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm in the North Room Century House Restaurant

Rotary Lunch Meeting Wednesday, January 31th at 12:15 pm in the North Room Century House Restaurant

## Change in Meeting Schedule

The schedule format will be: the first Wednesday of the month, a Board dinner meeting at 5:30 pm at the Century House; all other meetings will be lunch meetings at 12:15 pm at the Century House.

## **Rotary Club Officers**

**Edward Tremblay - President** Edward Tremblay - President Elect **Linda Tremblay** - Secretary Michael Brooks - Treasurer Marshall Barrett – Sergeant At Arms Fred Daniels - District Governor

Cohoes Rotary Web Site www.rotarvclubofcohoes.org We conclude the meeting with recitation of The 4 Way Test led by Ed Tremblay.

#### The 4-Way Test

The 4-Way Test "Of the things we think, say or

- 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

## Song: On Top of Old Smokey

On top of old Smokey All covered with snow I lost my true lover For courtin' so slow.

For courting's a pleasure But parting is grief And the false hearted Is worse than a thief.

A thief will just rob you And take what you have But a false hearted lover Will lead you to the grave.

And the grave will decay you And turn you to dust Not one boy in a hundred A poor girl can trust.

## **Century House Menu for Cohoes Rotary**

### First Course

Century Salad Seasonal greens with grape tomatoes, shredded carrots and cucumbers topped with balsamic dressing

#### Entrée

Short Ribs & Mushrooms over Orecchiette Pasta

#### Dessert

Chocolate Cake