



# Rota-Briefs



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

September 27, 2017

**Invocation:** Linda Tremblay

**Song:** "Beer Barrel Polka," Chuck Ries

**Birthday:**

**Anniversary:**

**Visiting Rotarians:** District Governor Fred Daniels; Byron Moak, Lansingburgh Club;

**Guests:** Ian Menn and Cody LaPage, Mass Mutual Financial Group

**Door Prize:** Mike Brooks

**Powerball:** Mike Brooks tried for \$16 but was unsuccessful

**Rotarians Present:**

Barrett, Brooks, Hovey, Mitola, Ries, Tremblay, E., Tremblay, L.; Van Alstine

**Good News/Bad News:**

The following members paid happy/sad dollars:

**Mike Brooks** thanked Bob Van Alstine for bringing him to the meeting. He was happy that today was his granddaughter Sophia's birthday. He read some words of wisdom.

**Bob Van Alstine** was happy that they are planning to book the same house in York Maine next year for vacation. He was sad that his back problems are coming back.

**Dave Mitola** was happy to welcome the visitors. He just finished a three year term as president in one professional organization and was just asked to be president of a different organization.

**Curtis Hovey** was happy that U Albany upset Villanova. He is happy the season is almost over for the Orioles.

**Byron Moak** welcomed District Governor Fred Daniels and the other guests. He was happy that the heat wave is almost over. Byron was glad to see that Shelter Boxes are being sent to the places that have experienced natural disasters.

**Fred Daniels** was happy that his daughter will be getting married on October 7.

**Chuck Ries** was happy that his daughter got married ten years ago. He was happy that the Buffalo Bills won over the weekend.

**Linda Tremblay** was happy for a great trip she and Ed took to Tennessee and she welcomed District Governor Fred and the other guests.

**Marshall Barrett** paid for missed meetings. He had a good trip to Rhode Island but it rained so he didn't get to play golf.

**Ed Tremblay** paid for missed meetings. He welcomed District Governor Fred and the other guests. He and Linda held a successful fundraiser in their yard to benefit the Cohoes Senior Center. They raised almost \$4,000.

**Chuck Ries** welcomed District Governor Fred and thanked him for helping Chuck get up on the roof of the dugout at the Valley Cats game honoring Rotarians of the Year.

**Club Business:** Ed Tremblay was sad to report that Bev Signoracci has resigned from the club. We will all miss her and we thank her for her service over the years. Exchange student Mariel Alves would like to make a formal presentation to the club. Next week's meeting will be a Board meeting at 5:30 pm at the Century House. As always,

the meeting is open to all members of the club. This year's Christmas ornament will be delivered to the Community Center this week. We will start selling them right away.

**Program:** District Governor Fred Daniels gave an update on district programs, activities and changes. He thanked Bob Van Alstine for his work on starting the District IT Committee. The District's vision is that all clubs be vibrant, responsive and relevant. Rotary membership in the US is trending down. The District is asking all clubs to aim for a 10% increase in membership. Historically RI did no formal advertising. The District is encouraging all clubs to make use of all social media to promote themselves. Clubs need to do more cause oriented messaging. RI launched a People of Action campaign. "Rotary is where neighbors, friends and problem solvers share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change." The District is recognizing one Person of Action in each club. Linda Tremblay was named the Cohoes Rotary Person of Action.

**Response:** Ed Tremblay responded on behalf of the club.



*District Governor Fred Daniels and Ed Tremblay*



*Fred Daniels, Linda Tremblay and Ed Tremblay*

## 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.

### **New Cohoes Rotary Club Meeting Schedule**

**Rotary Board Dinner Meeting** open to all members, spouses and guests Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Century House Restaurant (Dinner will be ordered individually off the regular Century House menu)

**Rotary Breakfast Meeting** Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am at Century House Hotel Mohawk Room-Get breakfast at the Saratoga Room buffet and bring to meeting room.

**Rotary Lunch Meeting** Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm at the North Room Century House Restaurant

**Rotary Lunch Meeting** Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm at the North Room Century House Restaurant

The schedule format will be: the first Wednesday of the month, a Board dinner meeting; the second Wednesday of the month, a breakfast meeting; the third and fourth Wednesdays of the month, a lunch meeting. If a fifth Wednesday falls within a month it will be a lunch meeting.

### **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.rotaryclubofcohoes.org](http://www.rotaryclubofcohoes.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: Beer Barrel Polka**

Roll out the barrel,  
We'll have a barrel of fun,  
Roll out the barrel,  
We've got the blues on the run,  
Zing-boom-tarrel,  
Ring out a song of good cheer,  
Now's the time to roll the barrel,  
For the gang's all here.

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

#### ***First Course***

Caesar Salad

#### ***Entrée***

Chile Espresso Rubbed Flat Iron Steak  
*Served with Root Veg Potato Hash and topped  
with Chef's steak sauce*

#### ***Dessert***

Peach Pie