

Rota-Briefs



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

January 13, 2021

Mission of Rotary: Roderick Sipe

Song:

Birthday: Monika Boeckmann, Ed Tremblay

Anniversary: Ed and Linda Tremblay

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests: Sandy Zerrillo, Acting Director/Treasurer, Van Schaick Mansion Project; Joseph Fahd, Chief, Cohoes Fire Department

Door Prize: Sandy Zerrillo

Powerball: Bob Van Alstine tried for \$343 but was unsuccessful.

Rotarians Present: Barrett, Brooks, Havnen, Moak, Napier, Ries, Sage, Sipe, Tremblay, E., Tremblay L., Van Alstine

Good News/Bad News:

Mike Brooks announced that his dentist is retiring, and he will now be seeing Dr. David Mitola. He read some words of wisdom.

Byron Moak was happy that in mid-January the weather is mild. He is happy that he is scheduled to get his first Covid vaccine next week.

Marshall Barrett was sorry to have missed last week's Rotary Board meeting. He was watching the news coverage of the protest at the Capitol in Washington, DC, and lost track of time.

Steve Napier was happy to announce that the Cohoes Local Development Corporation has awarded grants to two new businesses in Cohoes. One business will be a coffee shop, the other an ice cream shop.

Joe Fahd is working with the City of Cohoes administration on ways that the fire department can assist with getting the Covid vaccines to people as soon as they become available.

Bill Sage was happy for the nice weather which enables his workers to keep working.

Chuck Ries was happy to report that his daughter's surgery last week went well. She is doing so well that she is going to try working for a few hours tomorrow.

Dave Havnen was happy that he now qualifies for a Covid vaccine, but he can't seem to get an appointment.

Bob Van Alstine is walking a mile each day. He is sorry that a close friend of his is in a nursing home and he contracted Covid there.

Sandy Zerrillo is looking forward to her daughter's wedding in September. It is scheduled to be held at the Otesaga hotel. She hopes the pandemic is under control by then.

Ed Tremblay was happy to report that he had a good meeting this morning for Cohoes Bridges. The bad news is that for three days in a row he and Linda have woken up to no heat. After just putting in a tankless water heating system, he now must replace the furnace.

Linda Tremblay was happy that her daughter's dog Oliver is recovering nicely from his attack from another dog.

Roderick Sipe was sad to report that a close family friend unexpectedly passed away from Covid.

Club Business:

The Cobleskill Rotary is sponsoring a Virtual Trivia night on February 6, cost is \$20 per person. Proceeds from the event will go to support youth programs in the Cobleskill area. Cohoes Rotary will pay to have a team of four people. If you are interested in participating email Roderick Sipe and let him know you want to be on the team. This year's Rotary District 7190 leadership event will be on Zoom on February 27. The cost is \$25. Registration deadline is February 20.

Program:

Sandy Zerrillo from the Daughters of the American Revolution addressed the club about the Van Schaick Mansion Project. The mansion was built in 1755 and has 85% of its original materials. Due to the Covid pandemic the DAR has been unable to conduct tours or hold any fundraisers. The porch on the mansion developed major structural issues and had to be repaired. The emergency repairs cost \$23,035. There had been plans to repair the windows and sashes and purchase storm windows to prevent water damage to the house. The estimated cost for the window project is \$12,702. Because the porch had to be repaired there is no money left for the window project. The DAR is appealing to the public to help raise the necessary funds to complete the window project. Any monetary donation would be greatly appreciated.

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

Until further notice all Cohoes Rotary meetings will be Zoom meetings.

Meeting Schedule

The schedule format is the first Tuesday of the month, a Board dinner meeting at 5:45 pm at the Century House. All club members are invited to attend. The fourth Tuesday of the month, Rotary dinner meeting at 5:45 pm at the Century House. The second and third Wednesday of the month will be a lunch meeting at 12:15 pm at LifePath Living Center at Cohoes (Cohoes Senior Center). There will not be a meeting if there is a fifth Wednesday in the month.

Rotary Club Officers

Roderick Sipe – President
Linda Tremblay - Secretary
Michael Brooks – Treasurer
Ed Tremblay – Sergeant at Arms
Rich Griesche - District Governor

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www.rotaryclubofcohoes.org

We conclude the meeting with recitation of The 4 Way Test led by Roderick Sipe.

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](#)

Upcoming Meetings & Events

ALL FUTURE COHOES ROTARY MEETINGS WILL BE ZOOM MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

RI President Holger Knaack's theme for 2020-21, *Rotary Opens Opportunities*, asks Rotarians to create opportunities that strengthen their leadership, help put service ideas into action, and improve the lives of those in need.

