

# Rota-Briefs

Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

October 21, 2020

**Mission of Rotary:** Roderick Sipe

**Song:** Shine on Harvest Moon, Chuck Ries

**Birthday:**

**Anniversary:**

**Visiting Rotarians:** Rotary District 7190 District Governor Rich Griesche; Assistant District Governor Cindy Schmehl

**Guests:** Steve Napier

**Door Prize:** Bob Van Alstine

**Powerball:** Roderick Sipe tried for \$283 but was unsuccessful.

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

## Good News/Bad News:

**Mike Brooks** read some words of wisdom.

**Byron Moak** welcomed ADG Cindy Schmehl. Byron was an Assistant District Governor himself. He is enjoying the weather.

**Tammy Parker** was happy to announce that she went to a hypnotist and has quit smoking.

**Bob Van Alstine** is becoming proficient in Zoom. He is conducting meetings for his Cursillo group. He is still walking two miles every day.

**Bill Sage** congratulated Tammy for quitting smoking and was happy for the good weather.

**Rich Griesche** was happy to be joining the meeting from his home in the Adirondacks. Unfortunately, it was pouring rain there. He is doing well with his club visits.

**Cindy Schmehl** was getting tired. This was her fifth Zoom meeting of the day. But she saved the best for last.

**Chuck Ries** was happy to have gone to New Hampshire to go deep sea fishing. He saw a whale. They caught 35 haddock.

**Marshall Barrett** was happy to be at the meeting. Two weeks ago, he lost power for three days because of the storms. He had four trees down in his front yard and twenty trees down in the back of his house.

**Ed Tremblay** was happy to announce that Steve Napier, Director of Community and Economic Development for the City of Cohoes, joined the Cohoes Rotary. Ed was happy to have had a Good Bridges Out of Poverty meeting this morning.

**Linda Tremblay** was happy to report that her recovery from knee surgery continues to go well.

**Roderick Sipe** was happy to report that he went to the NYS website for unclaimed funds and found that they had money that belonged to him. He suggested that everyone should check for

themselves.

## Club Business:

Ed Tremblay reported that the Ladies of Charity will not be holding a coat drive this year. Cohoes Bridges will be working with the Cohoes City School District to hold the Holiday Hope program this year. Cohoes Rotary will donate toys for the drive as we have done in the past. The Cohoes Fire Department will do their Cheer for Children drive this year but will only accept new toys. Mugs and ornaments are on sale. The Cohoes Rotary will have a table on Remsen Street on small business Saturday (November 28) to sell them. Linda Tremblay spoke with a reporter from The Record about the ornament sale. Hopefully, there will be an article in The Record newspaper.

**Program:** District Governor Rich Griesche stated that the red door that appears in the Rotary Opens Opportunities logo represents Rotaract clubs. RI President Holger Knaack would like to increase the number of Rotaract clubs worldwide. Rich was happy that Covid 19 did not shut down Rotary. Clubs are thriving through Zoom. It is easier to get speakers for meetings from RI and other places by using Zoom. Membership growth is important. Rich suggested we contact people we may have contacted in the past who could not make in person meetings but can attend virtual meetings. RYLA will go forward this year in the District. Hopefully, the youth exchange program will be able to resume next year. Rich will be sending additional emails out to clubs about the fundraising platform called Eventgroove. He would like to have all the clubs in the district up and running on this platform by next month. The District will be hosting a live webinar on its Facebook page launching a book sale for Louise Rourke, the polio survivor who swam Lake George. The proceeds of the book will be donated to the Rotary effort to eradicate polio. Next year Rotary International will have its first woman president, Jennifer Jones from Canada. Jennifer will be the guest speaker at the multi-district virtual Foundation event November 24 at 7 pm.

## Response:

Roderick Sipe responded on behalf of the club.

## 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](http://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.

