

# Rota-Briefs



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

April 14, 2021

**Mission of Rotary:** Roderick Sipe

**Song:**

**Birthday:**

**Anniversary:**

**Visiting Rotarians:** George Hauenstein, VP and Development Officer, WMHT; President Elect Albany Rotary

**Guests:**

**Door Prize:** Dave Havnen

**Powerball:** Dave Havnen tried for \$208 but was unsuccessful.

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

## **Good News/Bad News:**

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

**Bob Van Alstine** was sorry to report that today he and his wife Karen were caught in the traffic jam caused by an accident on I-87. He was sorry to see Miron's for Floors is closing.

**Dave Havnen** was happy to report that he has no doctor's appointments this week.

**Tammy Parker** was happy to be at the meeting.

**Chuck Ries** was happy that a will that he has been trying to get to probate since September finally got probated.

**George Hauenstein** grew up in Boston and is a Red Sox fan. He was happy that they won their first game over the Twins and they are leading the second game.

**Ed Tremblay** was happy for a productive Bridges meeting this morning. He was happy to report four members of the Cohoes Rotary attended the District grants training on Saturday. He was sad to see that Past District Governor Mike Popolizio passed away from Covid 19.

**Linda Tremblay** was reporting on behalf of Bill Sage. He was sad that his twin brother passed away. The reason he is not at tonight's meeting is not because he did not win the Easter raffle, but because he was going out to dinner with friends.

**Linda Tremblay** was happy that since she and Ed are both fully vaccinated, they plan to visit friends in Florida in May (both of whom are fully vaccinated).

**Roderick Sipe** was happy to report that he and Karen get their second Covid vaccines tomorrow. On Sunday Roderick got a new electric lawn

mower. It runs much quieter than a gas-powered mower.

## **Club Business**

Bob Van Alstine was the winner of the Easter raffle. He graciously donated the money back to the club. The City of Cohoes is holding a citywide clean up on Saturday, April 24 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Cohoes Rotary is looking for volunteers to work at the Cohoes Senior Center. Please let Ed Tremblay know if you will be able to attend. The District will hold a Zoom meeting on April 17 talking about the environment. On April 28 there will be a Zoom meeting discussing Rotary public image and strategies. April 29 there will be a Zoom meeting discussing intergenerational relationships. May 15 will be the virtual District conference.

**In lieu of the regular Cohoes Rotary meeting on Wednesday, April 28, Cohoes Rotarians are asked to register for and attend the District Zoom presentation called Public Image, The Musical. Registration information will be sent to club members.**

## **Program:**

George Hauenstein is VP and Director of Development for WMHT public radio and television. He is also President-Elect of the Albany Rotary. George and Roderick began communicating on Linked In. George is a public media veteran, having worked in Vermont, Illinois, and Massachusetts. He has been a member of three Rotary clubs, having served as President in his Vermont club. As President of the Albany Rotary George hopes to bring some in person meetings back, realizing that virtual meetings are more convenient for some people. He would like to concentrate on diversity, equity, and inclusion in soliciting new members. George would also like to add the environment to his club's goals. He hopes that Cohoes Rotary will consider partnering with Albany Rotary in having some joint meetings.

## **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

**Cohoes Rotary Web Site -**  
[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.

