

Rota-Briefs

Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

July 15, 2020

Song:**Birthday:****Anniversary:**

Visiting Rotarians: Mara Rubia, Rotary Club of Joao Pessoa Norte, Brazil; Mariel Alves Correia, Rotaract, Joao Pessoa Norte, Brazil

Guests:

Door Prize: Bob Van Alstine

Powerball: Roderick Sipe tried for \$207 but was unsuccessful.

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

Good News/Bad News:

Mike Brooks welcomed guests Mara Rubia and Mariel Alves Correia to the Zoom meeting from Brazil. He read some words of wisdom.

Mara Rubia was happy to join the meeting. She has been a member of Rotary since 2013. She served as Secretary, President and Exchange Officer of her club. She worked in the Federal Delegation of Brazil but is now retired. She is proud to be Mariel Alves Correia's grandmother.

Dave Havnen was happy that all his medical lab tests look good. He tested negative for Covid-19. He is not enjoying the hot weather.

Bob Van Alstine was happy that because of the heat he was able to get his two mile walk done in the morning and he is feeling well.

Tammy Parker was happy to report that her son graduates from boot camp tomorrow. Tammy will be watching virtually. She was finally able to speak to him after four months. Tammy is very proud of her son.

Byron Moak was sad to report that former colleague Eric Loudis' father Joe Loudis passed away. Joe Loudis was a well-known educator and basketball coach in the capital district and very well-liked and respected. Byron told everyone to stay cool.

Marshall Barrett welcome Mara and Mariel to the meeting. He noted that the hot weather we are having is reminiscent of the weather we had when he was young.

Chuck Ries was happy to report that his son John will be buying a new house.

Linda Tremblay was very happy to see Mara and Mariel in person. She couldn't believe it has been two years since Mariel lived in her house. Linda's grandchildren are having a good summer. They have been able to attend a summer day camp for a few weeks.

Ed Tremblay was happy to report that Mariel's friend and former Cohoes Rotary Foreign Exchange Student Joseph Ritchie was mentioned in a Times Union newspaper article. Joe has become the unofficial

spokesperson for the residents of Saratoga Sites apartments in their fight against allowing Norlite to burn firefighting foam at their facility. Burning the foam causes health hazards to the surrounding residents and to the environment.

Roderick Sipe was happy to report that his surgery went well. He is still moving slowly. His Covid-19 test before the surgery was very unpleasant. He also saw the newspaper article in which Joe Ritchie was mentioned. He reminded everyone tomorrow is opening day at Saratoga Flat Track. There will be no spectators

Club Business:

President Roderick would like to decide at next week's Zoom meeting the organization we will donate a portion of ornament sales to for this year. Ed and Linda Tremblay will work on a raffle ticket design for the upcoming restaurant gift card raffle. The two major themes that came out of Roderick's survey was increasing membership and continuing to use the Zoom app in some form for meetings because it makes it easier for people to attend.

Mariel Alves Correia reported that when he finished classes in Cohoes he went on a wonderful trip to the west coast of the United States for three weeks. He was able to see Las Vegas and San Francisco. When he returned to Brazil he took the university exam. Mariel was accepted into law school and business school. Right now he is attending business school. Joe Ritchie was able to spend two months in Brazil visiting Mariel and his family. Mariel served as President of his Rotaract Club for two years and he is currently Secretary. Brazil has suffered from Covid-19 in much the same way the United States has. They are starting to open up things now. Mariel said he can't forget Cohoes Rotary because he gets Mike Brooks' emails every day. Mariel noted that "some people cry because roses have thorns while others are happy that thorns have roses."

Cohoes High School Graduation 2018

Linda Tremblay, Mariel Alves Correia, 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.

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?"

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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.