

Rota-Briefs

Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

July 8, 2020

Song: Bye, Bye Blues, Chuck Ries

Birthday:

Anniversary:

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests:

Door Prize: Bob Van Alstine

Powerball: Bob Van Alstine tried for \$197 but was unsuccessful.

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

Good News/Bad News:

Mike Brooks read some words of wisdom.

Byron Moak noted that given Mike's jokes we can see why the Roman Empire fell. Byron was happy for the rain and happy that July 4th was over. The noise from fireworks in his neighborhood has been going on since Memorial Day. Hopefully it stops now.

Tammy Parker was happy that today is her son's 24th birthday. He is currently in South Carolina in boot camp out on a forge. Tomorrow she hopes to hear that he passed the forge. Tammy has to have a tooth pulled at 7 AM tomorrow. She is sad she will have to watch her son's graduation virtually.

Bill Sage was happy to report that his son and the painting crew are okay. They were caught in the middle of a police incident in Troy across the street from where they were working. They were unable to leave the area until the incident was resolved.

Bob Van Alstine was sad to report that a close friend who lives in Florida had a massive heart attack. The prognosis does not look good. They have been praying for her.

Chuck Ries was happy to report that his brother still plans to come to visit for two weeks, but their annual fishing trip to Canada is off since they aren't allowed into the country due to Covid-19. He has yet to hear from his friend who owns the cabin they stay in (who has his deposit).

Marshall Barrett told Chuck he and his brother can come to Melrose to fish. Marshall is happy that his family is healthy, no problems, and that his stone wall should be finished tomorrow.

Linda Tremblay was happy that her grandchildren were able to attend a day camp this week. They need a change of scenery and

routine.

Ed Tremblay reported that he attended a Board of Directors conference call for the Connect Center. They are close to finishing the Center and hope to be open to the community soon.

Community Miracles in Action has disbanded, but they were able to donate some of their equipment to the Connect Center. Ed was sad to report that a good friend of his was on the flight from Florida to Albany where 3 people tested positive for Covid-19. She is now in quarantine and unable to see some of her family.

Roderick Sipe was happy to report they successfully moved his daughter into her new apartment in Brattleboro, VT over the weekend. Roderick was in his glory because he was able to pick up 3 different local newspapers while he was there. The bad news is that due to his surgery tomorrow, he had to get a Covid-19 nasal test. Fortunately the test was negative but it was an extremely unpleasant experience.

Mike Brooks suggested people pick up Paul Van Buskirk's new book titled *Big Mike, Uncle Dan and Me*. It is about Albany County politics in 1963.

Club Business:

Linda Tremblay will send out the annual donation checks this week to the community organizations decided upon at the July 2 Board meeting. Ornaments and mugs are on order. Roderick Sipe would like to have guest speakers join our regular Zoom meetings. Please let him know if there is anyone you would like to have speak. District Governor Rich Griesche will join our September 23 Zoom meeting.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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

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 – Sargeant 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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Bye, Bye Blues

Bye, bye blues,
Bye, bye blues,
Bells ring,
Birds sing,
Sun is shining,
No more pining,
Just we two,
Smiling thru,
Don't sigh,
Don't cry,
Bye, bye blues.

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.