

Rota-Briefs

Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

August 19, 2020

Mission of Rotary: Roderick Sipe

Song: Cool Water, Chuck Ries

Birthday:

Anniversary: Mike Brooks, Marshall Barrett, Chuck Ries

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests: Marilyn Wheeler, Counseling Care and Services

Door Prize: Bob Van Alstine

Powerball: Dave Havnen tried for \$234 but was unsuccessful.

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

Good News/Bad News:

Mike Brooks read some words of wisdom.

Bob Van Alstine is happy to report he is still walking two miles every day. He hired someone to come and wash the windows and clean the gutters at his house. He and Karen have been taking rides to get out of the house.

Chuck Ries was sorry to have missed the last meeting. His brother was visiting and he was too shy to join a Zoom meeting. While his brother was visiting they played golf and visited Saratoga Battlefield.

Marshall Barrett thanked Monika Boeckmann for being the guest speaker tonight. He was searching his office for a photo of him from the 1960s but was unable to find it.

Dave Havnen was happy that he had no doctor's appointments this week. He was sad that there still is no cure for Covid-19.

Linda Tremblay was frustrated that her knee surgery that was scheduled for today had to be cancelled because the doctor was ill. Hopefully there is nothing seriously wrong with him. She was happy to be able to join the meeting.

Ed Tremblay was sad that Linda's surgery had to be cancelled. Ed has spent the last three weeks trying to get the Rotary bank account straightened out so that we can have online access again. He was happy to see that a number of police officers were promoted or inducted into the Cohoes police force.

Monika Boeckmann was happy to report that 55 LifePath employees have been working over the past five months and there have been no Covid infections. The staff has been very busy. Monika

thanked the Cohoes Rotary for their financial support early on in the pandemic and for the recent financial donation and continued support.

Club Business:

The Cohoes Restaurant raffle tickets are due back by August 24. The winner will be drawn at the August 26 Rotary Zoom meeting. Marilyn Wheeler will be the guest speaker for the August 26 Zoom meeting. The ornaments and mugs have arrived. Linda Tremblay showed them to the participants at the meeting.

Program: Monika Boeckmann, Executive Director of LifePath and LifePath Cohoes, gave an update on their status given the challenges of the pandemic. When the shutdown began LifePath was able to raise \$72,000 in 1 ½ weeks that enabled them to keep operating. LifePath has delivered 7,000 meals a month to those in need; staff made 6,412 reassurance calls to people all over Albany County; staff held 739 health insurance counseling sessions; LifePath was able to secure a PPP loan. LifePath Cohoes reopened under new guidelines on August 4. New challenges are arising. Albany County is out of Meals on Wheels money so 225 people in Albany County have been dropped off the program. The major fundraising events for LifePath have or will be held as virtual events. The budgeted money lost on those events needs to be made up. Ed Tremblay, Roderick Sipe and the meeting attendees congratulated Monika for doing such a great job in keeping things going at LifePath during the crisis.

Response: Roderick Sipe responded on behalf of the club.

Cohoes Rotary Mug 2020



When and Where Other Rotary Clubs Meet:

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<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.

