# **Rota-Briefs**



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

November 17, 2021

**Mission of Rotary/Invocation:** Roderick Sipe **Birthday**: Chuck Ries and memorial to Deborah Ries

Anniversary:

**Visiting Rotarians:** Past District Governor Terry Phillips and Past District Governor Fred Daniels

Guests:

**Door Prize:** Linda Tremblay

Powerball: Linda Tremblay tried for \$343 but was

unsuccessful

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

#### Good News/Bad News:

Linda Tremblay was sad to report that Chuck Ries' wife Debby passed away on Monday, which was Chuck's 81<sup>st</sup> birthday. The club members send their prayers and condolences to Chuck and his family. Bill Sage was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but he asked Linda to relate a story on his behalf. Bill was attending a meeting at the Century House last week. He didn't win the raffle drawing, but the person sitting next to him did. Since Bill wins raffles so frequently, he thinks he brought that person good luck.

**Mike Brooks** read some words of wisdom. **Byron Moak** was thankful that Mike's jokes were over. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. **Dave Havnen** was happy that spring weather returns tomorrow. Dave will be getting his eye injection on Friday.

Bob Van Alstine was happy to report that his wife Karen is doing well following her knee replacement surgery. Bob was also happy that his daughter in law Julie has no cancer remaining after her double mastectomy. No lymph nodes have been affected. Fred Daniels was happy to have had a good report from his physical, but was told he should lose some weight. The bad news is that eventually he may have to have knee replacement surgery.

**Terry Phillips** noted that his daughter was also battling cancer. He encouraged Bob Van Alstine to make sure his daughter in law is monitored closely. Terry told Fred that he was able to lose 40 pounds on Weight Watchers.

**Ed Tremblay** was happy that a new business opened in Cohoes called Aria Apothecary. A pop up shop called Bottoms Up Bagels will be open on Ontario Street until Sunday. They sold out of product by 9:00 am their first day. The Connect Center for Youth had a taco dinner fundraiser. Ed and Linda got tacos and they were delicious.

**Roderick Sipe** was happy to have worked with the Young Professionals Committee of the Albany Chamber packing backpacks with food to ensure that children have food to eat for the weekend. They packed 80 backpacks.

#### Club Business:

Thanksgiving raffle tickets are due back to Linda by Monday, November 22. The winner will be drawn at the November 24<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting. Cohoes Rotary ornaments and mugs are available for sale. See Linda or Ed Tremblay if you need any. They are also on sale at Marra's Pharmacy and LePage's market. The Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army will be scheduled after Thanksgiving. The Cohoes Rotary Holiday party will be Thursday, December 16 at the Century House in Latham.

**Program:** Terry Phillips and Fred Daniels went over the results of the membership satisfaction survey taken by 14 of Cohoes Rotary members. Overall Cohoes members are satisfied with the way the club is run. Terry and Fred will share membership development plans from other clubs with Cohoes Rotary. Those clubs in the district that are growing have membership plans with a goal. The clubs have a strong public image, they hold memberhip events, they have flexible meeting formats and flexible dues structures.

**Response:** Roderick Sipe responded on behalf of the club.

#### **Check Presentation Connect Center for Youth**



Left to right: Ben Williams, Executive Director, Connect Center for Youth and Roderick Sipe, President, Rotary Club of Cohoes

# When and Where Other Rotary Clubs Meet:

To view when and where other Rotary Clubs in District 7190 meet go to: <a href="http://www.rotary7190.org/">http://www.rotary7190.org/</a>, click on When/Where Clubs Meet in the upper left corner of the home page.

### **Cohoes Rotary Club Meeting Schedule**

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The schedule format is the first <u>Tuesday</u> of the month, a Board dinner meeting at <u>5:45</u> pm at the Century House. All club members are invited to attend. The second Wednesday of the month will be a lunch meeting at 12:15 pm at LifePath at Cohoes Senior Center. The third and fourth Wednesdays of the month will be Zoom meetings at 7:00 pm. 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 Bruce McConnelee - District Governor

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We conclude the meeting with recitation of <u>The 4 Way Test</u> 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**

11/24/21-Cohoes Rotary Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom 12/7/21-Cohoes Rotary Board Meeting, 5:45 pm, The Century House, Latham 12/16/21-Cohoes Rotary Holiday Party, 5:45

pm, The Century House, Latham 12/22/21-Cohoes Rotary Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom RI President Shekhar Mehta is urging members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

