

Rota-Briefs

Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

December 22, 2021

Mission of Rotary/Invocation: Roderick Sipe

Birthday: Colin Demers

Anniversary: Bob Van Alstine

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests: Sandy Zerrillo, Van Schaick Mansion

Door Prize: Linda Tremblay

Powerball: Dave Havnen tried for \$360 but was unsuccessful.

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

Good News/Bad News:

Mike Brooks was sorry to report that Jackie Brennan's husband died. Mike was happy for his grandson's birthday coming up on Christmas Day. Mike read some words of wisdom.

Byron Moak reported that he had a dental appointment with Dr. Mitola. Dave told Byron he had a good time at the Rotary holiday party. Byron was sorry he had commitments with the Shriners and was unable to attend the Rotary holiday party. Monday Byron had lunch at the Red Lion Inn. All the patrons and servers were masked. Byron will be celebrating Christmas at his sister's house. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chuck Ries was happy that while he was attending the Zoom meeting his daughter was off camera putting together a new office chair for him so he will be more comfortable during Zoom meetings. On Saturday, Chuck and his son-in-law went to lunch at Café Lena. They had to drive back in a storm.

Bill Sage was happy to have had a great time at the Rotary holiday party. In the course of conversation Bill learned he had a lot in common with Tammy Parker's husband Sean. Bill and Tammy made a tentative date to go skydiving.

Bob Van Alstine had a great time at the Rotary holiday party. Both he and Karen are progressing well after their respective surgeries. Bob is not doing much walking yet. He is looking forward to Christmas with his wife, daughter and one son, but will be missing his other son and his family.

Ed Tremblay was happy to report that the Holiday Hope program was very successful this year. Over 130 families were assisted with gifts for the holidays. Macaran Printed Products in Cohoes donated a boy's and a girl's bicycle to be raffled off, and their employees donated individual gifts to Holiday Hope. LifePath at Cohoes had a nice holiday party on Friday. Over 80 seniors attended. Everyone was masked. There was a DJ playing music. The Mayor and some of his staff came to wish the seniors well. Ed was sorry that the cases of Covid are rapidly rising again.

Linda Tremblay had a great time at the Rotary holiday party. Unfortunately, her son, who is vaccinated and boosted, came down with a breakthrough case of Covid. Fortunately, he does not require hospitalization.

Roderick Sipe was happy to report that he got his Covid booster shot today. Two of his four children have arrived at his house for the holidays. The others will arrive next week.

Club Business:

Rotary ornaments sold out and only a few mugs are left. Given the rapid rise in Covid cases, there was a discussion about whether to continue in-person Rotary meetings. Linda Tremblay will send an email to the Board for an online vote as to whether to resume an all Zoom format for Rotary meetings for the time being.

Program:

Sandy Zerrillo from the Van Schaick Mansion thanked the club for their generous gift. The storm windows and the porch at the mansion are fixed. The Mansion received two historic preservation grants and a matching grant from the Daughters of the American Revolution. There were over 200 visitors to the Van Schaick Mansion in 2021. The clapboard on the back of the house still needs repair. The staff is looking to develop an herbal and pollinator garden. They have a new member who is a master gardener. She has submitted a grant application to Cooperative Extension to help create the garden.

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

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 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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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

1/5/22-Cohoes Rotary Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom
1/12/22-Cohoes Rotary Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom
1/19/22-Cohoes Rotary Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom
1/26/22- 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.



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