

# Rota-Briefs

Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

March 16, 2022

**Mission of Rotary/Invocation:** Roderick Sipe

**Birthday:**

**Anniversary:**

**Visiting Rotarians:**

**Guests:** Dave Koshnick, President, Choose Cohoes for Art

**Door Prize:** Mike Brooks

**Powerball:** Roderick Sipe tried for \$427 but was unsuccessful.

**Rotarians Present:** Brooks, Havnen, Moak, Parker, Sage, Shannon, Sipe, Tremblay, E., Tremblay, L.

**Good News/Bad News:**

**Mike Brooks** was happy that his oldest son Mike just turned 50. Mike read some words of wisdom.

**Bill Sage** was happy for the beautiful weather. Yesterday was the Ides of March and tomorrow is St. Patrick's Day.

**Dave Havnen** was happy not to have any doctor's appointments this week. The temperature in his house is currently 80 degrees, but he does not want to turn on the air conditioning.

**Byron Moak** was happy that it is still light out at 7:00 pm. He wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day. He will be attending a corned beef and cabbage dinner at his Shriner's Lodge. Byron will be attending Shrine events all weekend in Saratoga. He will attend the Potentate's ball which is a black tie event. Byron is looking forward to Sunday because it will be the first day of spring.

**Pat Shannon** was happy to be back in the Cohoes Rotary Club.

**Tammy Parker** was happy to report that she is helping to plan her son's wedding and she is having a great time. Tammy is sad for Ukraine.

**Dave Koshnick** stated that no news is good news.

**Ed Tremblay** reported that tomorrow he and Linda will be attending the corned beef and cabbage dinner at LifePath at Cohoes Senior Center. To date they have reservations for 85 dinners.

**Linda Tremblay** reported that she, Ed, and Dave Koshnick were all at the candlelight vigil the City of Cohoes held in support of Ukraine.

**Roderick Sipe** reported that he is painting his bedroom. The walls are treated and sanded. Roderick and his wife are looking forward to their upcoming trip to San Francisco to visit their daughter and son-in-law.

**Club Business:**

Roderick Sipe welcomed Pat Shannon back into the Cohoes Rotary. Roderick noted that the Regional Food Bank is holding a Mac and Cheese Bowl fundraiser on Saturday, March 26 on Remsen Street in Cohoes. The Rotary District Conference will be held April 29-May 1, 2022, at the Great Escape Lodge in Lake George. Cohoes Rotary Virtual Trivia Night will be held Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 7:00 pm. Easter 50/50 raffle tickets were mailed to club members this morning.

**Program:**

Dave Koshnick, President, Choose Cohoes for Art, gave some history of the origins of the organization. Choose Cohoes for Art started as the Arts Committee under the Cohoes Local Development Corporation. In 2018, Choose Cohoes for Art incorporated as a 501c3. The first Artist Showcase was held in 2011 in a storefront on Remsen Street. The next five years the Artist Showcase was held at The Venue (formerly St. Joseph's Church in Cohoes). In 2014 and 2015 the Moonglow Gala was held in conjunction with the Artist Showcase. The Liz Toch Scholarship was established in 2014 for students planning to attend art school. It was then expanded to support anyone in the creative arts. Last year \$1,000 was awarded to Art for Vets who used the donation to purchase art supplies. In recent years, the Artist Showcase has been held in the Cohoes Music Hall, except for 2020, which was a virtual showcase. Fred Neudoerffer is the curator of the Artist Showcase. The members of the group are looking forward to an in-person Artist Showcase this year. Choose Cohoes for Art has a website and a Facebook page. The group is looking to expand their Board beyond members who are artists.

**Response:**

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:**

**Note: Cohoes Rotary Board of Directors meetings will resume as in person meetings at the Century House in Latham. All other meetings will be Zoom meetings until further notice.**

#### **Meeting Schedule**

The schedule format is the first Wednesday of the month, a Board dinner meeting at 5:45 pm at the Century House. All club members are invited to attend. The second, 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

**Cohoes Rotary Web Site -**  
[www.rotaryclubofcohoes.org](http://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**

3/1/22-Cohoes Rotary Board Meeting, 5:45 pm, The Century House, Latham  
3/9/22-Cohoes Rotary Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom  
3/16/22-Cohoes Rotary Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom, Guest Speaker, Dave Koshnick, President, Choose Cohoes for Art  
3/23/22- Cohoes Rotary Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom, Guest Speaker, Ta-Sean Murdock, Complex Director, Gateway Sports  
3/30/22-No Meeting  
3/30/22-Virtual Trivia Night, 7:00 pm

**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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