

Rota-Briefs

Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

April 27, 2022

Mission of Rotary/Invocation: Roderick Sipe
Birthday:
Anniversary:
Visiting Rotarians:
Guests: Kerrie-Wold Piechota, Habitat for Humanity
Door Prize: Bill Sage
Powerball: Byron Moak tried for \$460 but was unsuccessful.
Rotarians Present: Brooks, Moak, Parker, Ries, Sage, Sipe, Tremblay, E., Tremblay, L., Van Alstine

Good News/Bad News:

Mike Brooks reported that he spent overnight in Saratoga Hospital. He is feeling better now. Mike read some words of wisdom.

Bill Sage was happy to have just returned from his grandson's baseball game. It was very cold and windy. Unfortunately, they lost by 1 run.

Byron Moak wishes it would warm up. His tulips are in bud. At least the cool weather will make them last longer. Byron is having repair work done on his porch. The floor has been sanded and painted and new railings are in place. Byron is still not sure when his hip surgery can be scheduled. Hopefully, his insurance will cover at least some of the rehab.

Tammy Parker had 9 teeth pulled last Monday. She needed 35 stitches on the top of her mouth. Tammy is happy it is over.

Bob Van Alstine was sad to report that his wife Karen got Covid. Fortunately, because she was vaccinated and boosted, the case of Covid was mild. Bob got his second Covid booster shot.

Kerrie Wold-Piechota was happy to be at the meeting to talk about Habitat for Humanity. She likes Mike's dad jokes. She wished the weather would get warmer.

Ed Tremblay was sad to report that he tested positive for Covid. So far it has been a mild case. He is also vaccinated and boosted for Covid. His pulmonary doctor had him get the monoclonal antibody infusion on Monday. Because of his Covid diagnosis, Ed is sorry he will be unable to attend the LifePath Third Age awards.

Linda Tremblay reported that she is still testing negative for Covid. She was sad to announce that Mother Geraldine Clemmons, former Rector of St. John's Church in Cohoes, passed away.

Chuck Ries reported that he saw people preparing the NYS canals to be opened. The trees are budding. There is a strong, cold wind today. Chuck is afraid that it will go directly from cold to hot.

Roderick Sipe was happy that Sunday is his grandson's birthday from New Hampshire. The family is making final preparations for the birth of the new grandchild from San Francisco. Roderick's wife Karen will be flying back to San Francisco to assist with the

new baby.

Club Business:

The Rotary District Conference will be held April 29-May 1, 2022, at the Great Escape Lodge in Lake George. The LifePath Third Age Awards will be held Friday, April 29, 2022, at 11:30 am at Wolferts Roost Country Club in Albany. One of the honorees is Cohoes Rotarian Charles Ries. Saturday, May 7 is Clean Up Day in the City of Cohoes. The Cohoes Rotary is planning to work cleaning around the Cohoes Senior Center and Cayuga Plaza. If you are interested in helping, please let Roderick Sipe or Linda Tremblay know.

Program:

Kerrie Wold-Piechota serves as Director of Resource Development for Habitat for Humanity in Schenectady County. They partner with working families to help them purchase affordable homes. They have seven employees. Their Ramp Up program provides handicapped accessible ramps. So far eighteen families and three non-profits have received ramps. Since 1993, 59 homes have been built. Habitat for Humanity works with youth teaching them building skills and work with Veterans to assist with closings on homes. Habitat's ReStore is located at 115 North Broadway in Schenectady. Because they accept donated furniture, they have kept 178 tons of usable furniture out of landfills. Following HUD Guidelines, each county determines the necessary income level to qualify to purchase a Habitat for Humanity home. Recipients must show two years of interrupted income to qualify. Families pay their own mortgage.

Response: Roderick Sipe responded on behalf of the club.

Cohoes Rotary at LifePath Third Age Awards



Congratulations to Cohoes Rotarian Charles Ries (center left), one of the winners of the 2022 LifePath Third Age Awards.

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.

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, 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

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

4/6/22-Cohoes Rotary Board Meeting, 5:45 pm, The Century House, Latham
4/13/22-Cohoes Rotary Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom
4/20/22-Cohoes Rotary Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom
4/27/22- Cohoes Rotary Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom, Guest Speaker, Kerrie Wold-Piechota, Habitat for Humanity

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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