# **Rota-Briefs**



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

July 14, 2021

Mission of Rotary: Roderick Sipe

Song: Birthday: Anniversary: Visiting Rotarians:

Guests: : Melanie Diaz, Café Con Mel

Door Prize: Chuck Ries

Powerball: Bill Sage tried for \$258 but was

unsuccessful.

**Rotarians Present:** Brooks, Havnen, Napier, Ries, Sage, Sipe, Tremblay, E., Tremblay L., Van

**Alstine** 

### Good News/Bad News:

**Mike Brooks** was sad to report that a former coworker, Linda Peterson, died. Mike read some words of wisdom.

Bob Van Alstine said that a woman and her children were out for a walk. They rang Bob's doorbell because they were trying to get away from a bull and some cows that had escaped from a local farm. The animals were in Bob's front yard, and one came up on the porch.

Dave Havnen was happy to report that he has

lost 13 pounds on his diet. Dave has two doctor's appointments this week.

Bill Sage was happy to be at the meeting. Two weeks of rain has not been good for his business. Steve Napier was happy that more businesses will be opening in Cohoes. Two businesses will be opening this week and two more will be opening soon. Steve was also happy that a Cohoes Music Hall Foundation has been established. One dollar per ticket sale at the Music Hall will be given to the Foundation.

Linda Tremblay was happy to have spent a nice weekend in New York City visiting her son and daughter-in-law. Unfortunately, the heavy rain caused major flooding at St. John's Church in Cohoes. Linda and Father Hinrichs were interviewed on Channel 10 News about the flood.

**Ed Tremblay** is Senior Warden at St. John's Church, so he has been coordinating the efforts to repair the damage at the church.

**Melanie Diaz** was happy to have survived the pandemic.

**Chuck Ries** was sad that his wife Debby fell in their kitchen last night. Fortunately, she was not injured. Chuck was involved with the Board of the Cohoes Music Hall when it first reopened in

the 1970s.

**Roderick Sipe** noted that today was Bastille Day. Roderick was happy to report that he should have his own office for Edward Jones by the fall.

#### **Club Business:**

The next two Cohoes Rotary meetings will be Zoom meetings on Wednesday, July 21 and Wednesday, July 28 at 7:00 pm.

### Program:

Melanie Diaz founded the catering business D & L Hospitality 4 ½ years ago. During the pandemic she was not getting catering orders. She switched her business model. She and a partner opened a coffee shop called Café Con Mel. Opening the coffee shop saved her catering business. D & L Hospitality is the main caterer for The Venue in Cohoes. Café Con Mel is open 7 days a week. On Friday nights D & L provides food for Bye-i Brewing in Cohoes. D & L Hospitality is the only caterer in the Capital Region that does Filipino food.

#### Response:

Roderick Sipe responded on behalf of the club.



Roderick Sipe and Melanie Diaz

## 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 (formerly 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**

7/6/21-Cohoes Rotary Board Meeting, 5:45 pm, The Century House, Latham 7/14/21-Cohoes Rotary Meeting, 12:15 pm, LifePath Cohoes (Cohoes Senior Center) 7/21/21-Cohoes Rotary Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom

7/28/21-Cohoes Rotary Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom

8/3/21-Cohoes Rotary Board Meeting, 5:45 pm, The Century House, Latham 8/11/21-Cohoes Rotary Meeting, 12:15 pm, LifePath Cohoes (Cohoes Senior Center) 8/18/21-Cohoes Rotary Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom

8/25/21-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 other is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

