

# Rota-Briefs

Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

September 22, 2021

**Mission of Rotary:** Roderick Sipe

**Invocation:**

**Birthday:**

**Anniversary:**

**Visiting Rotarians:**

**Guests:** Ben Williams, Executive Director, Connect Center for Youth

**Door Prize:** Bill Sage

**Powerball:** Ben Williams tried for \$305 but was unsuccessful.

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

## Good News/Bad News:

**Mike Brooks** was sad to report that Walter Adams from Cohoes died. Mike read some words of wisdom.

**Byron Moak** was happy that *The Record* newspaper did a front page story about the Lansingburgh Historical Society celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lansingburgh. There will be an anniversary celebration at the Van Schaick Mansion. Byron is sad that it is now dark by 7:00 pm. Byron is looking forward to going to Syracuse for the NYS Deliberation for the Scottish Rite.

**Bill Sage** had a good weekend. He and his wife attended a reunion for Catholic High at the Albany Yacht Club. Dave Mitola's parents were also there. Bill also attended a Brooks Barbecue parish picnic for St. Ambrose Church.

**Bob Van Alstine** had a great vacation in Maine with family and friends.

**Tammy Parker** had a wonderful time in Cleveland at her niece's bridal shower. Her bad news was that she had two root canals today and the Novocain did not work. She normally cannot take NSAIDS for pain, but she took some anyway.

**Ed Tremblay** was happy to acknowledge his parents and in-laws wedding anniversaries which was September 18. They had the same anniversary, one year apart. He and Linda had a good vacation in Washington, DC. They had great meals and enjoyed sightseeing. Unfortunately, there was no progress on the work at the church in Ed and Linda's absence.

**Linda Tremblay** had a good lunch in Washington, DC with a first cousin she did not know she had. They discovered each other through Ancestry.com.

**Ben Williams** was happy that the summer program at the Connect Center for Youth was finished, and the program was successful. They are dealing with water leaks in the Connect Center's technology room. Ben has been coordinating all the contractors to get the leaks fixed. Now the Connect Center is offering an after school program for youth. Mike Brooks would like to donate computer equipment to the Connect Center.

**Roderick Sipe** was happy to have participated in the Rotary Gift of Life golf tournament last Monday. A lot of money was raised for the Gift of Life. During the pandemic, the Gift of Life doctors were still performing operations in countries who would allow them to come in. Children from overseas received operations in this country at Albany Medical Center. Roderick's wife Karen arrived safely in San Francisco for a 12 day visit with their daughter and son-in-law.

**Dave Havnen** was happy to have gotten his flu shot. He was not able to receive his eye injection today because his doctor was sick.

## Club Business:

The City of Cohoes Halloween Party will be held Friday, October 29. The Cohoes Rotary and LifePath will partner with the City of Cohoes sponsoring a party for the children at LifePath Cohoes. If you are available to work at the party, please let Roderick Sipe or Linda Tremblay know.

## Program:

Ben Williams thanked the Cohoes Rotary for its donation to the Connect Center. The money will be used to redesign the bathrooms to make them ADA compliant and to bring them up to code. The Connect Center has college student volunteers helping to run the after school program. Currently they have twelve children enrolled, but they have the capacity to handle 30-40 children. Infrastructure problems are the biggest issues facing the Good Ground Church and the Connect Center.

Ed Tremblay informed Ben that this year's Cohoes Rotary ornament will feature an image of St. Agnes Church. The back of the ornament states that St. Agnes Church closed and that the building is currently occupied by the Good Ground Church and the Connect Center for Youth. This year the Cohoes Rotary will donate \$5 per ornament sold to the Connect Center.

## 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

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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 (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

**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

9/29/21-Cohoes Rotary Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom  
10/5/21-Cohoes Rotary Board Meeting, 5:45 pm, The Century House, Latham  
10/13/21-Cohoes Rotary Meeting, 12:15 pm, LifePath Cohoes (Cohoes Senior Center)  
10/20/21-Cohoes Rotary Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom  
10/27/21-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.**



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