

Rota-Briefs



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

January 25, 2023

Mission of Rotary/Invocation: Linda Tremblay
Birthday:

Anniversary:

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests:

Door Prize: Dave Havnen

Powerball: Linda Tremblay tried for \$58 but was unsuccessful.

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

Good News/Bad News:

Mike Brooks was sorry that his cousin Julie DeFrusco lost several family members in the past few weeks. Mike read some words of wisdom.

Dave Havnen was happy that the snowstorm was not bad.

Bill Sage was glad that spring is on the way.

Roderick Sipe was sad to report that his wife Karen has been suffering from the flu the past few weeks. The good news is that they are redecorating a bathroom.

Bob Van Alstine was glad that he did not have to go anywhere after the snowstorm. When the weather is bad Bob is no longer able to go out and shovel or use the snowblower.

Ken Rose was happy that he got his Rotary magazine in the mail.

Byron Moak reported that the Schenectady Shriners cancelled their meeting scheduled for tonight. Fortunately, Byron never had to report for jury duty. Byron's neighbor cleared the snow from his car.

Ed Tremblay started his physical therapy for his foot. He will be going to PT twice a week for three weeks. LifePath sold 45 grab and go dinners in Cohoes and 30 meals in Watervliet. There will be more grab and go dinners scheduled.

Linda Tremblay was happy to report that her car was fixed and is running great.

Club Business:

The Valentine's Day 50/50 raffle tickets were distributed. Prizes will be half of the proceeds raised and a box of Valentine's Day chocolates. The winner will be drawn on February 7.

Program:

The guest speaker was Bob Van Alstine. Bob discussed his newly finished book titled **Learning Under the Dome**, which is a history of public education until 1963 in Waterford, NY. The second book is titled **School 1 Memories** in which people shared their memories of School 1. Bob compiled recollections from 56 people. The two books took him 2 ¾ years to write. In his research, Bob discovered that he was descended from two original settlers of Waterford. One of the early public schools in Waterford was started by Emma Willard (1819). Later the school moved to Troy. In 1849 a new public school was built. School 1 was built from 1890-91. In 1928 a gym and auditorium were added. By the 1950s the school was no longer big enough. The cornerstone for Waterford/Halfmoon school was laid in 1961. The school opened in 1962. Bob started compiling memories from people starting in the 1950s. Bob is donating his manuscripts to the Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center who will publish them.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

1000 Islands Harbor Hotel, Clayton, New York

May 5-7, 2023



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 and third Wednesday of the month is a lunch meeting at 12:00 pm at LifePath at Cohoes Senior Center. The fourth Wednesday of the month is a Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm. There will not be a meeting if there is a fifth Wednesday in the month.

Rotary Club Officers

Tammy Parker – President
Roderick Sipe - Past President
Linda Tremblay - Secretary
Michael Brooks – Treasurer
Ed Tremblay – Sergeant at Arms
Denise DiNoto - District Governor

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We conclude the meeting with recitation of The 4 Way Test led by Linda Tremblay.

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

1/25/23-Cohoes Rotary Zoom Meeting, 7:00 pm,
Guest Speaker, Bob Van Alstine
2/7/23-Cohoes Rotary Board Meeting, 5:45 pm,
The Century House, Latham
2/15/23-Cohoes Rotary Lunch Meeting, 12:00
pm, LifePath at Cohoes Senior Center
2/22/23-Cohoes Rotary Lunch Meeting, 12:00
pm, LifePath at Cohoes Senior Center
No Zoom meeting for the month of February
3/7/23-Cohoes Rotary Board Meeting, 5:45 pm,
The Century House, Latham
3/15/23-Cohoes Rotary Lunch Meeting, 12:00
pm, LifePath at Cohoes Senior Center, **Guest**
Speakers Beth Smith Boivin and Andrew
Sagarin, The Alzheimer's Association
3/22/23-Cohoes Rotary Lunch Meeting, 12:00
pm, LifePath at Cohoes Senior Center
3/29/23-Cohoes Rotary Zoom Meeting, 7:00 pm

Rotary International President Jennifer Jones imagines a Rotary where members act to make their dreams become reality and make the most of their club experiences. During her year, Jones will focus on four presidential initiatives that Imagine Rotary: advancing our commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI); creating a welcoming club experience; empowering girls; and expanding our reach.

