Rota-Briefs

IMAGINE ROTARY

Mission of Rotary/Invocation: Linda Tremblay
Birthday:
Anniversary:
Visiting Rotarians:
Guests: Joseph Seman-Graves, City Planner, City of Cohoes
Door Prize: Ed Tremblay
Powerball: Byron Moak tried for $73 but was unsuccessful.
Rotarians Present: Moak, Napier, Rose, Sage, Tremblay, L., Tremblay, E., Van Alstine

Good News/Bad News:
Bob Van Alstine purchased a computer for someone. Everything that could go wrong did go wrong when Bob was trying to get the computer set up.
Byron Moak went to Lee, MA over the weekend and had a good meal at 51 Park Restaurant & Tavern. Byron was not happy about the snowstorm that is coming. Lent has begun. The clocks go ahead in two weeks.
Ken Rose was happy to report that he has been doing some walking this week.
Bill Sage was confident we will get through the weather that is coming. Bill's grandson's volleyball team's recognition ceremony at the legislature went well.
Steve Napier was hoping to be able to move back into his house this week, but now it looks like it will not be until the end of March.
Joe Seman-Graves has two children, a 5 year old and a 6 month old, both of whom are sick. Fortunately, his in-laws came to help care for them.
Ed Tremblay attended a good Cohoes Neighborhood Watch meeting last night and a good LifePath Annual Meeting this morning.
Linda Tremblay reported that she and Ed were playing Monopoly with their grandchildren this week. As usual, their grandson won.

Club Business:
The next 50/50 raffle will be an Easter raffle. Tickets will be mailed to members. The winner will receive half the proceeds raised and an Easter basket. Ed and Linda Tremblay will be attending PETS in Syracuse on March 18.

Program:
Joseph Seman-Graves, City Planner for the City of Cohoes, gave an overview of some of the projects he is working on for the City. As City Planner, Joe reviews buildings and businesses coming into Cohoes. He reaches out to property owners who have vacant buildings, working with them to get the buildings occupied. Two years ago there were 260 vacant buildings in Cohoes. This year that number has been reduced to 140 vacant buildings. The City purchased new residential recycling bins. All the City street lights are now owned by the City of Cohoes and have been converted to LED, saving Cohoes $350,000 a year. That savings was bonded and used as match for other grants. The walkable Remsen Street Corridor project is finished, installing new sidewalks and bringing utilities to the site where the fire occurred on Remsen Street. The City of Cohoes has a $4.9 million grant to repave Columbia Street and add sidewalks. The work being done between Trull Street and Broadway is a different grant. An additional $279,000 grant will work on streetscapes from Saratoga Street to Spring Street. In the spring a pocket park will be constructed on the corner of White and Remsen Street as part of grants totaling $670,000 to do streetscapes from Mohawk Street to Main Street. The administration has secured grants to restore the Cohoes Library, the Cohoes Music Hall, and Cohoes City Hall. It will cost $1.7 million to replace the roof, $1 to upgrade the heating and cooling, and $3 million dollars to replace the windows in City Hall. Repair to the roof of the Cohoes Music Hall will cost $1 million and upgrading the heating and cooling will cost $1.3 million. Geo thermal will be used to heat and cool the Music Hall. The Cohoes Public Library needs $1 million in various upgrades. The floating solar panel project on the reservoir will power Cohoes municipal buildings. A $1.1 million grant will be used to design a waterfront park on Delaware Avenue. Greenbrier and Sunset Parks have been upgraded. Joe gave credit to Theresa Bourgeois, former Operations Manager for the City of Cohoes, for securing most of the grant funding.
Response:
Linda Tremblay responded on behalf of the club.

Linda Tremblay and Joseph Seman-Graves

The schedule format is the first Underline 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
Edward Tremblay-President Elect
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
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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

2/22/23-Cohoes Rotary Lunch Meeting, 12:00 pm, LifePath at Cohoes Senior Center, **Guest Speaker, Joseph Seman-Graves, City Planner, City of Cohoes** <u>No Zoom meeting for the month of February</u>
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.