

# Rota-Briefs



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

April 19, 2023

**Mission of Rotary/Invocation:** Dave Havnen

**Birthday:** Ken Rose

**Anniversary:**

**Visiting Rotarians:**

**Guests:** Laura Tarlo, Principal; Daniel Martinelli, Assistant Superintendent, Cohoes City School District.

**Door Prize:** Dave Havnen

**Powerball:** Dan Martinelli tried for \$117 but was unsuccessful.

**Rotarians Present:** Brooks, Havnen, Moak, Ries, Rose, Tremblay, L., Tremblay, E.

**Good News/Bad News:**

**Mike Brooks** read some words of wisdom.

**Byron Moak** noted that it was the anniversary of the battle of Lexington and Concord. Byron was glad to see everything turning green and the tulips flowering. The Lansingburgh Historic Society will be holding an Open House at the Melville House. Byron's cousin's funeral was last Friday.

**Dave Havnen** was happy that he has had his new car for three weeks and everything still runs. His bad news was that he had to get an eye injection in two hours.

**Ken Rose** was happy to have had a visit from his oldest grandson last week.

**Dan Martinelli** was happy to be filling in for Peggy O'Shea at today's meeting. His bad news was that he incorrectly cut tiles for a bathroom he is working on at home. Now he has quite a few unusable tiles.

**Laura Tarlo** met with the High School counseling team and learned the names of this year's valedictorian and salutatorian.

**Ed Tremblay** was sad to learn that Francis McDonald, wife of former Rotarian Harry McDonald, passed away. Ed had a good appointment with his allergist today. Ed reported that the Patsy Cline dinner was a huge success.

**Linda Tremblay** read a thank you note from Carol Bryce, winner of the Easter basket raffle. She took \$300 of her winnings and donated it to a friend suffering from pancreatic cancer to help her purchase things she needs. Carol donated the remaining \$25 of her winnings back to the Cohoes Rotary club.

**Club Business:**

Superintendent Peggy O'Shea will schedule some speakers from the school district for May.

**Program:**

Dan Martinelli introduced Laura Tarlo by stating that Laura brought the niceties back to the kids of Cohoes (proms, speakers, career days). The school district feels very fortunate to have Laura on staff. Laura stated that she was born and raised in Cohoes, having graduated from Cohoes High School in 1997. She learned about community by working at her parents Cohoes business, LePage's market. After graduating from college, Laura worked for a time in a larger school district, but she is happy to now be in Cohoes. She prefers the smaller school district environment. Laura is comfortable calling the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent with ideas, knowing they will listen.

Both Laura and Dan talked about the students in Cohoes as really good kids. Although they talked about the need to have younger students involved in STEM, they both feel that some students need more hands on instruction on workplace ready job skills. The High School works with Hudson Valley Community College on a program called Future Ready Pathways, where students participate in programs and earn college credit.

**Response:**

Linda Tremblay responded on behalf of the club.



Laura Tarlo, Linda Tremblay, Dan Martinelli

## 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  
**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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[www.rotaryclubofcohoes.org](http://www.rotaryclubofcohoes.org)

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?"

From [ABC's of Rotary](#)

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

**4/12/23**-Cohoes Rotary Lunch Meeting,  
12:00 pm, LifePath at Cohoes Senior Center  
**4/19/23**-Cohoes Rotary Lunch Meeting,  
12:00 pm, LifePath at Cohoes Senior  
Center, guest speaker Laura Tarlo,  
Principal, Cohoes High School  
**4/26/23**-Cohoes Rotary Zoom Meeting, 7:00  
pm  
**5/2/23**-Cohoes Rotary Board Meeting, 5:45  
pm, The Century House, Latham  
**5/10/23**-Cohoes Rotary Lunch Meeting,  
12:00 pm, LifePath at Cohoes Senior Center  
**5/17/23**-Cohoes Rotary Lunch Meeting,  
12:00 pm, LifePath at Cohoes Senior Center  
**5/24/23**-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.

