



# ROTA-BRIEFS

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## Rotary Club of Cohoes-A Subsidiary of Rotary International

RI President for 2023-24, R. Gordon R. McNally, calls for Rotary to create hope in the world by working for peace and mental wellbeing. He urges members to engage in tough conversations and earn the trust that is necessary to realize these values.

### Cohoes City School District Budget Presentation

Peggy O'Shea, Superintendent, and Stacy Mackey, Business Official, gave a 2023-24 School Budget presentation to the Cohoes Rotary. Eighty per cent of the budget covers instruction and employee benefits. The remaining expenditures include operations, transportation, and debt service. Revenue sources include state aid, building aid, federal aid, property taxes, PILOTS, consumer utility taxes, refunds & tuition. The school budget passed on May 16, 2023.



Peggy O'Shea, Linda Tremblay, Stacy Mackey

### Rotary International Avenues of Service

- **Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention**
- **Disease Prevention and Treatment**
- **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene**
- **Maternal and Child Health**
- **Basic Education and Literacy**
- **Community Economic Development**
- **Environment**

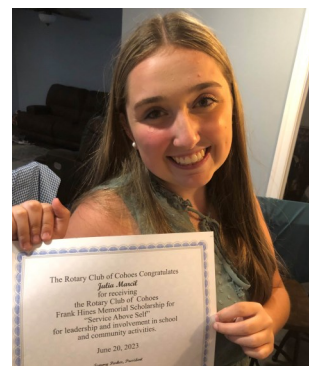
### Park Playhouse and Cohoes Music Hall

Owen Smith, Producing Artistic Director, Cohoes Music Hall and Park Playhouse, was named Director of the Park Playhouse Stage Company in 2010 and was named to run the Cohoes Music Hall in 2020. Owen's vision for the Cohoes Music Hall was to present a variety of shows, thereby attracting different audiences. Since reopening after Covid, the Cohoes Music Hall has hosted 140 events and shows, averaging 40,000 visitors a year. Next year is the 150th anniversary of the Cohoes Music Hall. The plan is to celebrate with a production of London Assurance, the play that was performed when the Cohoes Music Hall first opened in 1874. Park Playhouse Stage Company is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. Owen and many of the Playhouse Stage Company staff currently live in Cohoes.



Linda Tremblay and Owen Smith

### Julia Marcil Named Frank Hines Memorial Scholarship Winner



Julia Marcil, Class of 2023 graduate of Cohoes High School, was awarded the Cohoes Rotary Frank Hines Memorial Scholarship for dedication to academics and service to the local community and the world by exemplifying the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self." Julia stated, "I truly enjoy when I have the opportunity to help others and try to help the best I can. I plan to continue volunteering during my college years as I study to be a social worker." Julia will attend Keuka College in the fall.