



# Rota-Briefs



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

November 2, 2016

**Invocation:** Byron Moak

**Song:** "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald," Chuck Ries

**Birthday:**

**Anniversary:**

**Visiting Rotarians:** Byron Moak, Lansingburgh Club

**Guests:**

**Door Prize:** Linda Tremblay

**Powerball:** Bob Van Alstine tried for \$16 but was unsuccessful.

**Rotarians Present:**

Barrett, Boeckmann, Brooks, Demers, Farrell, Hovey, Ries, Shannon, Signoracci, Tremblay, E., Tremblay, L., Van Alstine

**Good News/Bad News:**

The following members paid happy/sad dollars:

**John Farrell** paid for missed meetings.

**Mike Brooks** thanked Bob Van Alstine for the ride to the Board meeting and to today's meeting. He read some words of wisdom.

**John Farrell** paid another \$5 for Mike Brooks' bad jokes. He wants to be back on the beach.

**Byron Moak** was happy to be at the meeting. He enjoys the good food and fellowship. He missed Mike's jokes. Byron hopes to help the family of the Colonie boy who was badly burned in the recent car accident. He is hoping to facilitate getting him placed in Shriner's hospital in Boston.

**Ed Tremblay** was happy that the Harvest Fest and Halloween party went well over the weekend. He was happy that Maribeth Maloney's daughter Megan got a job with the Albany County Health Department. She was a former intern for Ed at City Hall. He was happy that actor/director James Franco was filming today at the Cohoes Music Hall.

**Bob Van Alstine** was happy to have had a wonderful visit in Virginia for his grandson's third birthday.

**Pat Shannon** was sorry to be late. Her arm is healing but has a way to go.

**Marshall Barrett** was sorry that he was unable to help with the Rotary events over the weekend.

**Monika Boeckmann** was happy to have purchased four pies from the pie sale, but she has eaten a good portion of them already. She expressed her gratitude to the Cohoes Rotary Club for their continued support of the Cohoes Senior Center. She thanked Curtis Hovey for the Cohoes Community's Center's generosity toward the Senior Center.

**Colin Demers** was sorry that he was not available to help over the weekend but he said his hands are hurting from peeling apples. He said he went to Trump Tower to Trick or Treat, but Hillary Clinton took half the candy.

**Chuck Ries** was sorry to have missed the apple pie sale. He was happy he was able to assist at the Halloween party. He was sorry his granddaughter had to have gall bladder surgery but is confident she will do well. He paid for the long song.

**Curtis Hovey** was happy about the good Board meeting last night. He was happy the Sabers finally won. He was happy to have visited his parents over the weekend for his mother's

68<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was happy for the good turn-out for the meeting today.

**Club Business:** The apple pies sold out. Curtis Hovey thanked Colin for the great job the Century House staff did with cooking the pies. The Cayuga Plaza Clean-Up is rescheduled for November 19 at 9:00 am. The Rotary Foundation Dinner will be held November 17 at Saratoga National Golf Club. The Cohoes Rotary Christmas Party will be December 14 at the Century House. A slate of officers will be presented to the club in December. The club will be collecting monetary donations for the next few weeks from members that will be given to Holy Trinity Parish's food pantry for the purchase of Thanksgiving turkeys.

**Program:** Monika Boeckmann, Executive Director of Albany Senior Services, talked about the benefits for the Cohoes Senior Center and Albany Senior Services by merging management services.

**Response:** Curtis Hovey



Monika Boeckmann and Curtis Hovey

## Upcoming Rotary Speakers and Events

**11/9/16**-Hannah Milkins, Cohoes Music Hall

**11/16/16**-Alana Sparrow Matulis, Cohoes Dog Park

**11/17/16**-Rotary Foundation Centennial Dinner, Saratoga National Golf Club

**11/19/16**-Cayuga Plaza Clean-Up, 9:00 am

**12/14/16**-Cohoes Rotary Christmas Party, Century House

**4/1/17**-District Training Assembly and Grants Management Seminar, Skidmore College

## 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.

### Rotary Club Officers

**Curtis Hovey** - President  
**Patricia Shannon** – President Elect  
**Linda Tremblay** - Secretary  
**Michael Brooks** - Treasurer  
**Marshall Barrett** – Sergeant At Arms  
**John Mucha** - 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 John Farrell.

### 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](#)

### Song: The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald

The legend lives on from the Chippewa on down,  
of the big lake they called 'Gitche Gumee'  
The lake, it is said, never gives up her dead  
When the skies of November turn gloomy...

They might have split up or they might have  
capsized, they may have broke deep and took  
water,  
And all that remains is the faces and the names  
of the wives and the sons and the daughters...

In a musty old hall in Detroit they prayed in  
the maritime sailors' cathedral  
The church bell chimed till it rang twenty-  
nine times for each man on the Edmund  
Fitzgerald...

### Century House Menu for Cohoes Rotary

**First Course**  
Caesar Salad

**Entrée**  
Chicken Cordon Bleu  
*With a side of Rice Pilaf and Bean Medley*

**Dessert**  
Lemon Manifesto Bars