



Rota-Briefs



Rotary Club of Cohoes - A Subsidiary of Rotary International

April 12, 2017

Invocation: Bob Van Alstine

Song: "April Showers," Chuck Ries

Birthday: John Farrell

Anniversary:

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests: Jenn Sangiacomo, Instructional Technology Integration Specialist, Cohoes City School District; Cliff Bird, Principal, Abram Lansing School

Door Prize: Ed Tremblay

Powerball: Chuck Ries tried for \$96 but was unsuccessful.

Rotarians Present:

Brooks, Demers, Mitola, Ries, Cliff Bird for Jennifer Spring, Tremblay, E., Tremblay, L., Van Alstine

Good News/Bad News:

The following members paid happy/sad dollars:

Mike Brooks thanked Bob Van Alstine for the ride to the meeting. He congratulated Peggy O'Shea for receiving the Excellence in District Administration Leadership award from the Capital Area School Development Association. He read some words of wisdom.

Colin Demers told a funny story about a customer who called the Century House cursing them out for not having their Easter reservation and complaining about the fact that the Easter Brunch went up in price only to find out she had called the wrong restaurant. He was happy that they are almost full for their Easter Brunch.

Dave Mitola was happy and proud that his niece was in a school production of Les Miserables. It was a very professional production and she did a great job in her role. Her father is a Middle School English teacher who just published his second book. He is Random House's featured author this month.

Bob Van Alstine was happy to have seen the movie the Zoo Keeper's Wife. He thought it was very moving and highly recommended the movie.

Chuck Ries was happy to have gone to Buffalo to his aunt's 95th birthday party. She is very mentally sharp and was embarrassed by all the people who turned out for the event. He was happy that Dr. Mitola fixed his wife Debby's tooth before they drove to Buffalo.

Linda Tremblay was happy that her grandson Micah was the B95.5 Kid of the Week. Mr. Bird read about his award on the school announcements on Monday and his teacher honored him in the classroom. She was happy to report that Marshall Barrett's wife Connie is out of the hospital and doing well after her heart attack. She was sad to report that Jake Robert is in the hospital and not doing well. He may need nursing home placement.

Ed Tremblay was happy to have attended a really great spring concert yesterday at Abram Lansing School. Mr. Gunn the music teacher is doing a great job with the kids.

Cliff Bird was happy to recognize Micah Brady as the Kid of the Week. He was happy to congratulate Peggy O'Shea for receiving the Excellence in District Administration Award at tonight's awards dinner. He was also happy to welcome Jenn Sangiacomo to the meeting.

Club Business:

The Cohoes Rotary 90th Anniversary Celebration will be held at The Venue in Cohoes on April 27. The club will once again man a water table on May 6 for the Mastodon Race. On May 5 the Cohoes Rotary will hold a Spaghetti Dinner (take out only) during packet pick up for the race. Tomorrow, April 13 will be the Cayuga Plaza clean up. Please plan to attend.

Program: Jenn Sangiacomo talked about how there are major changes in how teachers instruct and students learn. The Cohoes City School District is committed to preparing its students for success in tomorrow's world. Their priorities are to support technology in the classroom and promote curiosity, creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, communication, citizenship and compassion in their students.

Response: Ed Tremblay responded on behalf of the club.



Jenn Sangiacomo and Ed Tremblay

Upcoming Rotary Speakers and Events

4/13/17-Cayuga Plaza Clean Up, 9:00 am

4/19/17-Jack Faddegon, Rotary District 7190 Assistant District Governor

4/27/17-Cohoes Rotary 90th Anniversary Party-The Venue, 65 Congress Street, Cohoes. Invite friends and family. This promises to be a fun event! Cost is \$20 per person, cash bar, Speakeasy finger foods, raffles and more surprises.

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
Edward Tremblay – President Elect
Linda Tremblay - Secretary
Michael Brooks - Treasurer
Marshall Barrett – Sergeant At Arms
John Mucha - District Governor

Cohoes Rotary Web Site -
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](#)

Song: April Showers

Though April Showers may come your way,
They bring the flowers that bloom in May.

So if it's raining have no regrets,
Because it isn't raining rain you know,
It's raining violets.

And when you see clouds up on the hills,
You soon will see crowds of daffodils,
So keep on looking for a bluebird
And list'ning for his song,
Whenever April Showers come along.

Century House Menu for Cohoes Rotary

First Course
Tossed Salad

Entrée
Chicken Marsala served with Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans

Dessert
Carrot Cake

MISSION

The mission of the Cohoes City School District, a partnership of schools, parents and the community, is to prepare its students for success in tomorrow's world.

**We believe in:
future-ready
knowledge and skills**

OUR COMMITMENT

All students will be immersed in rigorous coursework and engaged in learning that promotes curiosity, creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, communication, citizenship and compassion for others.

2016-17 PRIORITIES

TECHNOLOGY IN OUR CLASSROOMS:

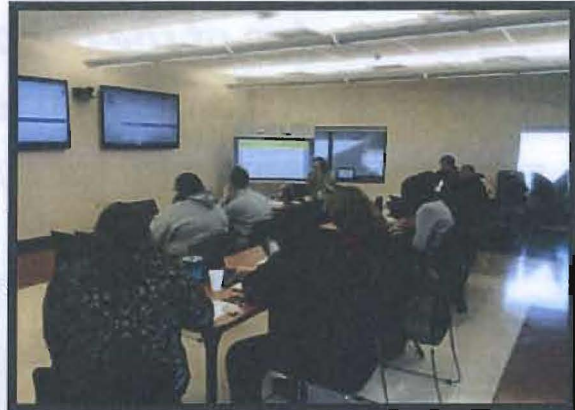
- Supporting the role of the **Instructional technology integration specialist**
- Implementing **Google Apps for Education**, including Gmail for staff and students
- Integrating **digital** skill expectations throughout the curriculum
- Putting **Chromebooks** in the hands of students across the district
- Developing and instituting a **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)** policy

PROMOTING THE SEVEN C'S:

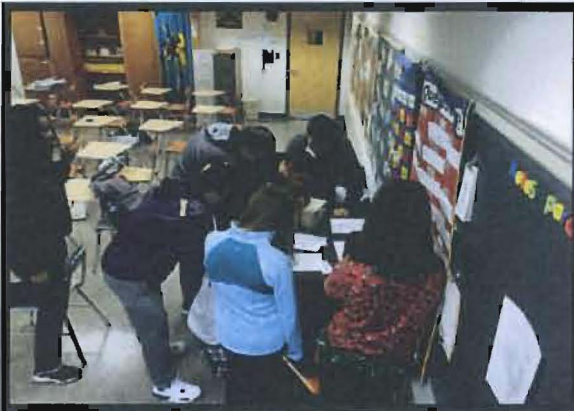
- Incorporating the seven C's – curiosity, creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, communication, citizenship and compassion—into **unit planning**
- Expanding **Project-Based Learning**



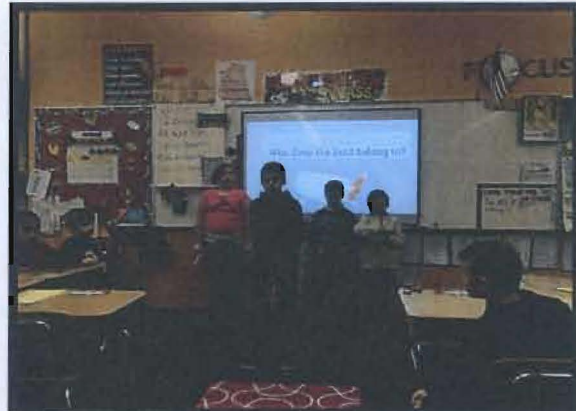
CHS students giving some Ipad pointers at the Cohoes Senior Center.



CMS and CHS Teachers on the path to becoming Google Level 1 Educators.



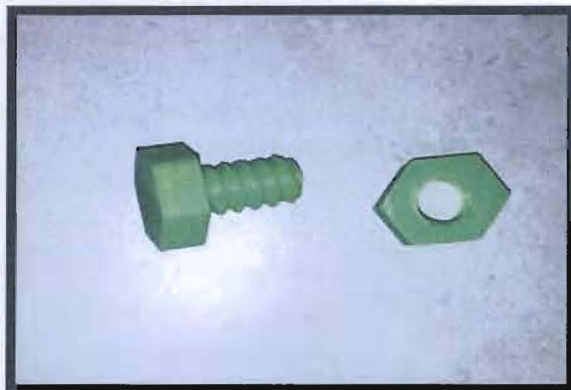
CHS Students immersed in a Breakout EDU game.



Anna Muscatello's 4th graders created a collaborative Google Slides Presentation for their "Who owns the land?" debate.



CHS students collaborating with Averill Park students via video conference.



Nut and bolt made by Sean Dollard's 3D Printing class.