

# 2014-2015 Club History

## Officers

President	Roy Cordero
1 <sup>st</sup> VP/Fund Raising	Terri Mahonski
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP and Treasurer	George Schwarztrauber
Secretary	Mark Capobianco

## The Year in Review

President Roy Cordero was inducted at the Pass the Gavel Dinner held on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at PS Restaurant.



July: On July 7<sup>th</sup> Roy conducted his first Club Assembly meeting in record time! Josh Charnetsky - our returning youth exchange student from Switzerland visited the club on July 28<sup>th</sup>. His slide show highlighted the many places he visited both in Switzerland and throughout Europe. He reported that he planned to attend Stonybrook University in the Fall to begin his college studies. The monthly speakers donation recipient was the Vestal United Methodist Church. A special \$500 donation was approved to support the Vestal Youth Police Academy.



August: August was a very busy month. Our exchange student, Katie returned from her cross county trip. Before she headed back to Poland she stopped in for one last club meeting to thank everyone for such a great year. District Governor Patricia Kriebel visited and presented Roy with a club citation. She spoke about her goals for District for this year. On August 15<sup>th</sup>, as part of our annual service project, the club worked the Lupo's Speidie Tent at the Dick's Sporting Goods Open. Our tent doubled sales from the previous year. More importantly, a good time was had by all! August 17<sup>th</sup> our new inbound exchange student Andre, arrived from Brazil. The monthly speakers donation recipient was the UHS Foundation.



September: Andre wasted no time getting comfortable both at Vestal High School and at our meetings. The club regretfully accepted Mary Surdey's resignation. Mary was a club member for 10 years, serving as club president in 2010-2011 and chaired the Kohl's for Kids community service project for 6 years. She transferred her membership to the Binghamton Noon club. She enjoyed her time as a member of our club and hoped our paths would cross frequently. The monthly speakers donation recipient was the Vestal Rotary Foundation.



October: The multi-talented Andre attended his first Willow Point Nursing Home pizza party on October 20<sup>th</sup>. He displayed his musical talents by entertaining the residents with his guitar and vocals. He was a huge hit! Among our speakers for the month, the Reverend Henoc Lucien visited and talked about the Vision of Hope ministry he leads in Haiti. The ministry provides safe water systems, schools, orphanages, nutritional help, and micro-loans to help people become self sufficient. The monthly speakers donation recipient was the Vestal Rotary Foundation.



November: The club was well represented at the annual Chamber Holiday Thanksgiving luncheon on November 18<sup>th</sup>. On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, our club was recognized at the annual Foundation Dinner for having one of the highest per capita donation rates in the district. The monthly speakers donation recipient was Vestal Dollars for Scholars.

December: One of our busiest months of the year. Holiday food drive collections were held on December 1, 8 and 15<sup>th</sup> with can packing on December 17<sup>th</sup>. As an incentive Carol Belva offer a challenge: she would donate \$10 to the foundation for each club member who donated their weight in food. The final can count was 4,922 food items collected by club members. We finished the year with our annual Kohl's for Kids shopping trip on December 29<sup>th</sup> under the new leadership of Rob Flanders. The monthly speakers donation recipient was the Vestal Emergency Squad. Finally, long time member Bart Bozzi submitted his resignation as he was moving out of the area. He was a 22 year member of our club serving as President in 1986-87.



January: Andy Papaleo sponsored a special Trivia Night at Castle Gardens on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The event resulted in a \$600 donation to our club's general fund. Ed Budnikas headed up our team for the annual Vestal School Foundation Trivia Night. Dave Cooley submitted his resignation. He was a club member for 3 years but business obligations made it difficult for him to attend meetings. The club donated \$500 to support the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Broome County Canstruction event and \$50 to help support the Vestal Police Department's new Citizen Police Academy. Our monthly speakers donation recipient was Vestal Dollars for Scholars.

February: The highlight of the month was our annual Valentine's Day Dinner hosted by Debbie and Richard Matsushima at Kampai Restaurant on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Our club enjoyed a wonderful video presentation from Andre in which he shared with us information about his home country, home town and family. He expressed his sincere appreciation and gratitude for the opportunity to be a Rotary exchange student and invited everyone to visit him in Brazil. The monthly speakers donation recipient was the Vestal School Foundation.



March: The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Vestal Rotary St. Patrick's Party was held March 14<sup>th</sup> at Terra Cotta. Roy headed up the planning committee and put together an unforgettable evening. Thanks to Ted Wolf we added a new raffle; a wheel barrel full of beer. As a special treat at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting Rick Pedro entertained us with his electric piano. The monthly speakers donation recipient was Our Lady of Sorrows Church.



April: On April 27<sup>th</sup> our club held an "Open House" hosted by Richard Matsushima at Kampai. There was an excellent turn out. Twelve prospective members had an opportunity to hear about our club, its activities and met some of its members. The monthly speakers donation recipient was the Vestal Rotary Foundation.

May: Our club was well represented at the District Conference held in Alexandria Bay. Roy Cordero, Ed Budnikas, Teri Mahonski, Steve Day, Richard Matsushima, as well as our 4 exchange students (3 outbound and Andre) all attended. Our club was treated to a second musical performance by André who played his guitar and sang several songs. The monthly speakers donation recipient was Vestal Dollars for Scholars.



June: Christine Day and Aaron Martin were inducted into the club on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Aaron's sponsor was Art Pavelski. Christine, formerly a member of the club, was sponsored by her husband, Steve. Pass the Gavel was held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at PS Restaurant. The monthly speakers donation recipient was Vestal Rotary Foundation.



## Speakers Program:

Once again we had a varied and interesting group of speakers visit our club. Following is a list of the speakers as well as the community organizations that benefited from our speakers program donations.

	Speaker	Donation
	<b>July</b>	
7/7/2014	Club Assembly	Vestal United Methodist Church
7/14/2014	Rob Warholc - Broome County Youth Sports Network	
7/21/2014	Rebecca Sherriff from Art Mission and Theater	
7/28/2014	Joshua Charnetsky - Vestal's Returning Youth Student from Switzerland	
	<b>August</b>	
8/4/2014	Club Business Meeting - Kate's last meeting - report on cross country trip	UHS Foundation.
8/11/2014	Patricia Kriebel - District Governor	
8/18/2014	Major Donald Faughnan, Commander, Troop C, NYS Police	
8/25/2014	Drew Deskur, Director - Kopernik Observatory & Science Center	
	<b>September</b>	
9/1/2014	Labor Day No Meeting	
9/8/2014	Club Business Meeting	Vestal Rotary

9/15/2014	Mr. Ronald Sall, President Downtown Binghamton Business Association	Foundation
9/22/2014	Carl Beardsley Jr. Commissioner of Aviation Greater Binghamton Airport	
9/29/2014	Linda Olson Nemia, National Board of Mental Health	
	<b>October</b>	
10/6/2014	Club Assembly	Vestal Rotary Foundation
10/13/2014	Reverend Henoc Lucien, Vision of Hope Ministry	
10/20/2014	Lisa Strahley, SUNY Broome, Civic Engagement Coordinator	
10/27/2014	The Rev. Tom Margrave, Rotarian from Cortland on Foundation work in C.A.	
	<b>November</b>	
11/3/2014	Club Business Meeting	Vestal Dollars for Scholars
11/10/2014	Jill Darling from Triple City Ski Club and Marc Stemerman from Greek Peek	
11/17/2014	Chamber Luncheon 11/18 - No Club Meeting on 11/17	
11/24/2014	Steve Day and Siobhan Davey - Rotary Exchange Program	
	<b>December</b>	
12/1/2014	Club Business Meeting/ Vestal Rotary Foundation Update	Vestal Emergency Squad
12/8/2014	Bill Ritter, District Supervisor for SCORE.	
12/15/2014	Wendy Oppenheim, Crystal City Olive Oil,	
12/22/2014	No Meeting - Christmas Break	
12/29/2014	No Meeting - Coats For Kids	
	<b>January</b>	
1/5/2015	Club Assembly	Vestal Dollars for Scholars
1/12/2015	Sandy Watkins & Ron Crawford - Southern Tier STEM Hub	
1/19/2015	Stephen Wasyilko - Ukraine Relief Effort	
1/26/2015	Susan Ashbaker, Executive Director Tri Cities Opera	
	<b>February</b>	
2/2/2015	Club Business Meeting	Vestal School Foundation
2/9/2015	Valentine's Dinner at Kampai - No Meeting	
2/16/2015	Andre Pinto, exchange student presentation	
2/23/2015	Kristine Krush, Certified Interpreter for the deaf	
	<b>March</b>	
3/2/2015	Club Business Meeting/St Patrick's Day Pary Prep	Our Lady of Sorrows Church
3/9/2015	Fr. Clarence Rumble, Sr. Joanna Monticello, David DeAngelo and Linda Cerra - Mercy House	
3/16/2015	Matthew Adler, District 7170 Membership Chairman	
3/23/2015	Rick Pedro on Keys	
3/30/2015	Dr. Robinson - Vestal Dental	
	<b>April</b>	
4/6/2015	Club Assembly	Vestal Rotary Foundation
4/13/2015	Carol Ackley/Joanne Weir Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier	
4/20/2015	Abi Waldman Vestal Relay for Life	
4/27/2015	No Speaker	
	<b>May</b>	
5/4/2015	Club Business Meeting	Vestal Dollars for Scholars
5/11/2015	Mark LaRoach & Kim Myers - VSCD Budget	
5/18/2015	A performance by Andre	
5/25/2015	Memorial Day - No Meeting	
	<b>June</b>	
6/1/2015	Club Business Meeting	Vestal Rotary Foundation
6/8/2015	Andrea Kimball - Foundation Investing	
6/15/2015	Speaker No Show	
6/22/2015	No Meeting - (Pass The Gavel Dinner 6/23)	
6/29/2014	Vestal Chief of Police John Butler	

## Vestal Rotary Foundation:

The annual election for Vestal Rotary Foundation trustees was held on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Those elected were:

Carol Belva

Mark Capobianco  
Siobhan Davey  
Steve Day  
Neil Guiles  
Rob Flanders  
Terri Mahonski  
Art Pavelski  
Bill Scannell  
George Schwarztrauber  
Jim Ward

Formerly the Vestal benefits, Fund, in its third year of existence as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, the foundation continued to pursue its mission, impacting the community with financial support for the annual holiday food program, the annual Kohl's Ford Kids clothing program and support for various community food banks.

### **Fines:**

A total of \$2,485 in fines was collected, which was significantly more than last year. By far, the largest total of \$305 was collected by Roy on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Interesting the entire amount was the result of Happy Fines! The smallest total of \$6 was collected by Pete Griffiths on August 11, 2014. Hardly worth the effort.

### **50/50 Raffle:**

Our weekly 50/50 raffle generated \$720 if income for the club. There were a total of 41 weekly raffles. The average pot was \$17.56. The proceeds were shared by 13 different club members, 3 guests and our exchange student Andre/ Andre was the most frequent winner, a total of 7 times. Of the three guests who won, a returning exchange student Ayako Sagayama won when she visited our club on June 15, 2015. The largest pot of the year of \$28 was won by Ted Wolf, the smallest of \$11 by Andre.