

Annual Christmas Fund Raiser, December 1st

The Skaneateles Rotary Club's annual Christmas fund-raiser will be held on Thursday December 1st at the Skaneateles Country Club. We will begin with a happy hour at 6 PM followed by a family style turkey dinner at 7 PM. Tickets are \$25, same as last year, to cover the cost of the dinner at this fine local venue.

As in past years, the dinner will be followed by a raffle of prizes donated by local businesses and professionals as well as by Rotarians. Each of the dinner participants receives a raffle ticket in exchange for making a cash donation to our Skaneateles Rotary Foundation for the benefit of the local Outreach office and the Skaneateles and Spafford Food Pantries for their Christmas gift and dinner programs for the area's needy. This year we expect that the number of local needy families will be greater than ever.

Each Rotarian is asked to begin planning for this great event by lining up friends, business associates, neighbors, golfing buddies, etc. to invite to dinner on Dec. 1st. Last year there were 230 of us enjoying the holiday ambiance and great food at the Club, the camaraderie of guests and fellow Rotarians and especially the warm positive emotion of helping others during the Christmas season. Last year we raised over \$11,000!

Amy Tormey is in charge of tickets and she is encouraging Rotarians individually or in partnership to put together an 8 or 10 person table of guests. The goal this year is to again reach a capacity level of 200 participants, Peter Adams and the other committee members (Steve Schwartz, Roy McDonald, David Piper, Jack Emmer, Dale Zabel, Bob Holloway, Charlie McElroy, John Moran, & Robin Jowaisas) will be at upcoming meetings to provide additional information, to answer any questions, and most importantly, to reserve tickets for Rotarians and their guests. Amy asks that those reserving tickets and tables pay her in advance of the 1st with a check made out to **the Skaneateles Rotary Foundation**.

Finally, the organizing committee needs fellow Rotarian support in coming up with raffle prizes. The goal is to have at least 50% of attendees win a prize. While local merchants and professionals will be canvassed again this year for prize donations, all Rotarians are also being asked to donate prizes such as a bottle of wine, a gift card, etc. Please let Roy McDonald or David Piper know in advance of the event what you will be bringing in the way of a prize. Even if you can't attend the event, please contribute a raffle prize.