

# The Skantarian

The Skaneateles New York Rotary Club (SRC)  
a member of RI District 7150 - Area 11  
<http://www.skaneatelesrotary.org>

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**Last Week:** Thanksgiving. No meeting.

**THIS WEEK:** District Governor Jim Gascon will be making his annual visit and is our guest speaker for the evening, in a joint meeting of the Skaneateles Sunrise Rotary Club and the Skaneateles Rotary Club.

**NEXT WEEK:** The Skaneateles Rotary Club's annual Christmas Fund Raiser to support the local food banks and outreach program will be held on Thursday, Dec.8, at the Skaneateles Country Club. The festivities begin with a happy hour at 6:00PM, followed by a family style turkey dinner at 7:00PM., and conclude with a raffle commencing around 8:00PM.

**MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS:** The Board of Directors has received and approved the following three people for proposed membership:

Suzanne Hutchinson has been proposed by Cheryl Silvestrini. Suzanne comes to us from RealtyUSA and has been active in Meals on Wheels, the Borodino United Methodist Church and BigBrothers/BigSisters. She hopes to belong to a group that will allow her to give back to the community.

Charles McElroy has been proposed by Robin Jowaisas. Charles has presented before the club before and has a background as an Independent Manufacturers Representative in the Paint Industry. Charles has been involved in Bed & Breakfast ownership, Syracuse Gyro Club, a volunteer at Francis House and is an avid golfer.

James Nicholas (Nick) Brewster has been proposed by Chuck O'Neil. Nick will be transferring his membership from the Endwell Rotary Club and is an Insurance Broker. Nick, a Paul Harris Fellow, was chairman of his Endwell Rotary's Casino Night Fundraiser and a Board Member of the Endwell Rotary Foundation, and is a Board Member of the Binghamton Boys and Girls Club.

Suzanne Hutchinson and Charley McElroy are expected to be inducted into our Club next week on December 1<sup>st</sup>. by District Governor Jim Gascon. Nick Brewster will be inducted at a later date.

Let's welcome these three new proposed members and let's use our December 1 meeting as opportunity to invite a Prospective Member that evening.

**More Volunteers Needed:** Jack Hyatt is in need of more Rotary volunteers for the Christmas Benefit Dinner Event. Please consider helping out. This is a wonderful event, which greatly benefits our community. Call Jack at 685-6274 or 247-8897 to volunteer. Remember our motto: "Service Above Self". Thanks.

**ROTARIAN SUPPORT NEEDED:** The Christmas Fundraiser organizing committee needs Club support in coming up with raffle prizes for the December 8th event. The goal is to have at least 50% of event attendees win a prize. While local merchants are being canvassed again this year for prize donations, the committee is asking all Rotarians to also help out by donating a prize such as a bottle of wine, a gift card, etc. Please let Todd May know in advance of the event what you will be contributing in the way of a prize.

**December 15<sup>th</sup>:** Hold the date!! Our annual Club Holiday Dinner Party will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The price of the dinner remains the same this year at \$25.00 per person. An invitation will be e-mailed to you shortly.

"Give what you have to somebody, it may be better than you think." ~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

**FACEBOOK:** Thanks to Doug Rutan, who recently attended a Rotary District Facebook work-shop, Skaneateles Rotary is now on Facebook. If you have a Facebook account, please go to the site, Skaneateles Rotary, and check the “I like” icon. And please tell your family and friends to do the same.

**Reminder:** If you have not given a “Classification Talk” within the past two years, I encourage you to write a “Can You Name This Rotarian?” piece for our newsletter. I think the membership has enjoyed this new meeting activity, and reading and learning more about our membership. I know I have. Chuck

**ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS & HOST FAMILY:**

Diana Bermudez, Venezuela: First host family-Joseph Judge and Sheila Myers  
 Thomas Boxho, Belgium: First host family-Kanstantin Hristodoulou and Roberta Williams  
 Geraldine Vollmin, Switzerland: First host family-Stephen and Julie Hartnett  
 Our outbound students:  
 Dan Lemp, Belgium  
 Emily Cosbar, Taiwan  
 Jamie Alberici, Argentina  
 Margo Ferro, Brazil

To see pictures of these students, go to:  
[http://www.skaneatelesrotary.org/Skan\\_Rotary/Youth\\_Exchange.html](http://www.skaneatelesrotary.org/Skan_Rotary/Youth_Exchange.html)

**DISTRICT AND OTHER NOTICES:**

- Apr. 27-29, 2012 – District Conference, Vernon Downs Casino, Vernon, NY
- May 6-9, 2012 – Rotary International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand

**REMINDER TO MEMBERS:** For those members with special dietary restrictions, special meal requests are limited to a salad or pasta dish, and must be arranged in advance of the meeting by calling Nancy Ranieri at the Sherwood Inn at 685-3405.

**MAKEUPS:** Remember to report your “make ups” to Cheryl Silvestrini ASAP. You can email her at [cherylsilvestrini@rocketmail.com](mailto:cherylsilvestrini@rocketmail.com). It is important to report the work you are doing and the time you are putting in.

**CELEBRATIONS:**

**Rotary Anniversaries in December:** Jack Hyatt (41), Jean Sardino (3), Chuck O’Neil (4), Brad McLennan (9).  
**Member Birthdays in December:** Jim Gregg (2<sup>nd</sup>), Robin Jowaisas (5<sup>th</sup>), Scott Wisner (8<sup>th</sup>), Skip Plank (25<sup>th</sup>), Sue Keefe (27<sup>th</sup>).

**SETUP – 50/50 – Ticket Sales – Pledge of Allegiance – Invocation:**

<b>Dec. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Set-up-50/50-Ticket Sales	Lori Ruhlman and Doug Rutan
	Pledge of Allegiance	Jean Sardino
<b>Dec. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Invocation	Steve Schwartz
	Set-up-50/50-Ticket Sales	Cheryl Silvestrini and Bill Stevens
	Pledge of Allegiance	Ward Vuillemot
<b>Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Invocation	Duane Weaver
	Set-up-50/50-Ticket Sales	Timer Whittingham & Roberta Williams
	Pledge of Allegiance	Dale Zabel
	Invocation	Chuck Williams

*Be courteous & get a replacement if you won’t be available for your assignment please!*

The new direct link to current and past newsletters and other Archives is: [http://skaneatelesrotary.org/Skan\\_Rotary/SRC\\_Archives.html](http://skaneatelesrotary.org/Skan_Rotary/SRC_Archives.html)



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