

# The Skantarian

The Skaneateles New York Rotary Club (SRC)  
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<http://www.skaneatelesrotary.org>

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**Last Week:** District Governor Jim Gascon made his annual visit and was our guest speaker for the evening, in a joint meeting of the Skaneateles Sunrise Rotary Club and the Skaneateles Rotary Club. Governor Gascon also assisted Membership Chair Doug Rutan in inducting and welcoming two new members into our club, Suzanne Hutchinson and Charlie McElroy. Congratulations Suzanne and Charlie!

In his remarks, Governor Gascon discussed this year's Rotary Theme, "Reach Within To Embrace Humanity", which encourages Rotarians to harness their inner resolve and strength and then to go forth and encircle the world, to embrace humanity. He also mentioned RI President Kaylan Banerjee's three areas of focus: **family, continuity and change**. The "family" is the starting point to serving others. "Continuity" in Rotary's work, including Polio eradication, is also important. And, if we want to see "change" in the world in terms of peace, child mortality, or in preventing hunger, for example, we must be that instrument of "change".

**Governor Gascon also encouraged Rotarians to sign up for the District Conference to be held this year on April 27-29, at the Vernon Downs Casino & Hotel.**

Many guests, potential Rotarians, and Roving Rotarians were also in attendance, which made for an enjoyable evening.

**THIS WEEK:** The Skaneateles Rotary Club's annual Christmas Fund Raiser to support the local food banks and outreach program is this Thursday, December 8th, and will be held 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.

**NEXT WEEK:** Our annual Club Holiday Dinner Party will be held on Thursday, December 15, at the Sherwood Inn. The price of the dinner remains the same this year at \$25.00 per person. An invitation has been sent to you by e-mail. Please RSVP to Sue Keefe at [skeefe@pnlcpa.com](mailto:skeefe@pnlcpa.com) or 471-8109 with the number of people attending, and choice of dinner entrée and dessert by December 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank You.

**ROTARIAN SUPPORT NEEDED:** The Christmas Fundraiser organizing committee needs Club support in coming up with raffle prizes for the December 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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

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

**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. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Set-up-50/50-Ticket Sales	Cheryl Silvestrini and Bill Stevens
	Pledge of Allegiance	Ward Vuillemot
	Invocation	Duane Weaver
<b>Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	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!*

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