

The Skantarian

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LAST WEEK: Our annual Club Holiday Dinner Party was held this past Thursday, December 15, at the Sherwood Inn. The fun-filled event included a delicious dinner provided by the Sherwood, a sing-a-long of Holiday favorites, two holiday quizzes, and a raffle. Among the more than 50 in attendance were our three youth exchange students, Thomas, Geri and Diana. Lots of lively conversation, plenty of laughs, and good food and drink made for a delightful evening.

THIS WEEK: The Skaneateles Rotary Club will present the Club's President Award to Sherwood Inn owner, **Bill Eberhardt**, for his longtime support of our Club. Also **Nick Brewster** will be inducted as a new member into our club this week. Our guest speaker will be **Thomas Bozho**, our youth exchange student from Belgium.

NEXT WEEK: There will be no meeting or newsletter next week. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

In memoriam: The Skaneateles Rotary Club lost a loyal and dedicated Rotarian, and a good friend of many members of our Club, when Jim Messenger passed away this past week. Jim was a Rotarian since February, 1964 and served as Club President in 1968-69, during which he coordinated and oversaw our very first Father's Day pancake breakfast, which started as a fly-in event at the Skaneateles Aero dome. Jim was also a multi-level Paul Harris Fellow. We will miss his warm and gracious way and presence at our weekly meetings, and will be forever grateful for all he did in the name Rotary over the years. We extend our sincere and deepest sympathy to his wife Jerry, his children and their families. Below is Jim's obituary, which appeared in the Post Standard.



James H. Messenger Sr. December 15, 2011 James H. Messenger Sr., age 86, of Skaneateles, NY, died unexpectedly at his home on December 15, 2011. He was born in Lackawanna, NY on July 16, 1925 to Henry James Messenger and Viola Hill Messenger. Until the sale of his business in 1999, he was president and CEO of SAIR Aviation Inc. in Syracuse. Jim was a long term member and past president of the Skaneateles Rotary Club, and he was a past board member of the Hiawatha Boy Scout Council. He was particularly proud of his contribution to the development of Austin Park in Skaneateles. His personal interests were photography, his family, and he was an avid restorer of antique tractors, cars, and engines. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine (Jerry); sons, James H. Messenger Jr. of Syracuse, John M. Messenger of Manlius, Beverly A. Messenger-Harris (Jim) of Sherrill, Jane L. Ginsburg of Clay and Jennifer L. Slywka (Greg) of Cayuga; grandchildren, Kendall Messenger, Lindsay Joy Messenger, Molly Messenger, Brett Messenger, Jessica Martin (Jeff), Jillian Messenger, Caitlyn Messenger, Hillary Messenger, Emily Case (Matt), Zak Messenger-Harris, Jenni Radcliffe (Brian), Jeremy Ginsburg (Nicole); and two great-grandchildren, Riley and Mason. Services will be held 11 a.m. Monday at St. James Episcopal Church, Skaneateles. Burial in Lake View Cemetery, Skaneateles. Calling hours will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Robert D. Gray Funeral Home, 49 Jordan St., Skaneateles. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Rotary Foundation, c/o the Rotary Club of Skaneateles. To send condolences visit: robertdgrayfuneralhome.com

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: Many thanks to those Rotarians and Interactors that chipped in to ring the bell at Tops Market these past two weekends. The results have been great! Now what we need are some additional friendly Rotarian volunteers to fill in the blanks for this upcoming weekend, December 23-24th. Consider teaming up with another Rotarian. It is a fun and rewarding way to spend time together for an important and worthwhile cause, during this giving season.

The schedule is updated as requests come in, and the current schedule can be viewed from our calendar by simply clicking the Salvation Army logo. Click on the following link to navigate to the Calendar: http://skaneatelesrotary.org/Skan_Rotary/Calendar.html. Simply contact me to sign up, and I'll gladly

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put you on the list. Thank you. Happy Holidays to All, Ward

District Conference: If you haven't already, please consider signing up for the District Conference to be held on April 27-29 at the Vernon Downs Hotel & Casino. The application can be found on our District web-site.

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: Second host family-Susan J. Tanner
Thomas Boxho, Belgium: Second host family-Michael and Janet Kringer
Geraldine Vollmin, Switzerland: Second 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

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. 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 (2nd), Robin Jowaisas (5th), Scott Wisner (8th), Skip Plank (25th), Sue Keefe (27th).

SETUP - 50/50 - Ticket Sales - Pledge of Allegiance - Invocation:

Dec. 22 nd	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

Happy Hanukkah

Merry Christmas



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