

# 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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Lee Bennett  
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**LAST WEEK:** No meeting or newsletter.

**THIS WEEK:** Our speaker this week is Buzz Roberts, M.D., who is VP of the Skaneateles Lake Association, Inc. (formerly the Tri-County Skaneateles Lake Pure Water Association, Inc.). He will speak about protecting and improving the water quality of Skaneateles Lake and its watershed, and provide an update on the milfoil project.

**NEXT WEEK: Board Meeting at 5:00PM at the Sherwood.** The speaker on Jan. 12th is George Farenthold, who is VP of the Board of Trustees of the Finger Lake Museum, a project currently under development at the Keuka Lake State Park. The Museum recently received a \$2.3 million grant from NYS for the organization's Branchport, NY Campus. The grand opening for the Museum is tentatively scheduled for 2014/2015.

**Election of Officers and Directors:** The Skaneateles Rotary Club Board of Directors has approved the following individuals as officers and directors for the 2012-2013 Rotary year: The candidates will be presented before the membership at our meeting this Thursday, January 5, 2012 for approval.

### 2012-2013 OFFICERS

President Peter Adams  
Pres.-Elect Bill Conole  
V.P. Phil D'Angelo  
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John O'Sullivan  
Lori Ruhlman  
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### DIRECTORS-2014

Steve Schwartz  
Doug Rutan  
Roberta Williams  
Ward Vuillemot

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing:** Many thanks to those Rotarians, Interactors and friends of Rotary that chipped in to ring the bell at Tops Market these past several weekends. We collected over \$1,900 in donations; with much of the total coming right back into our community. And special thanks to Timer Whittingham, who collected the money, and to Ward Vuillemot, who scheduled the times, in addition to their time spent ringing the bell.

**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 attended a Rotary District Facebook workshop, 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.

### Can You Name This Rotarian?

I grew up on a farm and participated in the usual jobs to help the family take care of the live stock

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and crops. I was involved in school, church and 4-H activities. My first experience with exchange students was on the farm where we hosted an IFYE student from Denmark, who I kept in touch with for 55 years. I've also enjoyed hunting, fishing, softball, football, basketball, bowling, golfing, playing cards, and later, skiing.

It was thru skiing that I met my future spouse. We have been married for over 39 years and have two children and one exceptional, smart, beautiful, happy and near perfect granddaughter who is nine months old.

Our children received degrees from Colgate and the University of Virginia. They both were Rotary Exchange students sponsored by the Skaneateles Rotary Club. Our family also hosted a Rotary Exchange student from Finland.

My high school advisors had suggested engineering would be a good career, I agreed and enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering program at our state university, one of the best in the country. This was a 5 year program at that time and the last two years I enrolled in the work-study program. I was offered a good position by the company I worked at when I graduated.

The company is the second largest air conditioning, heating, ventilating and refrigeration company in the world, with many products and plants and offices in many states, as well as over seas. I was fortunate to have worked on the design of many of the newer products thru the years and I had offices and worked at several locations. As the company grew through acquisitions, I became more involved in standards and evaluations and led the team responsible for selection and integration of the company's CAD/CAM systems.

In the 80's, I accepted the Engineering Manager's position at our Auburn facility when the Chief Engineer (a member of the Skaneateles Rotary Club) retired. Our family left the passive solar house we designed and built and moved east. I retired from the company about 3 years ago after working there 47 years. .

I have been a Rotary member for about 10 years. I was program chair for about 2 years and managed a party for two, fifty year, members a few years back. I was also Correspondence Secretary forever, it seems, but it was only 7 years!

SPECIAL CLUE: To help identify who I am, the college I attended, and the company I worked for, consider the following: Exactly 50 years ago(January 2, 1962) and the time I am writing this, I was enjoying a football bowl game, in person, at the oldest site of this important game. Our team won by a score of 21 to 3 and confirmed it was national champion for the second year in a row. GO TEAM.

**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](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.

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**CELEBRATIONS:**

**Rotary Anniversaries in January:** Bunt Osborne (55), Bill Reckmeyer (40), Peter Duenkelsbuehler (48), Art Fellerman (10), Robin Jowaisas (11), Umesh Patil (24), Peter Anderson (22), Dick Poppa (15), Bill Conole (19), Bill Allyn (22),

**Member Birthdays in January:** Bill Allyn (1<sup>st</sup>), Bill Reckmeyer (2<sup>nd</sup>), Steve Schwartz (3<sup>rd</sup>), Dale Zabel (4<sup>th</sup>), Peter Duenkelsbuehler (7<sup>th</sup>), Phil D’Angelo (29<sup>th</sup>).

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

<b>Jan. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Set-up-50/50-Ticket Sales	Peter Adams & Lee Bennett
	Pledge of Allegiance	Seb Bentivegna
	Invocation	Peter Anderson
<b>Jan. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Set-up-50/50-Ticket Sales	Bill Blessing & Gary Caldwell
	Pledge of Allegiance	Bill Buterbaugh
	Invocation	Phil D’Angelo

*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)

