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Reminder: There is a Board of Director's Meeting scheduled for this week, July 14th, 2011 at 5:00PM at the Sherwood Inn. Please notify President Chuck O'Neil if you are unable to attend.

LAST WEEK: Outgoing President Roberta Williams passed the leadership role of our club to incoming President Chuck O'Neil. Roberta presented Chuck with a Rotary Pen opining "you'll be writing a lot as President". Chuck, in turn, thanked Roberta stating that this moment reminded him of Thomas Jefferson's reply to a question posed to him upon being appointed to follow Ben Franklin as Ambassador to France: "Is it you, sir, who replaces Dr. Franklin?"; to which Jefferson replied: "No one can replace Dr. Franklin, I am only his successor". Chuck acknowledged it will be a difficult task following in Roberta's footsteps. She was an enthusiastic, passionate and energetic leader who accomplished much during this past year. Chuck then presented Roberta with a Plaque for her office acknowledging her dedicated and outstanding service as President of the Skaneateles Rotary Club for 2010-2011.

The evening's Program included a 15 minute DVD video of the speech given by the new RI President, Kaylan Banerjee, from India, at the 2011 International Assembly in San Diego, CA earlier this year, in which he unveiled the RI Theme for the coming Rotary year: **Reach Within to Embrace Humanity.**

A dynamic and inspirational speaker, Banerjee urged Rotarians to harness their inner resolve and strength to achieve success in Rotary. Once Rotarians find their inner strength, he continued, they can accomplish great things in their communities and around the world. "Discover yourself, develop the strengths within you, and then unhesitatingly, unflinchingly, go forth and encircle the world to embrace humanity."

Banerjee emphasized the **family** as a starting point in serving others. "Good families lead to good neighborhoods, and good neighborhoods build good communities". Rotarians can focus on projects that support families, such as those that provide safe housing or improve maternal and child health, he said.

Continuity in Rotary's work, including polio eradication, is also important. Banerjee said: "There are so many things we are indeed good at: working for clean, safe water; spreading literacy; working in so many ways with the New Generations, our youth, in our newest Avenue of Service and assisting them to become the leaders of tomorrow".

Citing Mahatma Gandhi's call to "be the change you wish to see in the world," Banerjee said Rotarians should also focus on **change.**

"If we wish for peace, we start by living in peace ourselves, in our homes and in our communities", he explained. "If we wish environmental degradation to stop, if we wish to reduce child mortality or prevent hunger, we must be the instrument of that change – and recognize that it must start *within* us, with each of us."

The impassioned speech inspired all in attendance at our weekly meeting to spring into action to solve the problems of our community and the world, the ultimate goal of Rotary. As we focus on **family, continuity, and change,** we were reminded that, it is all about the family of Rotary and the world as one big family".

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President's Comments: At the meeting last week President Chuck O'Neil mentioned the following items:

1. Our club received a "Presidential Citation" at the District Changing of the Guard meeting this past week. Outgoing President Roberta Williams accepted the award on behalf of our club, which was "for demonstrating Rotary's commitment to fellowship and service". Rotarians Ward Vuillemot and Chuck O'Neil were also in attendance.
2. Chuck also announced a change in the process for securing Program Speakers. The Program Committee, comprised of Bill Conole, Jack Emmer and Bill Huba are implementing a concept utilized by many clubs, including one used by our own club in years past, whereby each Rotarian will be assigned a date to obtain a speaker for our weekly meeting. Chuck stated that Skip Plank has done a wonderful job securing speakers these past three years for which we are extremely grateful, but, as we know, it is not an easy task, requiring a significant amount of time, co-ordination and follow-up. Rather than place the burden on one person to find speakers each week, each Rotarian will have the opportunity to provide a speaker of his or her choice. The advantage of this arrangement: no one person has the burden of finding interesting speakers each week; potentially it will lead to more diversity in our programs, and it allows every Rotarian to become more engaged and involved in the process. It should also lead to better attendance at our meetings since we will all certainly want to support each other.

Chuck said that if members need ideas about a potential speaker or wish to discuss whether or not a potential speaker is appropriate, you can contact Bill Conole, Program Committee Chair or Jack Emmer to discuss. Bill and Jack, along with Bill Huba, will be available to assist you and will monitor the process. (We have a list of 20-25 potential speakers, if you are having difficulty coming up with a speaker). Of course, we will have to remain flexible since sometimes speakers cancel; or cannot meet on the date assigned, but may be available on another date; or we have the opportunity to secure a special guest speaker, such as our District Governor, and need to change the date for your speaker. So it will remain a fluid situation, but one worth trying. Again, thanks to Skip Plank for his terrific work these past three years.

3. Chuck also indicated he would like to start the meetings promptly at 6:30P.M., so that we don't short change the time allotted for our program speakers. As a suggestion, Chuck said that Rotarians who arrive early to meet other Rotarians in the bar area prior to the meeting, may consider securing their tickets first and then heading off to the bar, thus eliminating the large line that forms for tickets at 6:28PM. Of course, this will mean that the set-up and ticket sales assignees are ready to go at 6:00PM. Chuck said he will send a separate reminder e-mail notice to those assigned ticket sales each week. He also stated that he will insure that those assigned are regularly attending members.

THIS WEEK: Michael Crinnin, Executive Director of Aids Community Resources, Inc., will join us to share the 30 year history of the aids virus in our society, discuss the progress made to date to control the spread of aids, and detail projects underway locally and in many parts of the world to help stop the spread of aids.

NEXT WEEK: Three of our returning outbound Youth Exchange students will be with us to share their experiences of the past year in their host countries. As always, there should be some interesting stories shared with our Rotary membership.

Looking Back: The July 8th, 1948 Board of Directors meeting of the Skaneateles Rotary Club at the Skaneateles Country Club was called to order by President Harold Fonda. Club member (?) Lapham moved and Bill Eisenberg seconded to make the initiation fee \$20. Motion carried. Fred Manning moved and Bill Eisenberg

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seconded that the club pay our pianist (Mrs. Lane) \$2.00 per week while at the Country Club and a \$1.50 per week when in the Village. Motion carried.

Skaneateles Library - Rotary Clubs - BFTW, Connection Made: July 9 – Kath Mosher, Director of The Skaneateles Library Association responded to a request from our Rotarians to glean children early learner and reference books from the residual inventory following their Annual Book sale. Rotarians their families and friend sorted and packed 21 cartons of gently-used books to be shipped to third world countries to supply libraries, schools, community centers and family with these wonderful gifts of learning. The fully loaded pallet is now at the ACE Hardware store ready for pickup and its initial leg of its journey to its final destination. To learn more of the project, visit the CNY Books for the World project website at: http://cnybooksfortheworld.org/Books_FTW/Home.html



The responding Rotarians, with their family members and friends, were: Chuck O'Neil, Umish Patil, Noel Gettman, Bill Conole, David Lee, Toni Feldmann, Bob Brown, Candy Searing and Ward Vuillemot.

The BFTW organization extends its gratitude to the Skaneateles community, Skaneateles Library Association and Rotarians for a job-well-done!

Rotary International News (16 Dec. 2008) - Rotarians for Fighting Aids (RFFA), a Rotarian Action Group, has joined a broad coalition of organizations in a new initiative designed to combat the spread of AIDS among young people..... The initiative is being launched in Nairobi, Kenya, with the goal of reducing new HIV infections in 10-24 year olds by 50% in the next five years.....RFFA will mobilize volunteers at the grassroots to mentor and counsel Nairobi's young people, while working to improve healthcare and education opportunities.....RFFA will develop more Rotary Community Corps and mentor them, because these groups actively live and work in the targeted slum areas and get the right messages through to the youth more readily than the Rotary club members.

50/50 Pool: What seems like an annual occurrence, we all recall how just two weeks ago Robin Jowaisas again won the 50/50 collecting over \$400.00 in prize money, along with a new Mercedes and a trip to Hawaii (OK, maybe he only won the cash). And, of course, we're all familiar with the now on-going Senate investigation into the legality of using a foreign agent named Sonja, to pick the card for him. Rumor has it Sonja is studying to be a magician back in Finland specializing in card tricks. Anyway, an amazing thing happened the following week (the June 30th meeting), using a brand new deck of cards. With all 52 cards in the deck, Rotarian Dana Coye amazingly picked the Queen of Spades and received the guaranteed minimum prize of \$50.00. Way to go, Dana!!!!

CAN YOU NAME THIS ROTARIAN? In my early years, my nickname was "Curly". In Jr. High School I was active at the Auburn Y and Boy Scouts. I ran track in high school, setting a school record in the mile. I also high jumped. In college, I majored in Math, with minors in Physics and History. I continued running in college as a member of the cross country team and also tossed the javelin. Following college, I spent two years in the Army as an AA (Antiaircraft) internal fire control specialist at Loring Air Force Base in Maine. After the Army, it was back to school for my MS in Ceramic Engineering, which led to R&D work on; high temperature ceramic coatings and adhesives, caustic soda (sodium hydroxide) based raw material for the glass container industry, and ceramic molds for casting jet engine blades. In mid-life I switched careers publishing New York State high school book reviews (the little green books) for 17 years. My hobbies include stamps (now inactive), coins, glass cutters and bird watching. I have a daughter born in Seattle, Washington and two sons, both born in Midland, Michigan. I

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am a Paul Harris Fellow and went to South Sudan in 2007. I have worked the sausage grill at the Pancake breakfast for 31 years. Can you name me?

(Answer to last week's puzzle: Rotarian Bunt Osborne and his father-in-law, Lynn "Pappy" Waldorf, a legendary college football coach, who was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1966. According to the Hall of Fame, "Waldorf may have been the best coach in history in taking over a losing program and making it a winner." He coached at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma State, Kansas State, Northwestern and California Berkeley. He played tackle at Syracuse 1922-1924.

District and Other Notices:

- Oct. 22nd, 2011 - RLI Loudonville – Siena College
- Nov. 6th – District Foundation Brunch, Embassy Suites, Syracuse, NY 1:00 pm
- Nov. 12th, 2011 - RLI Canandaigua – The Inn on the Lake
- 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 July: Lee Overstrom (38), Michele Tarnow (7), Steve Schwartz (27), Chuck Williams (32).

Member Birthdays in the Month of July: Bill Buterbaugh (8th), Jack Emmer (13th), Todd May (14th), Jim Messenger (16th), Roberta Williams (25th), Cheryl Silvestrini (27th).

SETUP - 50/50 - TICKET SALES - Pledge of allegiance - Invocation:

July 14th	Set-up-50/50-Ticket Sales	Sandy Rademacher, Dick Ralph
	Pledge of Allegiance	Dan Roche
	Invocation	Lori Ruhlman
July 21st	Set-up-50/50-Ticket Sales	Jean Sardino and Steve Schwartz
	Pledge	Cheryl Silvestrini
	Invocation	Bill Stevens

Be courteous & get a replacement if you won't be available for assignment, please!