

The Skantarian

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SPECIAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST EDITION !

Pancake Breakfast Timetable: This Thursday is our final organizational meeting for Sunday's Pancake Breakfast and we need every Rotarian to attend for final assignments, review of responsibilities and trouble shooting. The rest of schedule for the big event is as follows:

- 6/15 Friday 8-10 AM to set up the grills and tables/chairs. Rotarians with pick-ups, vans and/or strong muscles report to David Lee's barn on Pork St. at 8 AM.
- 6/16, Saturday at 8 AM we clean/test the grills and dress the tables.
- 6/17, Sunday at 6:30AM-2PM, for the breakfast and cleanup afterwards.
- 6/18, Monday at 8-10 AM for breakdown and storage (pick-ups, vans and muscles again needed).

This event only works if **every Rotarian** makes a full commitment! Also, we need volunteers (family, friends, neighbors, etc.) so please recruit anyone and every one you can and give the names to Robin for assignment. Also, please everyone, we need a final push to sell tickets. Finally, all Rotarians and volunteers are requested to park on the grass along the east side of the rink to free up spots in the parking lot for our Sunday customers.

INTERESTING HISTORICAL TIDBITS OF THE HISTORY OF THE ROTARY FATHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The first Skaneateles Rotary Club (SRC) pancake breakfast was held in 1968 under the presidency of Jim Messenger, who at that time was the manager of the Skaneateles Airport. The breakfast, held in the hanger, featured a fly-in and in addition to the local crowd, some 80 to 100 planes from around the East would come and go.

In 1977, the breakfast was moved to the larger Austin Park Pavilion. In these early years the Rotary Club owned virtually none of the equipment needed to put on the breakfast so that everything from tables and chairs to grilles, mixers and pot/pans were borrowed from almost every organization in the town, e.g., Churches, Grange, Masons, Firehouse, etc. Apparently, many tall tales can be told about getting this equipment to and from the breakfast including the 300 lb cast-iron mixer from the Skaneateles Bakery that ended up on a Rotarian's foot.

In those early days when penny pinching was more the norm for a fund raiser like the breakfast, the plastic "disposable" utensils used were recycled year to year after a thorough dishwasher scouring up at the Cedar House Restaurant. The "gorgeous" flower arrangements came from many a local garden including euonymus from the wall of the Methodist church and the walls of the bank courtesy of By Lee. Back then, there was even a tall tale of liquid refreshment from the back room being included in the secret Rotary formula for our pancakes. In fact, they were for a time known as beer batter pancakes.

Today our Father's Day event has become something extraordinary and a highlight of the spring in Skaneateles and the surrounding communities. We expect to serve around 3,500 hungry breakfast eaters. At our peak mid-morning time period we serve about 900 people per hour, which equates to about one person served every 4 seconds. We typically serve over 10,000 pancakes, 10,500 eggs, 600 pounds of sausage and about 225 gallons of orange juice. Our "net proceeds" have been between \$9,000 and \$12,500 depending on the weather, which is a key determinant of total attendance. Most of these funds go back into the community to support many services and youth projects.

- Robin Jowaisas

The laziest man I ever met put popcorn in his pancakes so they would turn over by themselves."—WC Fields