

# The Skantarian

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**REMINDER:** Please make every effort to purchase your dinner ticket upon arrival at the Sherwood each week, rather than wait until the last minute, so that we can avoid the back-up that occurred last week and caused a delay in the start of our meeting. The delay, in turn, left less time for our guest speaker.

**Also, if you have been assigned "Set-up-50/50-Ticket Sales" for the week, please arrive by 6:00PM to set up the table and be available to sell tickets. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please find a replacement.**

**LAST WEEK:** Dr. Charles Mango was our guest speaker this past week. He gave a fascinating slideshow presentation about the Yarapa River eco- Lodge, which he built in the Peruvian Amazon rain forest. Check out the lodge's web-site, [www.Yarapa.com](http://www.Yarapa.com) for some amazing photos.

**THIS WEEK:** Dr. Thomas Bersani is our guest speaker on May 24<sup>th</sup>. His talk will be about his involvement with the Honduras Medical Eye Care Mission. Plus, new member Bob Holloway will be giving his "Classification Talk".

**NEXT WEEK:** Jeff Van Beveran, Executive Director of SAVES, is our speaker on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:** At the Board meeting held on May 10<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Directors approved Guido van der Ven for membership. Guido and his wife Nancy are the current host parents to Diana Torres. In addition, their son Ian is a former youth- exchange student, who spent a year in Venezuela. Guido is a founder and officer of Education Investment Group, LLC, a financial advisory firm specializing in student loan finance.

**AUSTIN PARK PLAYGROUND COMMUNITY BUILD:** Be sure to walk by to see the incredible new playground built by Rotarians and other community members this past weekend in Austin Park. It was quite an amazing endeavor and, thankfully, the weather was perfect all three days. Many thanks to the following Rotarians from our Club and the Sunrise Club who volunteered: **Sidney Beckwith, Marian and Alan Krauter, Candy and Dick Searing, Ward Vuillemot, Bob Brown, Gard Lorey, Bob Holloway, Jack Emmer, Todd May, Bill Stevens, Steve Schwartz, Chuck O'Neil, Jim Lanning, John Rooney, Jim McQuiggan, Peter Adams, Robin Jowaisas, Dan Roche, Charlie and Anne McElroy, Duane Weaver, Nick Brewster, DougRutan, and Bill Blessing.** (If I missed anyone, including any spouses, please let me know, and if you worked both days, also let me know since each day working at the playground counts as a make-up meeting - Chuck O'Neil).

**Pre- Pancake Father's Day Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sales: Be sure to sign up for a time slot to sell tickets at TOPS at our meeting this week.** Each Rotarian is responsible for selling one packet (at least) of tickets and/or asked to donate the value of any unsold tickets. Our objective, of course, is to raise as much money as possible for our Foundation and the many worthy causes it supports, and robust pre-sales help insure that we accomplish that goal. This pre-sale effort has two major benefits: first, it roughly covers the cost of putting on the Breakfast and, second, it means we're not dependent on good weather for a successful pancake breakfast. Early ticket sales are "money in the drawer" and a great insurance policy against a low turnout for any reason.

**All pre-pancake ticket sale proceeds should be put in an envelope with your name written on the outside of the envelope and given to Sue Keefe, our Club Treasurer, or mail her a check for the amount collected. Checks should be made payable to the Skaneateles Rotary Foundation. Sue's mailing address is 21 Lake Vista Dr., Skaneateles, NY 13152.**

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If you need extra tickets, please contact Chuck O'Neil at 224-8075.

**CENTENNIAL GALA CELEBRATION:** The Rotary Club of Syracuse is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Dinner at 7:00PM on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel. (The Syracuse Club was chartered in 1912 as Rotary Club #42.)

The Syracuse Club is asking for representation from every Rotary Club in the District at this spectacular event. You may RSVP by contacting David deSilva, 5221 Pointe East Drive, Jamesville, NY 13078 – phone 315-446-3186.

**PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES FOR THE FATHERS DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST-** Fathers Day this year is June 17 so please reserve the following key dates in your calendar for our annual Pancake Breakfast: Friday 6/15 from 8-10 AM for transporting equipment from Dave Lee's barn to the rink and setting it up; Saturday 6/16 from 8-10 AM for finishing set up, dressing tables, trial runs, etc.; Sunday 6/17 from 6:30 AM to 2PM for the breakfast, breakdown and clean up; Monday 6/18 for pack up and transport of equipment to the barn. As in the past, every Rotarian is expected to do his/her fair share of the work involved in making this event the success it always is. If for some reason you will be unavailable, please contact Robin as much help is needed before and after these key dates.

**NEW OUT-BOUND YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS SELECTED:** Below is the list of students, along with their country assignments, who have been accepted as our out-bound YE students for the next school year: **Dylan Baker, Belgium; Brendan Dickerson, Spain; Katherine Hirsh, Ecuador; Josh Lotkowitz, Germany; Ryan McQuiggan, Chile; and Kayleigh Rottger, Italy.** Congratulations to all of these worthy Skaneateles High School students!

**ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS & HOST FAMILY:**

Diana Bermudez, Venezuela: Third host family-Guido and Nancy Van der Ven

Thomas Boxho, Belgium: Third host family-Mark and Lisa Leesman

Geraldine Vollmin, Switzerland: Third host family-Jeff and Kate Youle

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)

**CAN YOU NAME THIS ROTARIAN?** I was born in New York City, but spent most of my life in upstate NY. I am an American, who believes in "AmericaFirst". You may know me for my strong conservative views. When I was in business, I would never say my piece, or I would have no customers. Now that I'm retired, it could be said: "It's just his/her age, so give him/her a little slack". I always bought Kodak film because many of my customers made it. ..OOPS....I think I gave too much information and now everybody knows who I am.

**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

**DISTRICT AND OTHER NOTICES:**

- June 28, 2012 – District Changing of the Guard, Embassy Suites, Carrier Circle. East Syracuse, NY – 5:30 p.m. Cash Bar, 6:15 p.m. Buffet. \$25 per person until June 15<sup>th</sup> or \$30 thereafter.

**FACEBOOK:** 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.

**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.

**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.

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**CELEBRATIONS:**

**Rotary Anniversaries in May:** Cheryl Silvestrini (3), Bill Pavlus (30), Todd May (20).

**Member Birthdays in May:** Dana Coye (5<sup>th</sup>), Noel Gettman (6<sup>th</sup>), Gard Lorey (13<sup>th</sup>), Chuck O’Neil (16<sup>th</sup>), Bob Holloway (16<sup>th</sup>).

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

<b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Set-up-50/50-Ticket Sales	Steve Schwartz and Cheryl Silvestrini
	Pledge of Allegiance	Bill Stevens
	Invocation	Ward Vuillemot
<b>May 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Set-up-50/50-Ticket Sales	Duane Weaver and 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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