

# The Skantarian

The Skaneateles New York Rotary Club (SRC)  
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**THIS WEEK:** Club Assembly and Board of Directors Meeting.

**NEXT WEEK:** Rev. Blessed Sikhosana, originally from Zimbabwe, is a member of the Syracuse Rotary Sunrise Club. Her childhood and how she came to America is a fascinating story. She is also in the process of putting together a Rotary Foundation matching grant for a pure water and sanitation project in her homeland, Zimbabwe. She has identified a club and Rotarians in Zimbabwe which will sponsor it from that end and is currently working on details and grant paperwork. Blessed has been in the country for a few years, and works for a legal firm. She was recently ordained as a minister.

## CHRISTMAS FUND RAISER, DECEMBER 8th:

The Skaneateles Rotary Club's annual Christmas Fund Raiser will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7, at the Skaneateles Country Club. We will begin with a happy hour at 6 p.m. followed by a family style turkey dinner at 7 p.m. and we will be entertained by Tony Lombardo at the piano. Tickets this year are \$25 each (same as last year) to cover the cost of the dinner.

As in years past, the dinner will be followed by the traditional raffle of prizes donated by local Businesses and professionals, as well as by Rotarians. Each of the dinner participants receive a raffle ticket in exchange for making a cash donation to the Skaneateles Rotary Foundation for the benefit of our local Outreach Office and the Skaneateles and Spafford Food Pantries for their Christmas gift and dinner programs for the area's needy. (This year the expectation is that the number of needy families will be as great as ever.) More than 50% of our dinner guests are expected to walk away with a raffle prize.

Each Rotarian is asked to please begin planning for this wonderful event by lining up friends, Business associates, golfing buddies, and neighbors, etc. to invite to the dinner on Dec. 8th. Last year there were roughly 200 of us enjoying the ambiance and great food at the Club, the camaraderie of guests and fellow Rotarians, and especially the warm positive emotion of helping others during the Christmas season. We raised over \$10,000 from the dinner!

Jack Hyatt is in charge of tickets and he is once again encouraging Rotarians individually or in partnership with another Rotarian to put together an eight or ten person table of guests. The goal this year is to again reach a capacity level of 200 dinner participants.

Jack and the other committee members (Todd May, Steve Schwartz, Jack Emmer, Dale Zabel, Timer Whittingham & Robin Jowaisas) will be at upcoming meetings to provide additional information, to answer any questions and most importantly, to reserve a ticket for each Rotarian and her/his special guests.

**More Volunteers Needed:** Jack Hyatt is in need of more Rotary volunteers for the Christmas Benefit Dinner Committee. Please consider helping out. This is a wonderful event, which greatly benefits our community. Call Jack at 685-6274 or 247-8897 to volunteer. Remember our motto: "Service Above Self". Thanks.

**ROTARIAN SUPPORT NEEDED:** The Christmas Fundraiser organizing committee needs Club support in coming up with raffle prizes for the December 8th event. The goal is to have at least 50% of event attendees win a prize. While local merchants are being canvassed again this year for prize donations, the committee is asking all Rotarians to also help out by donating a prize such as a bottle of wine, a gift card, etc. Please let Todd May know in advance of the event what you will be contributing in the way of a prize.

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**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.

**Rotary Leadership Institute on November 12<sup>th</sup> in Canandaigua:** If you have been a member of our club for at least one year and have not attended a Rotary Leadership Institute Course or not yet completed all three parts of the program. I recommend you sign up on the web-site [www.rlinea.com](http://www.rlinea.com) and attend a course on November 12<sup>th</sup> at “The Inn on the Lake” in Canandaigua. It is difficult at the Club level to learn enough about the exciting world of Rotary with its 1.2 million members in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about Rotary at the District level and beyond. Come join Roberta, Ward and myself on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Chuck O’Neil

**Membership Attendance Reminder:** All members are encouraged to meet the test of at least 50% attendance, a Club requirement for membership. There are two components to this goal: 1. At least 50% Participation by all members and 2. At least 25% Dinner Meeting Presence by all members. Participation is defined as a combination of being present at the weekly meetings and/or participating in Rotary activities outside of the weekly dinner meeting and reporting these make-up activities to the Recording Secretary of the Club, Cheryl Silvestrini. Make-ups can include E-meetings, attendance at another club’s meeting, for example, the Skaneateles morning club, or any Rotary activity outside of dinner meetings that promote the goals of Rotary. If you are unable to meet this goal, we ask that you consider transferring to another club closer to your work or home, or take a hiatus and return to the club when your life situation changes. Non- participation does a disservice to those members who are active participants, and to our guest speakers, who graciously donate their time and talent.

### **Can You Name This Rotarian?**

I was born and raised in Skaneateles. I have one sibling, an older brother. In high school I played soccer, basketball and golf. Our basketball team won the sectional championship in my senior year. After graduating from high school, I went off to college informing my parents I was leaving Skaneateles and never coming back! I went away to school to Rochester and then Buffalo, after which I served three years in the United States Navy in Virginia Beach. While on active duty there I also met my wife, who was also in the Navy at the time. Upon marriage and starting a family, we moved back to Skaneateles as it then looked like a very attractive place to raise a family. I am in the health care field. One of our children was a rotary exchange student. I have done mission work in a third world country. Who am I?

**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: First host family-Joseph Judge and Sheila Myers  
Thomas Boxho, Belgium: First host family-Kanstantin Hristodoulou and Roberta Williams  
Geraldine Vollmin, Switzerland: First 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:**

- Nov. 12, 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](mailto:cherylsilvestrini@rocketmail.com). It is important to report the work you are doing and the time you are putting in.

### **CELEBRATIONS:**

**Rotary Anniversaries in November:** Roberta Williams (7), Bill Huba (1), John O’Sullivan (14), Phil D’Angelo (5), Bill Stevens (22), Ralph Jurgensen (33).

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**Member Birthdays in the Month of November:** Gary Caldwell (1<sup>st</sup>), Bill Conole (1<sup>st</sup>), Dick Poppa (5<sup>th</sup>), Patti Langley (18<sup>th</sup>), Lee Overstrom (27<sup>th</sup>).

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

<b>Nov. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Set-up-50/50-Ticket Sales	Todd May and John May
	Pledge of Allegiance	Brad McLennan
	Invocation	Jim Messenger
<b>Nov. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Set-up-50/50-Ticket Sales	John O’Sullivan and Umesh Patil
	Pledge of Allegiance	Skip Plank
	Invocation	Karen Price

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



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