

The Skantarian

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THIS WEEK: Professor Charles Driscoll, a Skaneateles resident, is our speaker this week. Professor Driscoll received his PhD. from Cornell University in Environmental Engineering. Currently, he is Professor of Environmental Systems Engineering and Director of the Center for Environmental Systems Engineering at Syracuse University. His research interest is in biogeochemistry and involves investigating the response of forest, wetland and eco-systems to disturbance, domestic and industrial waters, climate change and invasive species. His talk will be about the Florida everglades.

NEXT WEEK: Thanksgiving. No meeting.

CHRISTMAS FUND RAISER, DECEMBER 8th:

The Skaneateles Rotary Club's annual Christmas Fund Raiser will be held on Thursday, Dec.8, 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.

Can You Name This Rotarian? I was born in Brynn Mawr Hospital and grew up in the Philadelphia area, and often played at the Marion Elementary school. This school was the site of a terrible tragedy years later when Senator John Heinz was killed when his small plane was struck by a helicopter and crashed where I used to play. I lived for a while in Endwell, NY, but most of my youth, along with my six siblings, was spent in Pelham NY, a Westchester County community. I met my wife, a near lifelong Skaneateles resident, when we both attended college at SUNY New Paltz.

We currently live in a house on Franklin St. that was once on the corner of Fuller and Genesee. My father-in-law, a former Rotarian, bought the house in 1965, and had it moved down the street. From 1984 through 2009 I worked in the flooring industry mostly as a manufacturer or distributor sales representative. I was laid off in 2009 and went to work for a national company that sells supplemental insurance products, but after about a year I left the company and went to work for a well known major insurance company, which offers a broad selection of financial, retirement and insurance products. In addition to my current full-time position, I also work part-time for another company. Plus, I also attend graduate school at night, working toward a Masters Degree in history. Can you name me?

Last week’s answer: (Gard Lorey)

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

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. 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).

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

SETUP – 50/50 – Ticket Sales – Pledge of Allegiance – Invocation:

Nov. 17th	Set-up-50/50-Ticket Sales	John O’Sullivan and Umesh Patil
	Pledge of Allegiance	Skip Plank
	Invocation	Karen Price
Dec. 1st	Set-up-50/50-Ticket Sales	Lori Ruhlman and Doug Rutan
	Pledge of Allegiance	Jean Sardino
	Invocation	Steve Schwartz

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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



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