

# The Skantarian Newsletter

Skaneateles Rotary Club, Skaneateles NY, U.S.A.  
Rotary District 7150  
*Serving our Community and World since 1927*

## News

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Member Birthdays

**Bill Conole**

November 1

**Gary Caldwell**

November 1

**Lee Overstrom**

November 27

### Spouse Birthdays

**Kosta Hristodoulou**

November 14

### Join Date

**John O'Sullivan**

November 6, 2008

6 years

## Links

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**NOTICE - No Meeting on Nov. 27th (Happy Thanksgiving), Dec. 4th is the Christmas Dinner Fund-Raiser at the Skaneateles Country Club.**

## AN EXTRA 100 PH CONTRIBUTION POINTS



Our Board of Directors approved a resolution, last month, that provided for a match of 100 PH contribution points, for the first 20 contributors to the RF Annual Fund, will receive a match of 100 PH contribution points. Additionally, the first 10 contributors to the RF PolioPlus giving \$100 or more will be matched with 100 PH Contribution points.

**TAKE ACTION** and make your annual RF contribution now to be among those taking advantage of this option. Send or give your 2014/15 contributions to Bill Buterbaugh, or RF Chair for processing. Checks are to be made out to **The Rotary Foundation.**

## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY NOTES

Last week, Nov. 14th, your Board of Directors held their monthly meeting. The following are the summary notes of that meeting.

- **Baseball Field Matching Grant** - was completed successfully and the final report submitted to the District.
- **Grant Committee** - was formed to gather input and make recommendations for future District grants. Bill Blessing will chair, with Bill Conole and others in support.
- **Dictionary/Thesauruses project** - was completed Nov. 10th, with Cheryl, Bill C. and Ward distributing the books to 3rd and 5th graders, and over 200 grateful little hands shook.
- **Nomination Committee** - for next year's Directors and Officer was formed consisting of Bill Blessing, Amy Tormey and TBA
- **YE immunization** - Request was approved to cover the cost of an YE student's immunization.
- **Membership** - Sandy Lee and John Ralph resignations accepted in good standing. Sandy's due to relocation, and Ralph's due to business commitments. Both will be missed by our happy band of Skantarians.
- **Rescue Mission** - request for Thanksgiving dinner funding was approved.

## Executives & Directors

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Secretary  
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[Bill Blessing](#)

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[Bill Conole](#)

PR Committee Chair



**RING THE BELL** - Our Salvation Army Kettle project, at the Tops Market commences Friday, December 5th. The schedule can be found on our website by going to the Site Pages on the left side of the Home page. If you have not yet had an opportunity to sign-up for a time slot, contact John Moran. A great project that supports those in our community in need .... and .... to meet and greet your Skaneateles friends, while providing **Service Above Self** while serving your community.

## **Annual Christmas Fund Raiser, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Skaneateles Rotary Club's annual Christmas fund raiser will be held on Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Skaneateles Country Club. We will begin with a happy hour at 6 PM followed by a family style turkey dinner at 7 PM. Tickets are \$25, same as last year, to cover the cost of the dinner at this fine local venue.

As in past years, the dinner will be followed by a raffle of prizes donated by local businesses and professionals as well as by Rotarians. Each of the dinner participants receives a raffle ticket in exchange for making a cash donation to our Skaneateles Rotary Foundation for the benefit of the local **Outreach office and the Skaneateles and Spafford Food Pantries for their Christmas gift and dinner programs** for the area's needy. This year we expect that the number of local needy families will be greater than ever.



Each Rotarian is asked to begin planning for this great event by lining up friends, business associates, neighbors, golfing buddies, etc. to invite to dinner on Dec.4. Last year there were 200 of us enjoying the holiday 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. Last year we raised over \$10,000!

Jack Hyatt is in charge of tickets and he is once again encouraging Rotarians individually or in partnership to put together an 8 or 10 person table of guests. The goal this year is to again reach a capacity level of 200 participants, Jack and the other committee members (Peter Adams, Guido Van der Ven, Steve Schwartz, Roy McDonald, Jack Emmer, Dale Zabel, Bob Holloway, Charlie McElroy, John Moran, & Robin Jowaisas) will be at upcoming meetings to provide additional information, to answer any questions, and most importantly, to reserve tickets for Rotarians and their guests. Jack asks that those reserving tickets and tables pay him in advance of the 4<sup>th</sup> with a check made out to the **Skaneateles Rotary Foundation**.

*Finally, the organizing committee needs fellow Rotarian support in coming up with **raffle prizes**. The goal is to have at least 50% of attendees win a prize. While local merchants and professionals will be canvassed again this year for prize donations, all Rotarians are also being asked to donate prizes such as a bottle of wine, a gift card, etc. Please let Roy McDonald know in advance of the event what you will be bringing in the way of a prize. Even if you can't attend the event, please contribute a raffle prize. ... by Robin*

**LAST WEEK** - Bill Buterbaugh opened his Rotary Presentation by noting that November is Rotary Foundation Month. The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Bill

[Bill Conole](#)

Director-15  
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Director-15  
[Bill Huba](#)

Director-15  
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Director-16  
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noted that our Skaneateles Rotary Foundation was established in 2007 as a not for profit organization to benefit primarily the charitable, educational, health, welfare, and recreational needs in our community. Bill cited several examples where our club obtained Foundation Grants to benefit Africa & to help upgrade our Austin Park baseball fields. Bill encouraged every member of our club to contribute even a nominal amount for this worthy cause. Bill pointed out that there are Rotary District matching funds/PHF points available for the first 20 or contributions of \$100 (see Matching points article above). Bill asked our members to consider a gift in the form of a cash donation, a pledge, or a bequest in your will to our Skaneateles Rotary Foundation. ... *by Bill Conole*  
**50/50 Winner** - Cheryl

**THIS WEEK:** *Lori Ruhman* - RYLA Students' Presentation  
**FUTURE SPEAKERS & EVENTS:** *See listing below*

**CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEWSLETTER** - Articles and insights to your weekly **Skantarian** Newsletter. Content is the key to success! Send to Ward at: [wardtv37@mac.com](mailto:wardtv37@mac.com) or Doug at: [drutan@houghes.net](mailto:drutan@houghes.net)



**WHAT BILL GATES SAID** "You may have heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. There's another day you might want to know about: Giving Tuesday. The idea is pretty straightforward. On the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, shoppers take a break from their gift-buying and donate what they can to charity."

## MEETING SETUP

### ASSIGNMENTS

#### Set-up 50/50

#### Ticket Sales

#### Pledge

#### Invocation

### Nov 20

Chuck O'Neil

John O'Sullivan

Umish Patil

Dave Piper

### Dec 11

Skip Plank

Doug Powell

Cathy Powell

Dave Piper

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

## D7150 and RI 2014-15 Future Events

Link to District

Calendar: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50143/Events/Calendar>



## RI EXCHANGE STUDENTS (2014-15):

### Our Inbound Students & Host Families

- Katariina (Kata) Huru - *Finland*; Mark & Terri Roney
- Marcus Moraes - *Brazil*; Kevin & Kelly Daley
- Bartek Narwasinski - *Poland*; Andy & Julie Legg

**Our Outbound Students:** Calvin Bohrer - *Hungary*; Jamie Roney - *Denmark*; Jake Viscomi - *Japan* & Ryan Terhune - *India*  
Click on: <http://skaneatelesrotary.com/SitePage/youth-exchange> to view pictures of current and past students.

### SHORT TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAM (STEP)

Julia Hearn- *Italy*, host sister Guila; Adam Oliver- *France*, host brother Antonin and Allison Purdy- *Austria*, host sister Katharina

[John Moran](#)



**MAKE UPS:** Remember to report your “make ups” to Skip Plank ASAP. You can email him at [fplank@verizon.net](mailto:fplank@verizon.net). It is important to report the work you are doing and the time you are putting in.

**DISTRICT NEWSLETTER** - Can be found on the District 7150 Home page at: <http://www.rotary7150.org>

### Speakers

Nov 20, 2014

[RYLA Students - Lori Ruhlman](#)

Nov 27, 2014

[NO MEETING - Happy Thanksgiving Day](#)

Dec 04, 2014

[Christmas Fund Raiser @ Skan Country Club](#)

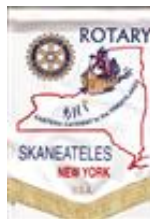
*Christmas Basket Fund Raising Turkey Dinner - at the Skaneateles Country Club*

Dec 11, 2014

[Annual Meeting - BOD @ 5:00PM](#)

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Welcome to our Club!



Service Above Self

We meet Thursdays at 6:30 PM

The Sherwood Inn

26 W. Genesee St

Skaneateles, NY 13152

United States



[District Site](#)



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*"Service Above Self"*