

The Skantarian

The Skaneateles Rotary Club
Skaneateles New York



SPECIAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST EDITION!

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June 1, 2019

Pancake Breakfast Timetable: June 13th is our final organizational meeting for our Father's Day Pancake Breakfast and we need every Rotarian to attend for final assignments, review of responsibilities and trouble shooting. The rest of the schedule for all Rotarians is as follows:

6/14 Friday 8-10 AM to set up the sinks, grills, egg cooking and batter mixing areas, tables/chairs, etc. Rotarians with pick-ups, vans and/or strong muscles report to David Lee's barn on Pork St. at 8 AM. Everyone else be at the rink at 8 AM.

6/15 Saturday at 8 AM we wash serving equipment, set up side serving areas, clean/test the grills/cooking equipment, dress the tables, etc.

6/16 Sunday at 7AM-2PM for the breakfast and cleanup/packup afterwards.

6/17 Monday at 8-10 AM for breakdown, storage (pick-ups, vans and muscles again needed) and rink clean-up.

This event only works if **every Rotarian** makes a full commitment! We need volunteers (family, friends, neighbors, etc.) so please recruit anyone and every one you can and give the names to Mary for assignment.

Here's a few final reminders: Please everyone, we need a final push to sell tickets particularly since the weather on event day can be unpredictable. All Rotarians and volunteers are requested to park on the grass along the east side of the rink to free up spots in the paved parking lot for our Sunday customers. Please inform our volunteers of this parking requirement. Don't forget to wear comfortable, safe, no slip shoes. Please be at the rink by 7:00 AM on Sunday to get organized and sample the tasty food and don't forget to bring your Rotary hat and apron. Finally, please everyone stay after we close at 1:00 PM on Sunday to help clean up so we can all leave by 2:00 PM.

Assignment Roster Attached Below – If there are any changes and or additions you would like to make, please contact Robin Jowaisas at 246-7875 or email at: rjowaisas@gmail.com

INTERESTING HISTORICAL TIDBITS REGARDING THIS 50TH ROTARY FATHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The first Skaneateles Rotary Club 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 grills, mixers and pots/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 rink 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 walls of the Methodist church and 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 about 3,000 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 \$14,000 depending on the weather, which is a key determinant of total attendance. Almost all of these funds go back into the community to support our many service and worthy cause projects.



"Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve." ~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.