

# Skaneateles Suntarian ....

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***Sow The Seeds of Love*** (2002-03 Rotary International's Theme)

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***Skaneateles Sunrise Provisional Rotary Club***

*Meets every Thursday Mornings, 7-8 am at Johnny Angels, Skaneateles NY*

**Officers:** President, *Doug Hill*; Secretary, *John Rooney*; Treasurer, *Toni Feldmann*

**4-Avenues of Service Chairs:** Club Service - *Bill Lynn*; Community Service - *Ralph Edmonds*; International Service - *Rhett Weiss*; Vocational Service - *Elaine Taggart*

**Board Members:** *Bill Lynn, Rhett Weiss, Elaine Taggart & Tim Lynn*

**District Advisor:** *PDG Ward Vuillemot*

**Skaneateles Rotary Club Support Team:** *Bill Stevens, Donn Nottage, Dick Poppa & Peter Anderson*

**This Week's Program: 01/09/03** – Rotary Youth Exchange with *Lori Ruhlman* and student *Zuheyy Lara-Rojas* from Costa Rica

**Next Week's Program: 01/16/03** – *Steve White* on Antiques

**Last Week's Meeting: 01/02/03** – Oh four, ... *Fundraising review*

- **Present:** *Doug Hill, Rhett Weiss, Rich Berman, Bill Lynn, John Rooney, John Paddock, and Ron Bond (Welcome Ron!)*
- **Visitarians:** *Dick Poppa of the Skaneateles Evening Club*

## **Business Discussed:**

- **Fundraising**

- Holiday Gift wrapping. Bill stated that overall we grossed over \$150 although we still have some outstanding expenses for the Rotary cards and some of the wrapping materials. Some feedback suggestions:

- consider a more visible location (at a non-retail business) or at least have more visible advertising on main block - go out to the customer
- possibly limit it to the last 5 days before Christmas (but include weekdays) since more than 1/2 of our proceeds came the last weekend

- consider bulk rates or other discounts to encourage more patrons
- put some fun spin on it to attract the male shopper
- appoint a chairperson next year around October

- Carrier Dome Concession Dick will check what the Evening Club's experience has been supporting this fundraiser coordinated by the Eastwood club.

- Water Bottle sales There was a suggestion to carry over our Labor Day project to the Memorial Day Parade as well. Depending on what the future holds for our group's other fundraising plans, this could possibly be our signature community event.

**Food Pantry** - Tuesday January 14th is the next Food Pantry Day.

- **President-Elect** - Rhett has stepped up and has thrown his name in for consideration to be our next Sunrise President.
- **Future Program Ideas** - Confirm open dates with Dave and then any club member can call prospective program person themselves to arrange visit.

### **Calendar of Coming Events:**

- **Jan 9th, 2003 - Program**— Rotary Youth Exchange with Lori Ruhlman and student Zuhey Lara-Rojas from Costa Rica
- **Jan 14th - Food Pantry Day**
- **Jan 15th – Mid-Winter Meeting at Auburn Holiday Inn**
- **Jan 16th - Program** -Antiques with Steve White
- **Jan 23th - Program** - Zoning and Planning with Andy Ramsgard
- **Jan 30th - Program** Open
- **Feb 6th- Program** Open
- **Feb 13th- Program** Open
- **Feb 20th- Program** Open

**Feb 28th & March 1st - President Elect Training Session (PETS)**

### **Rotary Information**

#### **CONCERN FOR THE AGING**

One current area of special emphasis for Rotary clubs focuses on providing "new opportunities for the aging." In 1990, the R.I. Board of

Directors urged Rotarians to identify new projects serving the elderly that emphasize intergenerational activities and the integration of seniors into society and the work place. The following year, the board called for an approach that stressed service "with" the elderly as well as "for" them.

With the substantial upswing in the worldwide population of older persons, their needs for special attention have greatly multiplied. As citizens grow older, it becomes increasingly important for them to retain their personal independence and to remain in control of their own lives to the extent this is possible.

Many Rotary clubs are seeking ways to serve the older persons of their community who face problems of deteriorating health, loneliness, poor nutrition, transportation difficulties, inability to do customary chores, loss of family associations, reduced recreational opportunities, inadequate housing and limited information about available social agencies for emergency assistance. Some clubs have initiated a valuable community service to assist older persons in retirement planning and adjustment by organizing and sharing the wealth of information available within the club's membership. Other clubs have developed foster grandparent programs and other intergenerational activities that allow seniors to use their experience and knowledge to help young people. Rotarians often can provide services, which seniors can no longer do for themselves.

The greatest need of aging individuals is frequently a mere expression of real caring and concern by thoughtful friends.

All Rotarians should seriously consider how they and their clubs might actively participate in programs for the aging. It is one area of community service in which there is a growing possibility that each of us may some day be on the receiving end.