

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*

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

District Advisor: *Ward Vuillemot*

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

This Week's Program: 10/31/02 – *Hospice*

Next Week's Program: 11/07/02 – *TBA*

Last Week's Meeting: 10/24/02 - *Bringing Music to Life, by Jim Vitkus*

- **Present:** *Doug Hill, Tim Lynn, Ralph Edmonds, Andy Ramsgard, Bill Lynn, Toni Feldmann, John Rooney, Dave Labourdette, Rhett Weiss, John Paddock*
- **Visitarians:** *Ward Vuillemot, Donn Nottage, Bill Rosbrook of the Skaneateles Evening Club;*
- **Program:** *Jim Vitkus* came and informed us about an upcoming Piano Concert at the high school this Friday Nov1st at 7:30 PM. World renowned pianist Valery Lloyd-Watts of Canada will be performing. Jim shared information on Valery and the Suzuki style of music which she is known for. Jim also spoke about the connection he and several other Skaneateles residents have with Canadian music via the summer music camp at Queens College in Kingston, Ontario. This is a fun and relaxing program where kids go to music camp along with their parents and other family members and have an enriching experience. Jim will gladly share details with anyone interested.

Other Business Discussed:

Projects

- **Make a Difference Day** - Last Saturday October 26th was the District's "make a difference day". Project has be rescheduled

due to very wet weather the 26th. Doug to provide "rain day" information.

- **Fundraising - Holiday Gift wrapping.** A volunteer signup sheet is available. This will run in conjunction with the Dickens Christmas from 11AM-5PM on Saturdays and Noon-5PM on Sundays from Nov. 30th till Christmas. Ward will acquire rotary seals to stick on packages. There was a suggestion to have student helper groups available if we need more wrappers.
- **Food Pantry** -Tuesday November 12th is the Next packing and delivery date. Please contact Tony if you can assist on this day.
- **Other News** - Still looking for a volunteer to be the Rotary Foundation Officer who would represent our club in any District liasions with Rotary International and would report back to our club
- **Club Information Flyer** – Prez. Doug suggested that the club prepare and publish a flyer which describes the club and Rotary. This would be used as handout to prospective members. Andy agreed to create a club "logo" that would be used on the flyer and the future club banner. Ward agreed to work with a few members to layout and print the piece.

Calendar of Coming Events:

- **November is Rotary Foundation month**
- **Nov 2nd - Rotary Leadership Institute** – 8 AM -3:30 PM in Canandaigua - Part of a 3 part series
- **Nov 9th – Rotary Foundation Seminar** – 9 AM -2:00 PM Rusty Rail Rest. in Canastota NY (suggested that we assign a Rotary Foundation Officer)
- **Nov 12th – Rotary International President to Speak** - Rome, NY - Details were in a separate E-mail from Ward.
- **Nov 12th – Club's Skan Seniors' Food Pantry Project** – See Tony if you can help out.

Rotary Information: About The Rotary Foundation .. *from RI Foundation website*

The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

The Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of US\$26.50 to more than US\$73 million contributed in 2000-01. Its event-filled history is a story of Rotarians learning the value of service to humanity.

The Foundation's Humanitarian Programs fund international Rotary club and district projects to improve the quality of life, providing health care, clean water, food, education, and other essential needs primarily in the developing world. One of the major Humanitarian Programs is PolioPlus, which seeks to eradicate the polio virus worldwide. Through its Educational Programs, the Foundation provides funding for some 1,200 students to study abroad each year. Grants are also awarded to university teachers to teach in developing countries and for exchanges of business and professional people. Former participants in the Foundation's programs have the opportunity to continue their affiliation with Rotary as Foundation Alumni.

For more information on current Foundation program awards and financial status see the Rotary Foundation Fact Card and the Rotary Foundation Annual Report, both of which are available for download at the Rotary International website at:

<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/index.html>

Here is a sampling of what some Rotarians, Foundation alumni, and others who have worked with the Foundation have said about the international work of The Rotary Foundation:

"Rotary set me on a course that I am still continuing. If I had not gone to the United States as an Ambassadorial Scholar, I don't think I would have pursued the study of International Relations."

Sadako Ogata

Former United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees
Foundation Scholar, 1951-52

"Rotary International's masterpiece is The Rotary Foundation. It transforms our dreams into splendid realities . . . it is the most generous expression of Rotarian generosity – a generosity that not only brings benefits but also brings help and cooperation to solve the problems that affect mankind. The Rotary Foundation achieves the best that mankind can possibly achieve."

Paulo V.C. Costa

President, Rotary International, 1990-91

"From Seattle to Santiago, from Bogota to Bombay, and everywhere in between, the children of the world are waiting. They are the hope of the future, and you are their hope that the future will be bright. I thank you, Rotary, for alleviating the suffering of children."

Audrey Hepburn

discussing the PolioPlus program on behalf of UNICEF

"In Warsaw, Wojcich Sierpinski, a Rotary club president, took me on a tour I will never forget. We visited his parent's house – where they lived during World War II. There in the kitchen, under a dusty stack of crates was a secret wooden panel in the floor. Wojcich removed the panel to reveal a tiny room underneath the kitchen floor where his parents hid their neighbors – a Jewish family – during the war. As I stood speechless, listening to Wojcich describe how they evaded the Nazis, I realized the full value of the Group Study Exchange program."

Ian Oxman

Group Study Exchange team member from California, USA
describing part of his trip to Warsaw, Poland

"The Rotary Foundation's programs are all the more important because we live in world of sharp contrasts: fear and hope, illness and good health, poverty and wealth. Worse, we live in a world in which inequalities of income, unemployment – and presumably exclusion from well-being – have sensibly increased in the last fifteen years, not so much between countries, but within countries, developed and developing alike. In such a situation, the role of The Rotary Foundation is of the utmost importance."

Bertrand Rene Munier

Professor of Economics
Ecole Normale Supérieure, Cachan, France
Ambassadorial Scholar 1967-68