

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*, Pres-Elect: *Rhett Weiss*

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District Advisor: *PDG Ward Vuillemot*

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

This Week's Program: 02/06/03 – Rescue Mission or Car Racing instructor

Next Week's Program: 02/13/03 – Rescue Mission or Car Racing instructor

Last Week's Meeting: 01/30/03 – Military Academy Advisor with *John Paddock*

- **Present:** *Doug Hill, Rhett Weiss, Ralph Edmonds, John Paddock, John Rooney, Toni Feldmann, Ron Bond, Dave Labourdette, Jim McQuiggan (Welcome Jim!)*
- **Visitarians:** *Chuck Williams, Donn Nottage, Dick Poppa and Art Fellerman*

Program: John Paddock stepped up and filled in at the last minute. John shared many little-known, yet interesting facts about the selection process for the Naval Academy as well as the other service academies. John was a Naval Information Officer for the Central NY region and described how this person provides guidance and insight to prospective candidates from local high schools. You can contact your local Congressman's office to find out who the local officers currently are for each academy. Interested students with a true desire should start planning for this path when they first enter high school and must partake in the application process by 11th grade if they are to be considered for one of the very few appointments or nominations that are given.

Food Pantry - Tuesday February 11th is the next Food Pantry Day.

Rotary Exchange Host Families Needed - Next school year, Rotary District 7150 is planning to have 32 outgoing exchange students with a similar number of incoming students. Our community is expected to welcome 3 students and so host families are needed to provide 3 month stints. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact the Evening Rotary Club.

Calendar of Coming Events:

- **Feb 6th- Program** Open
- **Feb 11th- Food Pantry**
- **Feb 13th- Program** Open
- **Feb 20th- Program** Volunteer Firefighting with Jerry S.
- **Feb 27th- Program** Open
- **Feb 28th & March 1st - President Elect Training Session (PETS)**

- **April 5th- Rotary Leadership Institute Meeting**

Rotary Information

February - World Understanding Month

The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar since it is designated World Understanding Month. The month also includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, now designated World Understanding and Peace Day.

In designating World Understanding Month, the Rotary International board asks all Rotary clubs to plan programs for their weekly meetings and undertake special activities to emphasize "understanding and goodwill as essential for world peace."

To observe this designated month, many clubs arrange international speakers, invite youth exchange students and international scholars from schools and universities to club meetings, plan programs featuring former Group Study Exchange team members, arrange discussions on international Issues, present entertainment with an international cultural or artistic theme and schedule other programs with an international emphasis.

Many clubs take the opportunity to launch an international community service activity or make contact with a Rotary club in another country. It is a good month to initiate a Rotary Fellowship Exchange, a 3-H project or encourage support for Polio Plus and other Rotary Foundation programs.

World Understanding Month is a chance for every club to pause, plan and promote the Fourth Avenue of Service--Rotary's continued quest for goodwill, peace and understanding among people of the world.