

Skaneateles Suntarian March 13th, 2003 issue

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

Skaneateles Sunrise Provisional Rotary Club www.rotarydistrict7150.org

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* **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*

District Advisor: *PDG Ward Vuillemot* **Skaneateles Rotary Club Support Team:**
Bill Stevens, Donn Nottage, Dick Poppa & Peter Anderson

This Week's Program: 03/13/03 – Rescue Mission with *Sally Star*

Next Week's Program: 03/20/03 – Club Assembly and Board Meeting

Last Week's Program: 03/06/03 – Scuba Diving with *Henry MacDonald*

- **Present:** *Rhett Weiss, Ralph Edmonds, Toni Feldmann, John Paddock, John Rooney, Ron Bond, Doug Smith, Andy Ramsgard, Bill Lynn (Welcome Joachim)*
- **Visitarians:** *Ward Vuillemot, Donn Nottage* of the Evening Club and *Henry MacDonald* of the Auburn club

Program: *Henry MacDonald* of Finger Lakes Scuba spoke of the opportunities to train and practice scuba diving here in Central New York. Henry noted how his business and local diving clubs bring the scuba experience to the community. There are many volunteer assembly presentations at local high schools and there are numerous free demonstrations at local indoor pools including the new Skaneateles Recreation Center where people can see if this is something they're interested in. Once trained and certified, divers can explore many local lakes or go on family vacations to water locations all around the world. Highly trained divers can also support local rescue teams. Like many of our other guest Rotary business speakers, Henry advised us of the importance of doing your market research, know your niche, go to the customer and always listen and provide services that the customer is asking for.

President Elect Training - Last week Prez-Elect Rhett attended a day and half President Elect Training seminar and shared some of the many great ideas he learned. Rhett emphasized the importance of chartering soon and this will be high on our board meeting agenda. Thanks Rhett for representing our Sunrise Club.

Food Pantry Tuesday March 11th at 11:45 AM is the next Food Pantry Day. Contact Toni if you can "Lend a Hand"

Press Release- Thanks *Toni* for getting the Sunrise Rotary plug into the Chamber of Commerce newsletter and for coordinating with *Bill* another newspaper release. Any positive responses to our open invitation might just put us over the membership top.

Rotary Info Meeting - either before or after any regular meeting that's convenient for those interested.

Board Meeting - Date **CHANGED** - Now **March 20th**, at our Sunrise Club assembly meeting.

Calendar of Coming Events:

- **March 11th**- Food Pantry at 11:45 AM
- **March 13th**- Program Rescue Mission - Sally Star
- **March 20th**- Club Assembly / Board Meeting 7:00 AM
- **March 27th**- Program Open
- **April 3rd**- Program Open
- **April 5th**- Rotary Leadership Institute Meeting 7:30 - 4:30 at MVCC. Ward and John P. plan on attending. Others are encouraged.
- **April 8th**- Food Pantry at 11:45 AM
- **May 9th**- Syracuse Inner City Club Charter event

District 7150 Charters its Forty Sixth - *The Syracuse Inner City club has received its Charter and will celebrate at a special event on May 9th. Let's plan to have someone attend and celebrate with them as we prepare for the Skaneateles SR charter celebration. Also, we should plan on presenting a gift to the new club (\$50)*

Rotary Information

No Personal Privileges from the ABC's of Rotary, by Past RI Pres., Cliff Dochterman

Frequently friends ask whether Rotarians receive special business benefits from their Rotary membership. Should Rotarians expect a special discount or some preferential service just because they are dealing with a fellow Rotarian?

The answer is clearly "no." The Rotary Manual of Procedure expressly states the Rotary position on this matter. The policy, originally approved by the R.I. Board of Directors in 1933, is that in business and professional relations "a Rotarian should not expect, and far less should he or she ask for, more consideration or advantages from a fellow Rotarian than the latter would give to any other business or professional associate with whom he has business relations. " Over 50 years ago the concept was expressed that "true friends demand nothing of one another, and any abuse of the confidence of friendship for profit is foreign to the spirit of Rotary."

On the other hand, if new or increased business comes as the natural result of friendship created in Rotary, it is the same normal development which takes place outside of Rotary as well as inside, so it is not an infringement on the ethics of Rotary membership. It is important to remember that the primary purpose of Rotary membership is to provide each member with a unique opportunity to serve others, and membership is not intended as a means for personal profit or special privileges.