



## Skaneateles Sunrise Rotary Club Bulletin April 14, 2005

**This Week - April 14th @ SCC.** Rich Berman is our Greeter & Program Coordinator. Our Guest Speaker is Skaneateles Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sue Dove, who will discuss "Chamber Activities & Resources". Our short business meeting will address: Spring Fundraiser, Pavilion Project, Golf Tournament (June 17th).

**Next Food Pantry - Tuesday, May 10th.** Please sign up ASAP with Daryle Pickering & put it on your calendar.

**Centennial Project - Skaneateles Conservation Area Pavilion.** Task details are being worked. Targeted work days, Saturdays, are: April 23rd & 30th; May 7th & 14th. First work session (April 23rd) will be at Dave Lee's, doing pre-assembly tasks.

**Spring Fundraiser Kicking Off Soon.** Rich Berman has graciously agreed to spearhead this important project. Please help him when asked. We'll be printing tickets and we'll need a full court press to distribute and sell for this year's Father's Day lawn tractor drawing.

**Future SSRC Programs & Activities (at Skaneateles Community Center, unless otherwise indicated):**

=> SSRC Regular Meetings, 7 AM Thursdays, April 21st & 28th @ Skaneateles Community Center

=> Pavilion Project "Hands On" construction - Saturdays, April 23rd & 30th; May 7th & 14th **SSRC Needs Member Participation!**

=> **Meeting program dates assigned per attached Programs Schedule; Mike Clark coordinating.** Please see the attached schedule for your dates. When you are assigned lead for a specific date, please notify Mike as soon as you have lined up your speaker and program; if you have difficulty meeting the assignment, please let Mike know ASAP so we can discuss and perhaps facilitate a swap.

**Upcoming District & Neighboring Club Events.**

=> April 30th - District Assembly, Madison-Oneida BOCES, Vernon, NY

=> May 14-15th - Auburn Rotary Owasco Stage Race for bicycle racers

=> May 20th - District Rotary Foundation Dinner, Dibbles Inn, Vernon, NY

=> June 29th - District Changing of the Guard, Rusty Rail, Canastota, NY

**Auburn Rotary Requesting Volunteer Help - Owasco Stage Race.** This bicycle race is Saturday & Sunday, May 14-15th. Saturday, there are two races- a morning Time Trial race and an early evening Criterium race around the downtown Loop Road in Auburn. While Auburn would welcome volunteers for Saturday, the specific request is for Sunday, as the Sunday Road course migrates over to Route 41A / West Lake Road. Here's an info link: <http://www.Syracuse.com/news/poststandard/index.ssf?base/news-8/111079305923670.xml> For the Skaneateles area portion of the race, the request is for four pairs of volunteers (8 total) for each of the following approximate times & locations on Sunday, May 15th; anyone who volunteers will be trained how to do the job and anything SSRC members could do would be greatly appreciated.

10 AM - 1 PM Intersection of O'Neil Road & County Line Road initially, then redeploy to a second location.

10 AM - 10:35 AM Intersection of County Line Road & Andrews Road

10 AM - 1 PM Intersection of Andrews Road & Route 41A South initially, then redeploy to a second location

10:15 AM - 1 PM 1:30 PM Intersection Rt 41A & Rt 359 @ Mandana initially, then redeploy to a second location

Please let me know by email, phone or sign-up at our meetings in the next two weeks.

**Next Week - SSRC Assembly April 21st @ Skaneateles Community Center.** Ron Bond has Greeter & program TBD.

**Rotary Thought For the Week. From the Wall Street Journal, April 12, 2005 -**

*"Today marks the 50th anniversary of the Salk polio vaccine. Poliomyelitis, also known as infantile paralysis, used to be one of childhood's most feared diseases. A few years after Dr. Jonas Salk announced his vaccine on April 12, 1955, nearly every child in the U.S. was protected. Today polio has disappeared from the Americas, Europe and the Western Pacific and is nearly gone from the rest of the world. A too-little known part of this feat is the role played by Rotary, the international businessman's club, which 20 years ago adopted the goal of wiping out the disease. Rotary understood that medical breakthroughs are worthless unless people aren't afraid to immunize their children and efficient delivery systems exist to get the vaccine to them. And so it mobilized its members in 30,100 clubs in 166 countries to make it happen. In 1985, when Rotary launched its eradication program, there were an estimated 350,000 new cases of polio in 125 countries. Last year, 1,263 cases were reported. More than one million Rotary members have volunteered their time or donated money to immunize two billion children in 122 countries. In 1988, Rotary money and its example were the catalyst for a global eradication drive joined by the World Health Organization, Unicef and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. In 2000 Rotary teamed up with the United Nations Foundation to raise \$100 million in private money for the program. By the time the world is certified as polio-free -- probably in 2008 -- Rotary will have contributed \$600 million to its eradication effort. An economist of our acquaintance calls Rotary's effort the most successful private health-care initiative ever. A vaccine-company CEO recently volunteered to us that the work of Rotary and the Gates Foundation, both private groups, has been more effective than any government in promoting vaccines to save lives. It's become fashionable in some quarters to deride civic volunteerism, but Rotary's unsung polio effort deserves the Nobel Peace Prize."*

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