

New Meeting Location as of May 29th: The Skaneateles Recreational Center

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 The Skaneateles Rec Center, 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

(temporary); 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

This Week's Program: 05/29/03 – Dr. Walter Sullivan - School Superintendent

Last Week's Program: 05/22/03 - Ken Scott, M&T Bank , Syracuse

Present: Rhett Weiss, Ralph Edmonds, John Paddock, Ron Bond, Dave Labourdette, Rich Berman, Dan Hennigan, Jim McQuiggan, Elaine Taggart

Visitation: Donn Nottage, Ward Vuillemot of Skaneateles Evening Club

Program: Ken Scott, Commercial Banker at M&T Bank gave an interesting program about the current CNY economy and how, as a result, the banking industry responded. He has been in the Town of Skaneateles for 26 years and began his banking at Lincoln National Bank, Syracuse in 1970. Through the years with mergers and consolidations, Lincoln became Chase, then Manufacturer's Hanover, Commercial, then Chase, OnBank and now M&T. Not only has the name changed, but services and banking products have also evolved to become more people focused than in past years. Current trends are to make loans to good projects, dependent upon sound management skills, not just borrowing power. Thank you Ken for an informative program. **Many Thanks:** Our thanks go out to Elaine for filling in as Suntarian editor this week in John's absence.

Announcements:

- ?? District Conference, 24-26 October, 2003 @ Chautauqua Institution
- ?? Need a new slate of officers by June 30.
- ?? Rotary Foundation Chair position needs to be filled. This has an international focus. Please consider
- ?? Rotary Centennial Project needs focus by June 30. Many projects have been discussed. Ralph & Rhett will discuss with evening club possible joint venture.
- ?? Memorial Day Parade/Water Sales: Meet at Johnny Angel's 9:30 am to "sticker" water bottles. Don Nottage will get aprons & hats from evening club. Volunteers: Ron Bond, Tony Feldmann, Doug Smith, Elaine Taggart, Ward Vuillemot

Calendar of Coming Events:

- ?? **May 29th** - Program - Dr. Walter Sullivan - School Superintendent
- ?? **June 2nd** - Annual Literacy Golf Tournament – Links at Erie Village Golf Club
- ?? **June 5th** - Program - open
- ?? **June 7th?** - Marcellus Duck Race - Nine Mile Creek
- ?? **June 8th?** - Falcon Fishing Derby - Sennett

- ?? **June 12th - Program - open**
- ?? **June 15th- Father's Day Pancake Breakfast- 7:30-1:00PM -Iron Lung display**
- ?? **June 26th – District Changing-Of-The-Guard** celebration,Rusty Rail, Canastota
- ?? **Oct 24-26 – District Conference** at Chautauqua Institution

Rotary International President's Message

Dear fellow Rotarians,The end of this Rotary year has now arrived, and it is time to say goodbye. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as president of this great organization that is so close to my heart. This experience has been the culmination of my 45 years as a Rotarian. Charoye and I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many Rotarians who are truly making a difference in their own communities and those around the world. We have been deeply moved and inspired by their dedication and commitment to the Rotary motto of Service Above Self.

As I reflect on the past year, I am flooded with memories of individual Rotarians who have shown so much compassion. I remember their outstretched hands, their ready smiles, their acts of kindness. I remember even more vividly those who benefited from that kindness. I remember the tears and hope in their eyes and their renewed faith in the future. In a time of uncertainty and upheaval, Rotarians have risen to the challenge of creating a better world. We have not let war, political instabilities, or economic hardships obscure our vision. We remain steadfast on the path to peace by providing humanitarian assistance and promoting tolerance and international understanding. I strongly believe that Rotary is a vehicle for grassroots diplomacy and uniting people of different cultures and beliefs.

Rather than being overwhelmed by the world's problems, Rotarians are ready to respond wholeheartedly and without hesitation. We have enthusiastically sponsored new community service projects, conducted health programs, raised funds for polio eradication, promoted educational initiatives, and supported the new Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. Today's challenges have reignited our passion for Rotary and renewed our sense of mission.

I have never been prouder to be a Rotarian. Every person we encounter has a chance for a better life. We must continue to find the courage to make a difference. I have no doubt that as we enter the new Rotary year, we will be ready to take on new challenges and touch new lives.

I am very pleased to pass the torch of service to our new leader, Jonathan Majiyagbe, our first president from Africa. It is with great pride that I welcome our incoming president and embrace the 2003-04 theme: *Lend a Hand*. I cannot think of a more appropriate theme as we approach Rotary's centennial in 2005 and continue to build on our tradition of meaningful service.

As this year draws to a close, Charoye and I would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all Rotarians and their families. We will miss you all very much. As Rotary moves forward, let us continue to *Sow the Seeds of Love* as we *Lend a Hand*. God bless you. God bless Rotary. - **Bhichai Rattakul**, President, Rotary International

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