



Skaneateles Suntarian ... July 3rd, 2003 issue

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Lend a Hand (2003-04 Rotary International Theme)

Skaneateles Sunrise Rotary Club

Meets every Thursday Mornings, 7-8 am at The Skaneateles Community Center

Officers: President, Rhett Weiss; Secretary, Elaine Taggart; Treasurer, Toni Feldmann, Pres-Elect: John Paddock

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: Peter Anderson, Bill Stevens, Donn Nottage & Dick Poppa

This Week's Program: 07/03/03 TBA

Last Week's Program: 06/26/03 District Governor Don Reese spoke and "pinned" the Club members.

- ?? Present: *Rhett Weiss, Doug Smith, John McCarthy, Ron Bond, Dan Henninger, Elaine Taggart, Dave Lauberdette, John Rooney, John Paddock, Doug Hill, Sharon Potucek, Tim Lynn, Mike Navaroli, Rich Berman, Toni Feldmann, and Rev. Robert deWetter*
- ?? Visitation: *Dick Poppa, Brad McLennan, Donn Nottage, Bill Stevens and Ward Vuillem - Skaneateles Evening Club; DG Don Reese, Utica.*
- ?? Roving Rotes – *Rhett Weiss and Doug Hill*, District Changing of the Guard event.

Points of Discussion.

- ?? Club Charter: Due to a conflict with a Rotary UN function, our Club Charter event has been moved forward a day to Thursday Oct. 2.
- ?? Curbstone Festival - (July 18, 19th) A sign-up sheet was circulated for selling water Friday and Saturday afternoon. John M. came up with a final label design. Bill L. is looking into securing a tent canopy. A table will be set up in front of Smith Barney and information on "Share your Life" will be available as well as the polio iron lung to publicize Rotary's commitment to eradicate polio from the face of the earth by 2005.
- ?? Program - District Governor Don Reese continued sharing Rotary themes as he did last week. This was Don's 47th and last official Club visit as District Governor and we were glad Don could make it. Don informed us about the Rotary position of Assistant Governor and that District 7150 currently has 8

Assistant Governors which allow the DG more time to do more things like visit each club. The AGs play a big role in the District Leadership Plan and are a great resource for contact between "clubs" and the "district".

Calendar of Coming Events:

- ?? TBD - Ralph Edmonds will bring the Laker-Limo for information and demonstration
- ?? June 26th - District Changing-Of-The-Guard celebration - The Rusty Rail, Canastota NY. Incoming and outgoing presidents are encouraged to attend.
- ?? July 3rd - Program Open
- ?? July 10th - Program Open
- ?? July 18 – Ward Vuillemot – “Share Your Life – Give of Yourself”
- ?? July 18-19th – Curbstone Festival - Sell Water in front of Smith Barney
- ?? Sept 27 – District Rotary Foundation Seminar
- ?? Oct 2nd - Skaneateles Sunrise Charter Event - The WA Lodge
- ?? Oct 24-26 – District Conference at Chautauqua Institution

Rotary Information . . .

Literacy and Numeracy

For many years, Rotarians have been active in efforts to reduce illiteracy, from building schools and paying salaries of teachers to serving as tutors to collecting and distributing books and audiovisual materials to libraries. Rotarians are working with governments to create large-scale replicable literacy projects in the developing world. In 1997, the RI Board of Directors designated July as Literacy Month, a perfect time for Rotary clubs to develop their own literacy projects as well as raise awareness of Rotarian efforts worldwide to eradicate illiteracy.

Considerable progress has been made in recent decades in reducing illiteracy; yet, close to a billion people lack the most basic literacy and numeracy skills. Millions more are functionally illiterate, lacking the skills necessary to meet the demands of everyday life. UNESCO illuminates some of the greatest challenges for those tackling illiteracy:

- ?? Ninety-eight percent of the world's illiterate population is in developing countries.
- ?? Fifty percent of the world's illiterate people live in India and China.
- ?? More than 50 percent of the population of Africa is illiterate.
- ?? Two-thirds of all those who lack literacy and numeracy skills are women.
- ?? More than 130 million school-age children are not attending classes.

District 7150 has one of the more active Literacy committees in the English speaking Rotary world. All of their programs and activities are funded through their annual golf tournament. They encourage each club to assigned a Literacy chair to direct some of the club's community efforts in that direction. PDG Ward is an active member of the district committee and is a resource for ideas and projects.