

Robert Van Alstine Receives Paul Harris Fellow Recognition



On December 14, 2016, the Rotary Club of Cohoes awarded Robert W. Van Alstine Rotary International’s Paul Harris Fellow recognition. The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Other notable figures who have been named Paul Harris Fellows include U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, U.S. astronaut James Lovell, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, and Jonas Salk.

Bob Van Alstine joined the Cohoes Rotary in 2007. He served as Assistant Governor for District 7190 from 2013-2016, working closely with the District Governors to help Rotary clubs become more effective. Currently Bob is the Leader of the District IT Assistance Group, a position he has held since 2015, where he works with clubs on the use of Rotary information and technology resources.

On the club level, Bob served as President of the Cohoes Rotary from 2012-2013, Secretary in 2008-9 and 2010—11, and currently serves on the Cohoes Rotary Board of Directors. As club President Bob led the Cohoes Board of Directors through a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) to determine club goals and subsequently establish a realistic action plan. Under his leadership, the Cohoes Rotary published its first Annual Report.

Now retired, Bob spent his 30-year professional career working for the Office of the New York State Comptroller: Division of Local Government Services (formerly Municipal Affairs). He served as Division Strategic Planning Coordinator, Director and Assistant Director of MIS, as well as serving as project manager and working in application development.

Bob is the author of four books: Steadfast, a biography of Reverend Nicholas Van Alstine (1814-1900); The Dorr and Van Alstine Families in Little Falls; The Dorr Family in the Shaping of America; The Comtois Family in the Shaping of America.

- Linda Tremblay



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