



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
May 9, 2018**

Next week:
TBA

President Tara Rago opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Rotarian Reverend Jim Adams gave the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians

John Zappia, Canandaigua, John Socia, Penn Yan, Ann Morrell, Pal-Mac, Bob Green and John Haynes, Rochester Rotary Club of the Deaf

Guests

Chris Fingar, Geneva Public Library, Eva Steadman, and Polly Clark

Announcements

- June 3, Chicken BBQ, Laine Pufnock and Dave Cook distributing and selling tickets: \$10pp
- Sharing The Light Annual Dinner, June 14, 5:30 pm at HWS: Ellen Wayne informed us that there will be some MacKenzie-Childs items on the silent auction table in case you missed your chance at the SAS dinner.
- Geneva School District Budget Vote: Tuesday, May 15: Trina Newton encourages participation if you live in the district.
- Route 14 highway clean-up is this Saturday, May 12. Jim Dickson reminded us to sign up, arrive around 9 am, dress for the weather and for the task. Meet at the Billsboro Road/Route 14 usual site.
- Ken Steadman announced a Youth Exchange meeting after lunch today.

Fines and Happy Dollars

- Karen Luttrell enjoyed her trip to Colorado, arriving in snow and departing in 81 degree sunshine.

- Carol Chester is happy to see that the new FLX Welcome Center (formerly known as the Visitor and Events Center) is nearly ready to open and that it is outstanding in its beauty! Look for the grand opening soon. Good-bye racks of brochures, hello technology and New York products!
- Bruce Tuxill is happy that his nephew is now a Navy Seal.
- Jim Devaney is thankful to have been honored by our club in receiving the Ralph Springstead Award at our annual SAS event. He, John Watson and Mary Lawthers attended a district conference recently in Saratoga and announced that our club won an award for the best website in our district.
- Chris Lavin encouraged residents to vote for the Geneva School budget and announced that the summer university program has enrolled 150 students this year. He reminds us that Geneva has good kids, some of whom face obstacles. This program adds to other programs which will help Geneva's kids overcome obstacles and succeed.
- Brian Mook is happy that the Yankees beat the Red Sox.
- Mickey Gilbert-Schultz is happy to have been in Ohio recently to celebrate her grandson's 21st birthday...and that the Red Sox lost.
- Ted Baker is happy that six people in the room today have been on his radio program in the past couple of weeks. He is also happy that he will be announcing the William Smith Lacrosse team's game in New Jersey this weekend, but sad to miss the highway clean-up. He reminded us that he doesn't discuss baseball until October... when it really matters.
- Jim Dickson fined Johnny O and Ted Baker...and then he paid their fines.
- Ellen Wayne, Trina Newton and John Zappia (acting Director of Finance at GSD) were happy to be among the six guests on Ted's morning radio show recently.
- Mary Lawthers' now- famous Olympic Medal Winner in Luge Competition grandson, will again appear on Dancing with the Stars. He will compete with figure skaters this time. Mary's grand-daughter Madeleine, a student athlete at SUNY Brockport, completed a discus throw of 136'7".
- Johnny O. thanked Chris Lavin for hosting the AP tests for Geneva students.
- Charlie Bartishevich was bummed to miss the Master Minds vs Geneva Rotary competition last week, due to catching some nasty germs from his kids. Since Rotary lost by 8 points, Charlie offered 8 dollars and said we would have done better had he and Dick Austin been on the team. Easy for him to say.
- President Tara Rago is happy that her husband Mike's work related travel will include good seats at a Yankee game.

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Carol Chester shared \$101 dollars with Polio Plus. It's the first time Carol has won since she became an official member of Geneva Rotary. She headed right out to buy mulch with her winnings!

PROGRAM

Chris Fingar, Director of Geneva Free Library, thanked Geneva Rotary for its grant money which was used to fund a successful and popular outdoor movie program. Chris continued by presenting an overview of our Geneva Library, its struggles for parking space, its balancing act in expanding programs without crowding out its many “regulars”, the success of a fine-free program for children, the possibility of a fine-free program for adults, and the future of libraries in general as books compete with accessibility due to technology and on-line purchases for mobile devices.

Bob Green and John Haynes presented, with the aid of an interpreter, the history and focus of the **Rotary Club of Rochester for the Deaf**. This is the ONLY worldwide Deaf Club, having started in 2004. They are seeking financial support in their current project which is to supply deaf children in Africa with testing and hearing aids. They are seeking support from our club to make this current Zambia Project a reality.

Ann Morrell from the **Pal-Mac Rotary**, spoke briefly to encourage our Club to participate in the Youth Exchange Program. She mentioned James Williams as an outstanding representative of our Club.

.Submitted by Carol Chester

Four way test:

“Of the things we think, say or do:”

- 1. Is it The Truth?**
- 2. Is it Fair to All Concerned?**
- 3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?**
- 4. Will it be beneficial for All Concerned?**

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