



# **WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP**

## **Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club**

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**Wednesday,  
January 25,  
2017**

Next week:  
Bill McGowen, Life on Top of a  
Salt Water Reef

Past President Charlie Bartishevich did his best Dick Austin impersonation to lead the pledge. Rev. Jim Adams gave the invocation.

### **Visiting Rotarians**

None

### **Guests**

Rebecca Caster Matos and her husband, Wyatt Matos were guests of Ken Steadman. Rebecca is a former Rotary Exchange student who studied in Australia.

### **50/50**

Walt Gage split \$88/44 with Polio Plus.

### **Announcements**

- Lisa Ventura gave a report on the SAS Dinner. We are still collecting bottles of wine for the silent auction. As part of the candy bar raffle, tickets were sold today with the funds being used to offset the cost of buying the candy bars. \$175 was collected and Walt Gage held the winning ticket. He put the money back into the "pot" to be added next week. (*Thanks, Walt!*)
- Lisa announced that this year's Ralph Springstead Award recipient is Nozomi Williams.
- Karl Hagen asked for volunteers for this year's Literacy Volunteers Spelling Bee. Lisa Toole, Ruth Leo, and Karl have participated the last four years and would like to pass the torch to a new team. The Spelling Bee will be held at Geneva High School on February 12.
- Mary Lawthers announced that the next Club Social will be held on February 17 at the American Legion.
- Tara Rago encouraged members to redeem their bottles and cans at the Recycling Facility on Upper Washington St. The proceeds will go to the Backpack Program.

## Fines and Happy Dollars

- Bob McFadden went to last night's Scripps Spelling Bee in the Geneva School District. He was happy to say that his daughter won. (*Congratulations – maybe we can enter her in our Spelling Bee!???*)
- Charlie Bartishevich noted that the two tallest people in the club, Bob McFadden and himself, were in Wegman's the other day. Charlie waved but Bob didn't wave back – wondering how he could have missed him!
- Chris Lavin was happy for 100 HWS students who attended tutoring sessions at the Boys and Girls Club.
- Ted Baker was happy for Regents Exams which meant no sporting events to broadcast! He was happy to have the time off!
- Rev. Jim Adams just returned from a trip to the U.K.
- Karen Luttrell had a wonderful week in Key West.
- Dave Cook had a comment about Chris Lavin's picture in the Boys and Girls Club brochure. (*Hmmmm.....when did you grow the beard, Chris?*)
- Ken Steadman will be going to Columbia, South America soon.

## Birthdays

The following members celebrated birthdays in January and were honored in song:

Charlie Bartishevich  
Ned Clark  
Brian Finnerty  
Ruth Leo  
Dan Quigley  
Mike Rusinko

Happy Birthday to all!

## Induction

We were happy to welcome **Ben Kabat** into the club. As his sponsor, Dave Cook pointed out that Ben is originally from Oneonta, NY. He graduated from Nazareth College with a degree in History and was an exchange student to Germany for one year.

He is currently the Assistant District Manager at the Geneva Social Security Office. He enjoys soccer, tennis, mountain biking, hiking and loves to travel.

**Welcome to the Club, Ben!**

## Program

**Sue Cirencione, Stop DWI Administrator for Ontario County** was our speaker today. Her talk included Traffic Safety which covered

- Distracted driving
- Teen Driving (Heroin Epidemic)
- Keeping Ontario Co. safe with education programs
- Partnering with Boys and Girls Clubs
- Using driving simulators which simulate impairment from alcohol and drugs

Sue's talk was informative as well as sobering with the fact that 35,092 people were killed in traffic accidents in 2015.

**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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