



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
February 1,
2017**

Next week:
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address –
Lisa Toole, Interact Bake Sale,
Debbie Hoffman-Foster
Grandparent Program

Jim DeVaney led the pledge and gave the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians

Neal Teague, Seneca Falls

Guests

Mary LeClair, Guest of Mary Gearan
Interactors: Stephen Fazio, James Van Scoten, Sicheng Yang.

50/50

Rev. Jim Adams split \$100/50 with the Polio Plus

Announcements

- Lisa Ventura gave a report on the SAS Dinner. We are still collecting bottles of wine for the silent auction. Next meeting will be at Bank of the Finger Lakes, Monday, 5:15 p.m. Reservations are already coming in for the dinner.
- **Correction to last week's notes:** As part of the candy bar raffle, tickets for a gift bag donated by John Rossi were sold with the funds being used to offset the cost of buying the candy bars. \$175 was collected. Walt Gage held the winning ticket and gave back the gift bag to be auctioned off at a later date. (*Thanks, Walt!*)
- Jim Dickson announced that five people will be inducted as Paul Harris Fellows - two on February 22 and three on March 1. He asked that all current Paul Harris Fellows please wear your medallions to those meetings. District Governor Tom Rogers will be at both meetings.

Fines and Happy Dollars

- Ellen Wayne was happy to announce that Catholic Charities received a large grant from the State for serving post adoption families.
- John Oughterson reviewed the activities of the Interact Club for the past year. They included the Library book sale clean up, Pumpkin Walk, Festival Nations, Adopt-a-

Highway, Thanksgiving Dinner boxes, Operation Merry Christmas (Center of Concern) Santa Train, HWS Holiday Reception, holiday cake/pie/cookie sale which netted \$680.00, Salvation Army Bell Ringing. *(Congratulations to our Interact Club for a job well done!)*

- Karl Hagen's youngest turned FIVE today!
- Phil Beckley attended the inauguration of the 45th President. He attended one of the Inaugural Balls where he stood for three hours, feeling like he was at a high school dance. He said he was now qualified to "drain the swamp." *(Good luck with that, Phil!)*
- Chris Lavin had a sad dollar for Phil stating that he was sorry he had to miss last week's presentation from Congressman Reed's representative.
- Trina Newton paid a fine for having her picture in the paper, although she was happy for the collaboration with HWS, Boys and Girls Clubs, and the Geneva City School District tutoring program.
- Mary Gearan welcomed Chinese student, Sicheng Yang, who is visiting for one week.
- Ted Baker was confused as to why we have playoffs when he knew that New England was going to win anyway.
- Charlie Bartishevich received a thank you note from Dave Cook but couldn't understand why the envelope had the wrong address, as he has had the same address for ten years!
- Mike Rusinko paid a fine for having his picture in the paper.
- Mike and Carol enjoyed 10 days in Florida and actually got to enjoy it this time without having to work on the condo. Mike also noted that he had his employment review upon his return and that the temperature hasn't been over 10 degrees ever since! *(HMMMM...???)*
- Lisa Ventura fined Shad Cook for not catching my error in last week's notes. She said that Shad is actually the one who should be taking the notes, but since I have been doing such a good job she didn't want me to quit! *(See my correction in the "Announcements" section and thank you for the compliment, Lisa! Sorry for the error, I will try to do better!)*

Program

Our own **Bill McGowan** gave a fascinating talk on his recent diving expedition in the Cayman Islands. The dive went down to 60-70 feet above the coral reefs. He talked about several species he saw which included:

- Lion Fish – this fish has no predators except man. Its spiny fins are very poisonous and are only "neutralized" once its spine has been crushed.
- Coral Shrimp
- Giant Anemones
- Jelly Fish
- Peacock Flounder
- Stingrays
- 72 types of sponges

Bill noted that the longest he could stay down in the water was seventy minutes, but when he started, it was only seventeen minutes. The more you can relax the longer you can stay underwater.

After noting that several sharks swam alongside him during the dive, one of our Rotarians pointed out that “sharks don’t bother lawyers as a professional courtesy.” (*Groan!*) All in all, we enjoyed Bill’s talk and were glad he came back in one piece!

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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