



# **WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP**

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

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**Wednesday,  
March 8,  
2017**

Next week:

Petrea Rea: Substance Abuse  
Prevention Coalition

Past President Phil Beckley led the pledge; Mary Lawthers gave the invocation.

### **Visiting Rotarians**

None

### **Guests**

- Nozomi Williams, (to be honored at the SAS Dinner) guest of Mary Gearan
- Daniella Conti, Marketing Director at Premium Outlets, guest of Dawn Lamatie
- Harley Roberson, Prospective Member, Guest of Phil Beckley (his application has been submitted)

Interactors: Georgetaloz Lopez, Gigi Reyes, Adam Nardone

### **Announcements**

- Charlie Bartishevich has Hobart lacrosse tickets. See him if you want them.
- The next club social will be Friday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m. at the American Legion

### **50/50**

Trina Newton split \$76/38 with Polio Plus

### **Fines and Happy Dollars**

- Trina Newton received a phone call the other night that a man in a white van was driving around picking up children Truth be known, it was our own Chris Lavin doing a good deed. Chris paid a fine for the unnecessary worry!
- Chris was also thankful for Stella Carlyon for donating a beautiful piano to the Black Box Theatre.
- Ruth Leo had a sad dollar for Bob Paradiso, who passed away last week. Mr. "P", as he was affectionately known, was a popular teacher at Geneva High School for many years. He kept up with his former students over the years and attended many class reunions. He will be missed.

- Ken Steadman announced that Kate Equinozzi will be our exchange student next year. He is looking for hosts for our local incoming exchange students.
- Tara Rago had several happy dollars. First, she congratulated the new Paul Harris Fellows as she was unable to make last week's induction ceremony. Second, she was happy to announce that she will be going back to work full time at the bank in a management position. Third, her husband had an interview for a possible promotion but hasn't heard yet. (*Hopefully, you'll have some good news for us next week, Tara!*)
- Shad Cook thanked everyone who was responsible for his induction as a Paul Harris Fellow. It was Bob McFadden who sponsored him and recommended that he become active in Rotary and Catholic Charities.
- Ford Weiskittel paid a fine for his picture being in the paper
- John Oughterson was happy to report that Gigi Reyes is our 126<sup>th</sup> student to join Interact! Also that our two Interact co-Presidents this year, Stephen Fazio and Patrick Mahoney, are getting the highest academic awards at GHS. One is the Valedictorian and the other is the Salutatorian.
- Jim Adams announced that St. Peters Arts Academy will be honoring Pablo Fabru and Tom McClure at a dinner on Sunday April 2. The meal will be catered by Beef and Brew and our own Stephen Fazio will be providing entertainment.
- Jerry Forcier had congratulations for the Paul Harris Fellows.
- Bob Stenzel is a proud grandfather. His grandson plays on two elite soccer teams and has been travelling all over the country and will also play in Denmark! (*Congrats, Bob – you have every reason to be proud!*)

### **Interact Report**

Here are the minutes from this past week's meeting!

1) Nora Haldeman, the ninth grade principal, addressed the Interact Club and proposed an idea for the Club's International Project. *Untapped Stones*, founded by a former high school friend of Mrs. Haldeman, brings water bottles and builds water filtration systems in countries that lack clean water sources.

2) The Geneva High School Green Club is co-hosting an event with the Seneca Lake Pure Water Association called the Seneca Lake Academy - Geneva. The Seneca Lake Academy was founded by Adrianna Hirtler in February of 2015. The goal of the event was to bring like-minded people together who share a passion for Seneca Lake in order to discuss the health and wellbeing of our beloved Finger Lakes. The GHS Green Club and the SLPWA are hoping to resurrect that inspiring idea, with the help of Mrs. Hirtler along the way. The Seneca Lake Academy – Geneva will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am-5:00pm at 101 Carter Rd, Geneva, New York (Geneva High School). The event will include a variety of speakers who will be discussing topics ranging from vermiculture to women's rights history and its relation to the Seneca Lake region. There will also be numerous activities and displays throughout the day. In addition, there will be a day long children's program. For the complete schedule, please go to [senecalakeacademy.org](http://senecalakeacademy.org). Green Club is looking for volunteers to help with the children's program, set up displays and food, direct attendees, and, overall, help the event run smoothly. Please contact Sydney Mittiga at [sydneymit@icloud.com](mailto:sydneymit@icloud.com) if interested!

3) The Geneva Public Library book sale set up will be on March 11th, and the take down will be on April 15th. Please contact ford if interested in volunteering this weekend.

4) The annual Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) is held at RIT from June 25th to June 29th. Ford sent out an email on February 15th with more information about the program Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis. If you have any questions, or wish to apply, please contact Ford or talk to a previous attendee (Stephen Fazio or Angel Ochoa).

5) We must pick a date for the Interact Club to run the Rotary Lunch meeting. Maybe June 7th?

6) Professor Jodi Dean from HWS and a head coordinator of the International Women's Strike held in Geneva, promoted the march that occurred on March 8th. The Women's Strike/Assembly was held at noon on 433 Exchange St. Forty-two countries took part in the Women's Strike, celebrating solidarity among women all over the world. They discussed topics such as gender violence, reproductive rights, labor rights, an end to racism, bigotry, and war, social resources, and environmental justice. All genders were welcome.

7) The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th at 2:35pm! See you there!

My Best,  
Sydney Mittiga  
Interact Secretary

### **Program**

Since our scheduled speaker had to cancel, we had to come up with ways to fill the time. As we have done in the past, Phil asked one of our members to answer some questions about herself. **Danielle duVal** got the lucky nod.

- Danielle was born and raised in Newark, NY.
- She is responsible for advertising and publicity at the **Finger Lakes Times**.
- Her sponsor was her brother, Dick Austin.
- She especially enjoys community outreach.
- When asked to tell us one thing that might be surprise us, she said she has never lived in a town and wants to move to the country, where her neighbors are not so close!

**Charlie Bartishevich** led us in a rousing game of **Trivial Pursuit**. He had a little trouble downloading the “app” and came up with the “kiddie” version that was still a challenge!

#### 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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