



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
March 29,
2017**

Next week:
Nash Brock:
Executive Director for Habitat
for Humanity

Tara Rago led the pledge and gave the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians

- Col. Edward Heit, Wolcott
- Dr. Debbie Heit, Wolcott
- Karen Dean, Newark
- Mike Kenyon, Canandaigua
- Neil Teague, Seneca Falls

Guests

- Alexa Wessie
- Rosanna Roberson (wife of new inductee, Harley Roberson)
- Jim McKinster, Professor of Education, HWS

Announcements

- Mary Lawthers reminded us that the next club social will be Friday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m. at the American Legion
- The SAS dinner is one month away. We still need wine donations and silent auction items. Please bring them to Tara Rago at Lyons National Bank or to a future meeting. Reservations can be made by calling Karen Luttrell at 315-789-1500 or by going to the website, GenevaRotaryClub.org. for online reservations. Shad Cook said he has extra wine to share if you haven't purchased yours yet. See him after the meeting.
- Susie Flick announced the Library Book Sale to be held this Tuesday through Sunday.
- John Watson went to the recent Foundation Brunch and announced that our club won the award for giving 100% to Polio Plus. (*Good job, Rotarians!*)

50/50

- Mary Gearan split \$98/49 with Polio Plus and generously gave it back to Polio Plus!
(*Thanks, Mary!*)

Fines and Happy Dollars

(Editor's note: We had many happy dollars this week in rapid fire succession, so please forgive me if I didn't get all of them!)

- Bill McGowan, as a member of the Board of Directors for St. Peters Arts Academy, thanked the Club for its support and happily announced that tickets for the upcoming awards dinner are sold out!
- Mike Rusinko recently attended a Canandaigua Rotary meeting where he won \$5.00, and donated it as "happy dollars".
- Jim DeVaney attended a dinner in Canandaigua honoring the Fire Department and several individuals who saved someone's life!
- Phil Beckley and Jim DeVaney also attended the aforementioned brunch attended by John Watson.
- Visiting Rotarian, Ed Heit, was happy to be here for Harley Roberson's induction. He is president of the Wolcott Club and his wife is vice-president. On the same note, Debbie Heit was also happy to be here and hoped to see a lot of people at the Atlanta National Conference where she will be a featured speaker!
- John Oughterson was happy that Rotaract has raised \$125.00 so far this year from their activities.
- Susie Flick, still happy about her recent promotion and not having to work three jobs, was thrilled to have her first week-end off in three years!
- Jim Johnson recently went to Las Vegas to celebrate his birthday, confirming that he now knows what they mean by "what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas" - referring to his money! (*Jim, we're glad you made it back relatively unscathed!*)
- As past president, John Watson fined anyone whose picture was in the paper recently.
- Mary Lawthers went to Syracuse to see "Wicked" with her granddaughter.
- Karen Luttrell was happy not to be travelling anywhere this week.

Birthdays

The following Rotarians celebrated March birthdays: Jim Adams, Danielle DuVal, Charlie Evangelista, Jim Gerling, John Johnson and Mickey Peters. Charlie Bartshevich led us in song. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARIANS!!**

Note: Since no one joined John Johnson, the only honoree who was present at the birthday table, everyone in the club was fined \$1.00, even though those of us at the next table took pity on him and asked him to join us at our table!

Raffle

Shad Cook had several golf items donated by John Rossi to auction off. Mike Rusinko led the auction which netted \$58.00. The proceeds will go to the SAS dinner.

Induction of New Member

Harley Roberson was introduced by Phil Beckley as our newest Rotarian. Harley received his accounting degree from Hartwick College in 2014, and was fortunate to join the Petrella Phillips, LLP (formerly Fredericksen & Sirianni, LLP) firm soon after graduation. He enjoys his work at

the Geneva office, and specializes in tax and financial accounting.

A lifelong resident of Clyde, he and his wife, Rosanna, continue to live there with their two dogs, Sophie and Emma. They are happy to be expecting their first child – a daughter – early this summer. In his free time he enjoys spending time with family, competitive games/sports, and traveling. Harley is very involved in his church, often volunteering there and in the community whenever his schedule allows. It is this concern for his community which prompted his interest in joining the Geneva Rotary Club.

Congratulations and welcome Harley!

Program

Shad Cook introduced our speaker, **John Heilbrunn**, **Executive Vice President of Halco Energy**. John gave an informative and thought provoking talk on energy conservation and climate change. Some comments to note:

- Bad news – the current Administration is dismantling the Department of Energy
- Good news – Our New York governor is pro energy efficiency and will fund several incentives up to ten years.
- NY residents are encouraged to take advantage of these incentives now, before they go away.
- The future of energy as we know it is uncertain. Going back to fossil fuels, coal, etc.
- Many countries are already imposing carbon taxation on those not reducing carbon discharge.
- Individuals can conduct energy assessments (audits) in their homes.

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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