



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
May 24,
2017**

Next week:

the musicians from the Geneva
Music Festival to entertain us!!

President Dick Austin led the pledge and Rev. Jim Adams and gave the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians

- Jeff True, Ithaca (speaker)
- Judy VanHouten, Sarasota, Florida
- Neil Teague, Seneca Falls,
- Mike Kenyon, Canandaigua
- Senator Mike Nozzolio, Seneca Falls

Guests

- Ashley Sindoni, Marketing Specialist at Bank of the Finger Lakes – Guest of Karen Luttrell

Announcements

- Mary Lawthers announced the next Club Social will be June 9 at the American Legion.
- Mary also has tickets for Relay for Life.
- Ellen Wayne announced the Catholic Charities Share the Light Dinner will be held on June 8.
- Dave Cook was happy to announce that the Santa Train will be rolling on December 2. A Chicken BBQ fundraiser will be held on June 30 to kick off the project. See Dave if you are interested in serving on the committee.
- Jim Dickson was happy to report that we had the biggest turn-out ever for the “Adopt-a-Highway” cleanup. He thanked the 22 members who participated.

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- Susie Flick split \$91/45 with Polio Plus.

Induction of New Member

Charlie Bauder introduced **Dr. Richard Kasulke** as our newest Rotary member. Dr. Kasulke was born and raised in Queens, NYC. He is a graduate of Fordham University and SUNY Upstate Medical College specializing in general surgery and urology. In the Fall of 2003, he joined the Finger Lakes Medical Associates as Urologist for Geneva General Hospital and recently retired in 2016.

Dr. Kasulke currently serves on the Board of Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes and on the Board of the NYS Office of Professional Medical Conduct. He and his wife, Sally, have three grown sons and two grandchildren.

Congratulations and welcome Dr. Kasulke!!

Special Birthday

The membership honored Dr. Ken Steadman on his 80th birthday with a cake and song. Happy Birthday Ken, and may you have many more!!

No Fines and Happy Dollars Today

Interact Report

What Happened at Interact This Week (05/16/17)

Here are the minutes from this past week's Interact meeting.

- 1) We need to finalize what International Project(s) we wish to donate to. So far we are proposing to donate \$148 for a Donors Choose project at West Street School, \$250 or \$500 to Thrive to Survive, and the balance to Angel House (an organization that builds orphanages in India).
- 2) Interact will be running the Rotary Club Lunch meeting on Wednesday, June 7th at which James Williams will present a program about his upcoming abroad trip to Slovakia; the Robotics Team will display their robot; and the Service Above Self awards will be given to Patrick Mahoney, Stephen Fazio, and Sydney Mittiga.
- 3) The Rotary Adopt A Highway trash cleanup is on Saturday the 20th. Thank you to all who volunteered.
- 4) We need nominations for officers next year! If you think that yourself or one of your peers would do well as either the President, Vice President(s), Treasurer, or Secretary please let Ford know.
- 5) Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 23rd at 2:35pm. See you there!

My Best,
Sydney Mittiga
Interact Secretary

Program

Jeff True of the Ithaca Rotary Club gave an interesting and informative talk on the New York State Constitution entitled “Shall there be a convention to amend the Constitution and revise the same?” Highlights included:

Voters are asked every twenty years whether or not to call a Constitutional Convention . Our current constitution was adopted as a single package in 1894. Calls for a convention were rejected in 1977 and 1997; the next referendum will be in the fall of 2017.

Potential Issues

- Legislature (terms of members)
- Bill of Rights
- Suffrage
- Executive Branch (Governor’s Power to Reorganize)
- Public Officials
- Judiciary – Structure of the Courts; Selection of Judges

Reasons for Optimism

- Nothing in the State Constitution can diminish rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.
- Only a Constitutional Convention can deal with the fundamental structure and powers of the legislature.

Preparing for a Convention – 2017

- Efforts to generate public discussion and awareness

The most important words in the New York State Constitution: **“We the People...Do Establish this Constitution.”**

The Constitution affirms that its source is not the legislature, not the governor, nor the judges, but the people themselves.

Nothing can be inserted in the Constitution without the approval of the voters.

After the presentation, Senator Nozzolio thanked the club for a successful SAS dinner and for inviting Jeff to speak at today’s meeting.

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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