



# **WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP**

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

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**Wednesday,  
Aug. 16,  
2017**

Next week:  
Jennifer Kime, Lakefront Day  
Care and Kevin Schoonover,  
Geneva Light Opera (Grant  
Recipients)

Shad Cook led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Rusinko gave the invocation, asking for peace, understanding, wisdom and grace.

### **Visiting Rotarians**

We welcomed our summer visiting Rotarians, Rita and Dick Matthews, from North Carolina, and our International Exchange Student, James Williams. James will depart for Slovakia in two weeks! He expects weather similar to ours yet a bit milder and has a plan for packing for one year away from home. He reaffirmed his agreement with Mike Rusinko to locate Mike's grandparents' birth town (which he has already researched). Mike will up the ante if James can produce evidence of the Rusinko name and should James return with a "Rusinko," be advised there will be a major donation to our club!

### **Announcements**

Both Paul Kirsch and Jim Dickson advised us to be careful about viewing the solar eclipse on Monday, August 21, between 1:23 and 2:40PM. Special solar viewing glasses are a must and can be purchased at Wal-Mart and Lowe's. Jim has a telescope with a solar filter which is located at his cottage on Seneca Lake. He has invited Rotarians to join him Monday to view the eclipse. Who has the address of Jim's cottage????

Mary Luckern is doing much better in recuperating at home and intends to return to Rotary as soon as she is able. In the meantime, she would welcome visitors as long as they arrive with chocolate milkshakes! Please call ahead though and check with Mary's caregivers.

Camp Onseyawa will soon be needing volunteers to help with tear down at the end of camping season. Sunday, 8/20 at 11:30AM is evidently the requested time for volunteers. There is a bit of confusion as to the exact details on this but Shad Cook will clarify this asap. Our club will, however, definitely need a volunteer board member to

replace Ted Baker whose schedule will force him to step down from the camp board. Meetings are once a month (?) If you can step in for Ted, please let John Watson or Tara know.

### **50/50 Drawing**

Total today was \$71. Trina Newton was the lucky winner but will donate her share to a student in need for the senior trip.

### **Happy Dollars**

- Chris Lavin is happy for the fantastic summer experienced at the Boys and Girls Club! 125 students recently enjoyed a day at Darien Lake and Sea Breeze to celebrate this season's winding down. Chris is thrilled to see that there is proof of gain, not loss, in learning, for the club's youth. In addition, Chris is happy that Mary Luckern's health is so much better.
- John Watson is happy that he attended his son's wedding reception in Ashville, NC recently. He raved about the Grove Park Inn where the wedding took place.

### **Fines**

- All those Rotarians who were included in the annual picnic photo should pay up! In addition, those new Rotarians whose photos were in the FLX Times recently (to announce their inductions) were fined: Neil Braman, Jessica Grant Griffin and Richard Kasulke. Johnny O. was included in the Sons of Italy Italian Festival photo as well.
- Mike Rusinko lamented that he placed dead last in the GCC member- member tournament this past weekend but with the lesson he received this morning from Rotarian and Golf Pro John Rossi, he is making progress in returning to a much more competitive score.

### **Program**

Joyce Keeney introduced **Tomas Gonzalez**, owner of La Bella Sicilia restaurant at 93 Seneca Street in downtown Geneva. After a career spanning 28 years in higher education, Tomas decided to make a significant change in lifestyle. Armed with his love of music, conversation, food and family memories, he plunged into the restaurant business in January of this year. He spoke warmly of his family's roots which he traced while traveling in Sicily. He envisioned a dining atmosphere which feels like "you are at your Italian grandmother's house" when you dine at Bella. Tomas believes it's the music which provides the niche at Bella, along with inexpensive good Italian food. He encourages conversation over TVs and cell phones too. Before leaving, he treated us to one verse of Santa Lucia in Italian. Bellissima! Bravo, Tomas!

La Bella Sicilia's hours are 4-9PM Tuesday through Thursday and 4-9:45 PM Friday and Saturday. Try the arancini (rice balls), although my personal favorite is Pasta a la Norma. You can like Bella on Facebook.

**Submitted by Carol Chester Rusinko**

**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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