



# **WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP**

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

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**Wednesday,  
Sept. 6,  
2017**

Next week:  
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Weekly Wrap-Up for September 6, 2017

In President Tara's absence, Shad Cook led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Jim Adams gave the invocation.

**Visiting Rotarians:** Norm and Lois Lee from Florida, Dick and Rheta Matthews from North Carolina, and Neil Teague from Seneca Falls

**Guests:** Bill Lamb, Dori Shaner, and Andrea Bennett from Catholic Charities

### **Announcements**

- A reminder from Shad: We as a club pay for six spots in membership seminars. The next two are 9/16 in Bath and 9/30 in Pittsford. Contact Tara or Shad ASAP if you are interested in attending a seminar. Leadership Institute 11/4 in Canandaigua, all day
- Chris Lavin: Annual dinner Boys and Girls Club is October 19 at the Ramada
- Ken Steadman has heard from James Williams, a Rotary International exchange student who has arrived in Slovakia and is immersed in language instruction there. He reports that James is doing well. You can follow James' progress if you subscribe to Geneva Now, according to Chris Lavin. (*See James' report at the end of this "wrap-up"!*)
- Ellen Wayne reminds us that the annual Hoedown for Hunger is 9/13 at Geneva on the Lake, five to nine pm. WooWoo! Mike Rusinko auctioned two tickets for this event, with proceeds going to Rotary International. Shad Cook was the generous winning bidder.

**50/50:** Mike Rusinko split \$112 with Polio Plus. First time in ten years Mike has won! It's about time.

**Happy Dollars:** The following are happy for:

- Jim Adams: all campers home in one piece!
- Dick Matthews: our hospitality
- Chris Lavin: four kids from the Boys and Girls Club back from camp with Jim and Sue Adams
- Trina Newton: a great first day of school!
- Jim Devaney: Notre Dame won!
- Dick Austin: sold his house, paid off his credit card, had a good weekend camping.
- Beckley, Devaney, Cook, and Wilson will be out of the country for the next two weeks!
- Dave Cook: inducted Dick Austin into the Dave Cook Foundation since Dick set the bar so low last year in attendance that Tara gets a few more free passes!
- Bill Buell: seeing the world as “half-full” and the wisdom which allows him to refrain from worrying about the half-empty part of life
- John Watson: beating Devaney’s team
- Shad Cook: winning the first flight of the club championship at GCC

## **PROGRAM**

Ellen Wayne introduced Dori Shaner, TRPC Coordinator at Catholic Charities, who spoke about the Regional Permanency Resource Center at CC of the FLX. This program supports adoption and guardianship services offered by Catholic Charities of the FLX for residents of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates counties. It offers monthly support groups, educational workshops, one-to-one guidance, individualized training, referrals for the treatment of trauma, and help locating local resources. Residency is the first requirement for eligibility. RPC strives to reach families before crisis level.

**Respectfully submitted, Carol Chester**

## **James Williams’ Report from Slovakia**

So I have done a lot in the 7 full days I have been here. I am keeping a log which I fill in the details of each day so I will use that as my guide in this.

First While I was waiting for my bags in the airport I met a very nice woman, Charlie, and I got her card and I will try to get my Interact club to donate to her foundation. Later I went home with my family all the while speaking what little Slovak I did know and they were very impressed I knew anything at all. Thank you for making me do that homework. It really has helped very much.

The next day I went to the Kopanicarsky, small group of houses in rural area, and had an awesome time trying to speak Slovak and meeting my new cousins and uncles and aunts and grandma. We did lots of stuff and when I could I spoke Slovak. Also It was very funny because they were trying to explain what a Kopanicarsky was and It was so difficult but eventually I understood and it was fun.

what they were saying, that was another good feeling.

Next day I went to see where my brother plays water polo. It was nice. Later I was playing soccer and rolled my ankle pretty Next Day I went to see the hockey rink and it was huge and awesome! Then I went to waterski with the other exchange students and I loved it. I love to ski and it was an ok day for it but I liked it very much to go with other people and keep learning Slovak.

Next Day I went to my other grandparents house to go fishing and hang out with them. It was so nice. They are all super cooks and have food that is so good. I talked with my grandfather about a lot of things. All in Slovak and although it took very long and I spoke terrible Slovak I understood much of what he was saying and it was a great feeling.

Next day I went canoeing with other exchange students in this district. I was the best at Slovak of all the students there but I still have much to learn and I want to! It was very funny. During the actual canoeing I was speaking Slovak the whole time for 3 ish hours and learning a lot always asking whats this whats that. And when I got back to where the big group was they were speaking English very fast and there were many of them talking so fast and I was like "are you speaking English" because I literally could not understand bad. My mom is a nurse so she patched me up and I am ok. Later I went bowling. It hurt on my ankle but fun with the other exchange students in my town.

The next day I went to church and it was all in Slovak and I didn't understand much. Then I went to my dad's parents flat and ate lunch it was all very good and the pork was just like a roast so I loved it :P

Today I had school and it was cool to meet my classmates. They seem shy but kinda but I am not and will talk as much as I can in my broken Slovak. Also I am getting asked why Slovakia so often and I don't know how to explain quickly now but I have a good answer which I will try to use.

There are 3 other exchange students in my town, Piestany.

Sofia Espinosa – From Mexico

Isadora Santos – From Brazil

Kris Chu – From Taiwan

**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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