



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
Sept. 27,
2017**

Next week:

State Senator Pam Helming

President Tara led us in the Pledge and Mike Rusinko gave the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians

- Norm Lee, Bradenton, FL

Guests

- Karen Osburn - Geneva Historical Society
- Chris Fitzgerald - HWS
- Interactors: Calvin Cataldo, Jeffrey FitzGerald, Reid Patchett

Announcements

- The next Rotary social will be on October 6 at 5:30pm at the American Legion.
- Bill Buell announced that there is a need for more volunteers for Meals on Wheels. If you are interested, please ask Bill for more info.

Fines/Happy Dollars

- Karen Lutrell had a happy dollar for her new promotion; she has been made a Vice President of the Bank of the Finger Lakes. Congratulations Karen!
- Norm Lee announced that this will be his last week with us, as he heads back to Florida soon. Safe travels Norm.
- Jerry Forcier had a happy dollar for the Yankees making the playoffs and for the nice lady that pointed out how bad his tires were, so he could get new ones.
- Phil Beckley was happy to be back from 2 weeks in Italy.
- Charlie Wilson, who was also on the trip to Italy, was happy for good people, good food and a great time.
- Dick Austin had two sad dollars because the Giants still suck and for the two weeks of quiet coming to a close while Phil, Charlie, Jim and Dave were gone.
- SIDE NOTE: after Dick gave his sad dollars, he mentioned that that deserved a clap. Dave Cook alluded to Dick deserving the "clap".
- Mike Rusinko imposed a \$20 fine for Dave wishing venereal disease on his fellow Rotarians!

- Mike Rusinko was happy to have spent time with friends from Florida. Mike also had a sad dollar for the passing of a dear friend, Tony Cannulli. Tony had just given Mike a gift of golf balls, and Mike didn't get a chance to say thank you. Mike reminded us all to give thanks always, as you never know when you may not have the chance.
- Joyce Keeney was happy for spending time in Maine where she ate lots of lobster. She also went to Vermont and got to see some Revolutionary war stomping grounds. She also went along the Erie Canal and the Mohawk River. Welcome home Joyce.
- Richard Kasulke had an "epiphany" dollar for a near miss he had recently. He was near an oak tree in his yard and a few moments later in the spot where he was standing, a large limb came down.
- Jim Devaney had a great time in Italy and is happy the Irish are winning. He is off to see them this weekend.
- Dave Cook, back from Italy, gave 10 euros for his imposed fine. The first day he was in NY his credit card was cloned, and the first day he was in Italy, he got a call that someone in California was using his credit card. He had a great time in Italy and on the last night he was there had a gourmet dinner of Cocoa Krispies and Vodka! Dave also gave our server, Audra, a lovely trinket from his trip, just the important "parts" of Michelangelo's David.
- Chris Lavin thanked John O. for showing up at the Boys and Girls club with a stack of photo paper. The kids really enjoyed brushing up on their photography skills and it was a hit.
- John O. had a ticket to present to Bob McFadden from a Lemoyne game in 1993! Where did you find that John?
- Ken Steadman has ended his garden for the year and has gotten it ready for next year. He was able to bring loads of veggies to the Geneva General Hospital.

September Birthdays

The following Rotarians celebrated birthdays in September:

- Charlie Bauder
- Bill Buell
- Mary Lawthers
- Mark Miller

Happy Birthday Rotarians!!

50/50

Susie Flick split \$43/\$43 with Polio Plus

Program

Karen Osburn of the Geneva Historical Society presented an exciting program on the women of Geneva who helped in the suffrage movement. Well-connected social reformers made the city a center of woman suffrage activity for Ontario County and the region. Local activists like Elizabeth Smith Miller and Anne Fitzhugh Miller and their formation of the Geneva Political Equality Club in 1897 paved the way for the Geneva suffrage movement.

Submitted by Susie Flick

Interact minutes for 9/19/17

Interact Report

From Secretary, Kate Equinozzi

Interact minutes for 9/19/17

First meeting of this year!

(1) For Interact messages, you need to join the Interact Remind Group:

To join, please Text To: 81010 and send them the code @FORDWE

(2) New Officers for 2017-2018

President - Sydney Mittiga

Vice Presidents: Joe Arruda, Elizabeth Ergil Jack Harris, Ben Mittiga, and Ryann Shultz

Secretary - Kate Equinozzi

Assistant Secretary - Clare McCulloch

Treasurer - Lily Sellers

Assistant Treasurer - Nate Hesler

(3) Introduction to the International and Community Projects as well as what is in store for the upcoming year.

(4) This Saturday at the Geneva Public Library we need help categorizing books for the book sale. It will be from 9:30 am to around noon.

Those who have already signed up are:

Amelia Abbott

Sophia Cook

Ryan Fishback

Joe Arruda

Ruby Cunningham

Anthony Marcuccilli

Natalie Berg-Pappert

Lauren Devaney

Vanessa Paskas

Darby Bleakley

Kate Equinozzi

Christine Tran

NaVashti Wiggins

Please text Susie Flick if you can go on Saturday, her number is

(315)-945-2072

Report from our Rotary Exchange Student in Slovakia:

Hello all! I wanted to wait until one of these days to write you all because I just got back from my first District Orientation for 2240, Czech Republic and Slovakia's District! But I will talk about that later because I have more to tell you!

25 September 2017

Last time I wrote I had my first days of school! During that time we had a shortened schedule because it was the beginning of the year and our cafeteria was still under construction. We had the shortened schedule for 2 weeks! Then we moved on to the normal schedule and began the regular school day, which is different than everywhere I know of in the US. Their schedule works in days. On Monday I have a certain schedule and it is the same for every Monday, this

works for every day of the week. My situation is a bit different from the regular students in that I do not go to 2 extra classes, that are after my school day, I can but I have chosen not to because I would like to spend that time doing sports or other activities around Piešťany. Speaking of activities I will start to play hockey! Robert Paradi (pear uh dy) is my main teacher who handles all of my classes documents and information and trips is a hockey coach! His team has kids who are 14, 15, 16 and the hockey club is providing most equipment for me! For now I won't be playing in games only practice, but I am excited to start. I will buy a stick and get to play! For now this is great. My classmates are all awesome, they were really shy at first and I had to make the first interactions but now we talking more and I really like them. I really would like to do more with them and learn more about the culture of Slovakia and my town.

Other activities I have been up to is my town had a film festival! It happens every year and it lasts for a week! It's called Cinematik, I went to a few movies with some Spoluziacky (school mates) and it was very nice because the weather was rainy during those weeks. I saw 4 movies, I don't remember all the names but I saw 3 French and one from the US. One movie was hard to follow because it was in French and only had Czech titulky(subtitles), I am glad I went anyways because it was a new experience. The US movie was in English with Slovak subtitles, the others were French with English, Czech or Slovak subtitles. It was really fun to go to the movies.

Also I have now seen 3 castles! Two were with my family and the 3 other exchange students from Piešťany. Actually they were the ruins of castles and one of the castles is where the legend of bloody mary was started! It was cool to gallivant around the ruins and sometimes climb around for a better view of the surroundings. Also of the 3 that I have seen they are all on top of some sort of hill, I am starting to see a pattern here. But I still want to explore even more! Slovakia has the most castles per capita in the world! On my Facebook page I have pictures and I will gladly add anyone who would like to see!

So now I have a bit of a funny story I would like to share. It was very warm here during the first few weeks and after school my little host brother Simon would strip off down to his underwear when we got home! I thought he was being a typical 12 year old who wants to be free of everything, as I was! But that was just the first day... Then it happened again... and again.... And on the 3rd day I finally asked him what he was doing and he just gave me a funny look. Then I talked to my host mom and asked what Simon was doing, this was in my broken Slovak as well so it took some time for me to fully understand and when I did my mind was blown. While talking to my mom she told me it was normal. That they were home and they could do what they wanted, not only is this normal in all of Slovakia, it is very common! Eventually I learned that my mom and my dad would normally be in boxers and just her bra and shorts if I wasn't there. For a few minutes I couldn't wrap my head around it but then I realized that they are home, this is their place and people do what they want here and it is just more common, I bet in America, maybe even some of you reading this have done the same! For me it was a pretty big culture shock but thankfully the weather got warmer and my brother kept his clothes on. :P

1 October 2017

Now onto my first orientation! It was so fun to meet all the other exchange students in the district. There are about 90 of us in all both countries! It is a lot of people! Everyone was so

happy to be there and I made a lot of friends and some good ones already. The weekend was really busy and the Rotex and District members prepared a lot for us to do. We didn't have much free time to ourselves and it was a little disheartening because we wanted to do more together. We did get to see a castle and that was really fun to explore! It was called Trencin Hrat (pronounced Trenchin Castle) very original being that we were in the town of Trencin. But we were together the whole weekend and through the presentations we learned a lot about rules on travel, the 4 Ds, and about Slovakia and Czechia. I'm kind of sad I won't see my friends in Czechia until the Ski Week in the winter but we have more Slovak-only meetings which will be great! We also had a test on our language skills! I wasn't very worried for the test, I believed in my Slovak skills and got the highest grade possible, a 1! The scale is 1-2-3-4-5, 1 being best and 5 being worst. It was a very basic test with not very much on it only basic phrases and words. I will have another test on Slovak in December where I hope to again get a 1! But overall it was an awesome weekend where I was very excited to meet everyone!

Also I am playing hockey now! I was able to sort everything out and I have all my gear and I bought some inexpensive skates. I'm really happy to be playing, I will be going to practices with a team of 13,14,15 year olds but I like it. It is only 4 days a week, perfect for what I would like to do. I don't need to go every practice and it's not going to be a huge time commitment. The club lent me gear to use for the time I will play. The boys on the team are really funny and nice they like me a lot.

Yesterday I went to Jánošíkove diery! It is a hiking park with lots of trails and beautiful views! I have a lot of pictures on my Facebook if you would like to see them. It was so beautiful. The mountains here are similar to the Adirondacks and now with fall coming and the leaves changing it was very beautiful. 'Ono bolo veľmi krásne'.

I'm really enjoying my time here in Slovakia and I'm very thankful that I found the program and all that Rotary is doing for me. I can't wait for more adventures and stories to share with everyone!

Sincerely,
James G. Williams

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| 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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