



# **WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP**

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

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**Wednesday,  
Dec. 6, 2017**

Next week:

TBA

**REMINDER: MEETING TO BE HELD AT CLUB 86!!!!**

President Tara led us in the Pledge and Rev. Jim Adams gave the invocation.

### **Visiting Rotarians**

Neil Teague

### **Guests**

Brian Mook

### **Announcements**

- Business after hours will be next Wednesday (December 13) at Club 86 from 5-7 PM. Please join us if you are able
- At our next meeting on December 13, we will be passing around the basket for tips for our amazing servers.
- December 20<sup>th</sup> will be our Christmas Program. If you are planning on bringing a guest or a few, please let Tara or Shad know, so we can let the staff know how much to prepare for.
- There will be no meeting on December 27.
- The Santa Train will be held on December 1, 2018!

### **50/50**

Bob McCarthy split \$46/\$47 with Polio Plus

## Fines/Happy Dollars

- Mickey Peters had some happy dollars for Dan Quigley being able to drive now. He can't make the meetings because he is still going to Silver Sneakers for his health. Mickey also had a sad dollar for a certain Rotarian who went to apply for a pistol permit, but forgot his license and had to come back home again.
- Charlie Bauder had a happy dollar for being in Florida for the Thanksgiving holiday. It started to rain on Thanksgiving morning and didn't stop until evening, producing 5" of rain! Charlie also mentioned that he still had a few slots left for bell ringers for the Salvation Army on December 23. Please let Charlie know if you can help.
- Charlie Bartishevich was happy that the entire family made it to the Santa Train on time! He was also happy that he and his wife were able to spend the night at Del Lago getting massages and losing money.
- Ellen Wayne had a sad dollar for being the only one that went to the Country Club for lunch today and for getting stuck behind a slow driver, not once, but twice!
- Jim Adams was happy for the amazing Santa Train and making his Grandkids day magical.
- Bill Buell had a sad dollar for his Granddaughter in California who had to leave her home because of the wildfires and hoping her home is still there when she returns.
- Dave Cook had a dollar for a celebrity being on the Santa Train. It turns out that our very own Dick Austin looks like Charlie Chan when wearing his glasses.
- Bob McCarthy had a happy dollar for being in Florida, and nearly hitting Charlie Bauder with his car!
- Phil Beckley had a dollar for the photo in the Finger Lakes Times of the Santa Train featuring his grandchildren.
- Mickey Schultz was sad that she missed the Santa Train, but had a happy dollar for being able to go to Pittsburgh next week for the opening of the new Star Wars Film.
- Ken Steadman had a happy dollar for his granddaughter's last performance in the Nutcracker.
- John Watson had a happy dollar because he uses an app on his phone called Golf Logic. He was excited this week when using it, having Bob Stenzel's daughter as his instructor!

## Program

We didn't have a speaker today, so we had a few presentations from different committees.

**Kelly Bradley** reported that Ashley Furniture and the Center of Concern are again partnering for their **Sweet Dreams Campaign**. Now in its second year, Kelly's hope is that they will be able to provide new beds to even more children. Last year they were able to give away six complete beds and had an additional \$2,000 to provide bedding

and stuffed animals. Kelly was able to ride with the delivery drivers last year, and can't stress enough how important this effort is. One of the children that got a new bed was very excited to show Kelly his room, his soccer ball and of course jump on his brand new bed!

This year, Ashley has committed to providing eight beds. Cam Miller, priest at Trinity Episcopal Church, has committed to helping with bedding and pillows. All donations are tax deductible and can be made at Ashley Furniture, The Geneva Center of Concern and at Trinity Church. If you are interested in helping out or need more information, please contact Kelly Bradley.

**Susie Flick & John Oughterson** gave a brief report on the Interact Club. Interact has a current membership of 121 students. We meet from September-June every Tuesday from 2:35pm-3:00pm.

So far this year, we have volunteered at: The Geneva Public Library book sale twice, The Geneva School District's Festival of Nations, the Halloween Hay Rides at the American Legion, Adopt-a-Highway, packed Thanksgiving food boxes, and helped with all five rides of the Santa Train. In total, with just these 8 volunteer events, our students have contributed over 265 hours of volunteer service.

- Out of our 121 members, 51 of them are in National Honor Society.
- We have had Interact members at our weekly lunches 43 times.
- Upcoming volunteer activities include; helping at the HWS holiday reception, Operation Merry Christmas, Salvation Army bell ringing, helping with the Community Lunch Program, Rotary Youth Leadership Academy and the holiday cake/pie/cookie sale.
- We have had two Rotary Exchange students in the last year. Kate Equinozzi, who went to the Netherlands over the summer and James Williams who is currently spending a year in Slovakia.

We raised \$340 at the Festival of Nations and the students have decided to donate that money to the Community Lunch Program.

Our members have some great ideas on international and local projects, including; hurricane relief, world hunger, local animal shelters, the backpack program and Thrive to Survive. **Mark your calendars...The Interact bake sale will take place on February 14, 2018!** Bring those checkbooks and credit cards!

**Dave Cook** gave a brief wrap-up of the **Santa Train**. Dave wanted to give a big shout out to Lisa Toole, who works her butt off and does so much for the Santa Train. This year's train had over 1040 people, not including volunteers, making it a huge success!

Dave was happy to report that the Bartishevich's all made it to the train on time this year! This year, our volunteers also ran the concession stand. There were some leftovers, and they are looking into donating them to the backpack program or the Boys & Girls Club.

There will be a wrap-up informational meeting in the next couple of weeks if you have anything you would like to add.

**Dick Austin** wanted to remind us all that we will be doing the **Community Lunch** on Tuesday, December 12. Please arrive around 8:45am at the Methodist Church (parking behind the church). We will be there until about 1:00.

**Comments:**

- Phil Beckley suggested improvement in our relationship with the HWS Roteract group. It was suggested that we could invite the Roteract President to speak and see how we can help them build and grow. Stephanie Hesler and Chris Fitzgerald offered to touch base with Brandi Ferrara to see if they could help in any way.
- Ken Steadman stated that he could definitely use help with the Rotary Exchange program. If anyone is interested, please contact Ken.
- **Jim Dickson would like everyone to mark their calendars for our club's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It will take place at Club 86 on 4/27/2019.**

Ruth Leo wanted to announce that Dick and Rheta Matthews from N.C. have wished us all a Merry Christmas!

**Submitted by Susie Flick**

**Interact Report**

Minutes for Interact meeting on 12/5/17

Thank you to everyone who participated in Santa Train last Wednesday! We were told that this year was the best train out of the sixteen years of it running with record breaking numbers.

The Rotary Lunch on Wednesdays has changed location from the Geneva Country Club to Club 86.

Thank you to Clare McCulloch, Mia Petronio, Ally Acquilano, and Julia McCormick for volunteering to help at the Hobart and William Smith holiday party on Thursday the fourteenth. If anyone else would like to volunteer please contact Susie and she can email you the information.

**Tomorrow** Operation Merry Christmas starts!

From 3:00pm to 4:30pm at the Center of Concern. I have done it the past few years and have always had a blast.

Salvation Army bell ringing at Walmart

This year it is not on Christmas Eve but on the twenty-third of December. Shifts start at 10am and go until 4pm, the sooner you sign up the better chance you will get the time you want. If you need a ride contact Susie Flick through Remind.

Next meeting is Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>

**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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