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WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
Jan. 3, 2018**

Next week:

TBA

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

Visiting Rotarians

None

Guests

Leonard DeFrancesco from Court Watchers

Announcements

- Ken Steadman announced that there will be a meeting next week after lunch for the Youth Exchange. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome.
- Charlie Bauder thanked everyone who volunteered to ring the bell for the Salvation Army on 12/23. Here are the results: Peebles - \$284.33, Tops - \$556.91, Wal-Mart (food side) - \$327.99 (staffed by Interact), Wal-Mart (store side) - \$466.35, Seneca Street - \$720.93. The total for all Rotary led ringing stations was \$2,356.68.

Fines/Happy Dollars

- Tara levied fines on Charlie Bartshevich and Phil Beckley for having their pictures in the paper.
- Ruth Leo had some happy dollars for turning 70 on the 2nd! Her family took her to dinner at Halsey's and Kelly Bradley's daughter, Zoe, was their server. Her adorable little nieces gave her gifts as well. One gave her \$.70 and the other \$7.00 in honor of this milestone. *(Ed. Note: aforementioned nieces are 7 and 9 years old, respectively!)*

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- Bob Stenzel had a happy dollar and a story about our guest Len DeFrancesco. When he was in High School, he played against Len in basketball. Bob's coach kept telling him to push Len to the left, which he did, but Len kept scoring. Little did Bob know that Len was left handed and that was just where he wanted to be.
- John O. had some happy dollars for our Interactors who volunteered at the Holiday Reception at HWS and rang the bell all day on Dec. 23rd for the Salvation Army. He is also happy for being able to attend the Notre Dame vs. Syracuse basketball game this weekend.
- Jim Devaney was happy that Notre Dame won last weekend, but is pretty sure that they will lose to Syracuse this weekend.
- Charlie Bartishevich was sad because he visited his grandparents for the holidays and was sorry they didn't settle somewhere warm!
- Chris Lavin paid a fine for not being able to ring the bell for the Salvation Army because he was sick at home for a number of days.
- Jim Adams had a happy dollar, because someone had to say "Go Bills"!
- Mickey Peters also had a story about Len. They both had hip replacement at similar times and Len would call to see how he was doing. Mickey would tell him he was great! No crutches, doc says he is doing amazing. Len couldn't believe it!! Mickey's wife Marsha finally let poor Len in on the joke.
- Karen Luttrell had a very happy dollar because she found out on Christmas Eve that she is going to be a grandma! Congratulations Karen!
- Lisa Ventura had a happy dollar for being able to ring the bell with the cutest partner ever. Little Chase, Tara Rago's son.
- Shad was happy to have his family home for the holidays.
- Ellen Wayne was happy that after a setback, her husband is home and healing well. She was also thankful for the donations given by everyone who attended the HWS Holiday Reception.
- Mary Lawthers was happy because her grandson made the Olympic Luge Team!
- John Watson was happy for all the public service work our Rotarians do.
- Mike Rusinko had a happy dollar because he thought of a really great happy dollar to give, but a sad dollar because he forgot what it was.

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Jerry Forcier split \$46/\$47 with Polio Plus. AGAIN!

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December Birthdays

Bill Buell led us in singing Happy Birthday to Rotarians who had a birthday in December

Ted Baker
Carol Chester
Dave Cook
Chris FitzGerald
Penny Hankins
John Rossi
Margaret Wiant

Induction of New Member

Today we inducted Brian Mook as a Rotarian. Brian has been with Five Star Bank for 16 years. He is married to Susan and has three stepchildren. Brian is a lifelong resident of Geneva, graduated from Geneva High School, is a past board member of the Geneva Historical Society and is a member of St. Peters Church. Welcome Brian!

Program

Len DeFrancesco gave a presentation about **The Court Watch Project**, created and overseen by the League of Women Voters, sends monitors into local courtrooms to observe proceedings. In its publication *Eye on the Courts*, which appears three times a year, the monitors provide comments about what they have witnessed, offer an impartial assessment of local courts' operation, and advocate for a fair and equitable justice system. The comments presented in the *Eye* are personal opinions and observations and do not necessarily reflect those of the Court Watch organization or of the League of Women Voters. Use of this information in campaign advertising or literature, or to promote a particular viewpoint, is forbidden. Judges and attorneys are identified by personal identification numbers (PIN) in parentheses, because the comments are intended only to inform those who work in the court system about exemplary circumstances and areas that may warrant examination and improvement. The Court Watchers are looking for new volunteers. Court is held at different locations throughout Ontario County and at various times. If you work during the day, you may still be able to volunteer, because some courts are held in the evening. If you are interested in becoming a Court Watcher, please contact:

Court Watching Project,
c/o Len DeFrancesco
94 High Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Submitted by Susie Flick

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Interact Report

Thank you to everyone who bared the cold and participated in the annual bell ringing at Wal-Mart on December 23rd

- Ryann Shultz
- Zoe Mattice
- Angie Perry
- Martia Smith
- Natalie Berg Pappert
- Audra Burrall
- Sydney Mittiga
- Ben Mittiga
- Natalie Finch
- Jake Young
- Darby Bleakley
- Savannah Bradley
- Mrs. Bradley

HWS Day of Service is coming up once the college students return from break. There will be more information at the next meeting.

The Leadership Institute for juniors and seniors at Hobart and William Smith is MLK weekend. Students attend workshops during the weekend that improve your leadership skills. Those who participated last year recall how fun the workshops and encourage anyone who is free to participate. We will have forms for the event next meeting.

Valentine's Day bake sale is coming up so we need to decide our local and international project to determine where the money we raise will go. If you have any ideas for either projects contact Sydney and she will announce them with the other candidates at the next meeting.

Our next meeting will be next Tuesday the ninth of January.

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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