



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
August 14,
2019**

Next week:
Kelly Densley, Social Security
Administration

President Mary Lawthers led the pledge, Four-Way Test, and gave the invocation

Visiting Rotarians

- Norm Lee, Bradenton, Florida
- Neil Teague, Seneca Falls

Guests

- Palma Fratto Evans – will be joining soon

The 5 Minute Speaker- Chris FitzGerald and Bruce Tuxill

Chris and Bruce shared what they learned about each other. Here are some of the points that they shared:

Chris

- Academic Department Coordinator at Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- Earned a Bachelor of Science-Organizational Management while working at HWS, and Magna Cum Laude/Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society
- Grew up on William Street in Geneva. Married Tim FitzGerald and moved back to William Street!
- She would secretly dream about being a lead guitar player and singer in a rock band.
- She loves interior design, architecture and is very handy with tools – she may be available to do hardwood floors, plumbing and wood working.
- Chris loves spending time with friends, attending music and theatre venues, crafting, and exploring nature.

Aside from her wedding day and birth of her children, her most proud/memorable moments are:

- Watching daughter Kelly on the red carpet and on stage at the 87th Academy Awards
- Watching Kelly perform with Up with People at the Vatican (and personally being within arm's length of Pope Francis)
- Watching daughter Lauren get her Master's Degree and run NYC marathon
- Putting her trust and life in the hands of her 10 year old son, Jeff, who is an incredible sailor who took her sailing on Seneca Lake for the first time ever!
- Built a 7-tier wedding cake that required a ladder to assemble

Bruce Tuxill

- Bruce is the youngest of four children in his family. Interestingly, his three older siblings share the same names in the same order as Chris's husband's paternal uncles: Robert, Richard and Thomas. Bruce married Keren and that is the name of Chris's husband's only paternal aunt.
- Bruce lived in Geneva on West North Street until 1954 when his family moved to Akron, OH, then to Atlanta, GA., Fairfax, VA., and Wichita, KS.
- Bruce married his wife, Keren, 38 years ago. Keren spent 21 years as the special assistant to King Hussein of Jordan based in Washington, DC.
- They have two daughters, Danielle who is a physician with Med Star Health in Hyde, MD., and Alicia, who is a visiting nurse with the U of R.
- Bruce has three grandchildren, Claudia, Nola and Reed.
- Bruce has had a very long, impressive and purposeful career serving our country! He received a BS in Business Administration from Salem College in W. Va. And completed many specialized programs with the US Air Force and the Department of Defense.
- He began his military career as a Second Lieutenant in 1968 and received his final promotion to the rank of Major General in 2000!
- Clearly, Bruce is comfortable with responsibility as he was charged with formulating, developing and coordinating all policies, programs, and plans affecting more than 9,000 men and women who made up the state of Maryland Military Department.
- From 2000-2003 he was the Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander with the United States Air Force in Europe on Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany.
- In 2008, Bruce started the Tuxill Group where as President of the group consults with federal, state, and local officials in the areas of national defense and homeland security.
- Over the course of his impressive career he received 17 major award and decorations – with the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal among them!

Announcements

- Peter Einset will be giving a talk on Wills to a women's association at the Boys and Girls Club.
- Jim Dickson reminded everyone of the Eastern Cities Dinner to be held at the Rochester Convention Center on September 23.
- Dave reminded folks of the Camp Onseyawa Carnival this Sunday, Aug 18.
- Mary reminded us that our August 28 meeting will be at "The Smith".

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Norm Lee was the winner splitting \$80 (\$40/\$40) with Polio Plus.

Happy/Sad Dollars

- President Mary paid for having her picture in the paper. She also thanked everyone who helped with the picnic. She was especially happy for her new great grandson, Grady Daniel Lewis, who was born this morning!
(Congratulations, Mary!)
- Dave Cook was happy that Phil Beckley is recuperating from his hip operation .
- Dave is also recuperating from a procedure on his back which involved wires and cement? *(Sounds painful to me!)*
- Karen Luttrell just returned from Maine, a trip to Fenway Park in Boston, and other stops in New England
- Ruth Leo was happy to have spent a week on the Lake with friends from Atlanta who now live all over the East Coast. It was the first time they had been together at the same time in many years! She also thanked John Rossi for making it possible for some of them to play golf at GCC. *(Note: I failed to thank Shad Cook who was also instrumental in arranging this. Thanks, Shad!)*
- Bill Buell went to his **66th** reunion at the Cornell Vet School!!! *(Wow!)*
- Jim Dickson joined his daughter and granddaughter in Watkins Glen where they hiked through the gorge. He recommends starting at the "top" and walking down!
- Jim also thanked everyone who helped with the picnic.
- Norm Lee is happy to be here and gave a contribution to the Foundation.
- Linda Equinozzi noted that Nate Hesler's picture was in the paper for becoming an Eagle Scout. She also complemented Chris Lavin for his article on Garsevan Bekauri which appeared in the Finger Lakes Times.

Program

Our speakers today were **Teresa Shaffer** and **Henry Farro**, who spoke on **Lead Poisoning Prevention** and the **Food Justice Program**, respectively.

Highlights of Teresa's presentation:

- Early symptoms of Lead Poisoning include uneasy stomach, poor appetite, weight loss, constipation, irritability, clumsiness, and behavior changes
- Later symptoms include hearing loss, memory problems, lower IQ, kidney problems, behavior problems (ADHD/Autism?)
- Joint damage
- Pregnant women and children are at an increased risk for becoming lead poisoned.
- In April, 2019 Governor Cuomo signed a new law decreasing the Blood Lead Level from 10 to 5 mcg/dL
- Required Home Visits include:
 - Public Health Nurse Visit
- NYSDOH Geneva District Office Environmental Visit
 - Identify the source of exposure

Highlights of Henry's presentation:

Henry began his talk by thanking Rotary for the \$1000 grant presented to his organization.

- Food Justice of Geneva provides fresh fruits and vegetables to Geneva families
- Acquired 3000 sq. ft. of space
- Recently built a 12' x 20' walk in cooler
- Completed first winter distribution season
- Applied for 501c3 status
- Annual "gleaning" total for 2018 – 29,175 pounds of produce
- January-June 2019 distribution stats included potatoes, oranges, apples, onions and assorted other fruits and vegetables.
- Henry thanked everyone for their support and asked for volunteers to help.

Submitted by Ruth Leo

<p>Four way test: "Of the things we think, say or do:"</p> <p><i>1. Is it The Truth?</i> <i>2. Is it Fair to All Concerned?</i> <i>3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?</i> <i>4. Will it be beneficial for All Concerned?</i></p>			
<p>Mary Lawthers President</p>	<p>Dave Cook Vice President</p>	<p>Ford Weiskittel Secretary</p>	<p>Bob McFadden Club Treasurer</p>