



# **WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP**

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

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**Wednesday,  
Jan. 24,  
2018**

Next week:  
Bud Dobbertin, Naval  
Sonar Site on Seneca  
Lake

President-elect Shad Cook led us in the Pledge and gave the invocation.

### **Visiting Rotarians**

John Zappia from Canandaigua

### **Guests**

Jason Hagerman - guest of Danielle DuVal

### **Interact**

Emily McFadden  
Zoe Mattice  
Audra Burrall  
Angie Perry  
Natalie Berg-Pappert  
Kate Equinozzi  
Taylor Champlin

### **Rotaract**

Allie Seminer

### **Announcements**

- Lisa Ventura announced that the SAS dinner is 93 days away! They are working on sponsorships now, so if you have donated in the past, expect a letter soon. If you haven't donated before, and would like to, please let Lisa or Dick know. The

committee will also be taking nominations for the Ralph Springstead award soon, so think about someone you would like to nominate.

- Jim Dickson announced a short meeting of the Paul Harris Nominating Committee after today's lunch
- Mary Lawthers announced that our next Rotary Social will be at the American Legion on Friday, February 16. We will meet at the bar between 5:30-5:45 and then have dinner.
- Stephanie Hesler announced that there will be a Masterminds regional tournament this Saturday. They could use your help with reading questions, keeping score, etc. If you can help, please let Stephanie know.

### **Fines/Happy Dollars**

- Carol Chester was happy for a wonderful vacation in Florida. She was also happy for the lovely letter written by James Williams, who is currently an exchange student in Slovakia. You can read his letter here <http://genevanow.com/blog/boy-meets-slovakia-december-2017>
- Dick Austin was happy for being at his new job for a year now and for celebrating four years since his cancer surgery.
- Charlie Bartishevich had a fine for Chris Lavin. Charlie brought some computer monitors to the B & G club as a donation and Chris sent a young lady to help Charlie unload them instead of helping Charlie himself.
- Dave Cook gave a dollar, because he was up at 6:30am today for a meeting that took place last month!
- Lisa Ventura was happy to have spent a week in Barbados, but also happy to be back.
- Chris Lavin countered Charlie's fine with an explanation that it was in fact a tax write-off for Charlie's business and that the young lady he sent to help was younger and more able. He also had a happy dollar for James' letter and explained that you can see more letters and photos by becoming a member of Geneva Now.
- John O. had a happy dollar for himself and Bruce being able to write recommendation letters for James' application to the Air Force Academy.

### **50/50**

Taylor Champlin (Interact) split \$49/\$49 with Polio Plus.

## **Program**

We were first joined by **Allie Seminer from the HWS Rotaract Club**. She gave us a brief report of what their group had been up to. Last year, their group participated in Neighbor's Night, Day of Service, the Geneva Halloween Parade, Festival of Nations and made cards for the Living Center.

This year they hope to help with Relay for Life, making pillowcases for Thrive to Survive, Neighbors Night, making cards with the Living Center and hope to volunteer at the Community Lunch Program monthly.

Their Rotaract club has about 10 regular members and several others that come and go. They meet bi-monthly if they can. Allie is the current Rotaract president.

We were then joined by **Kate Equinozzi** who was a **summer exchange student** to the Netherlands. Kate is a junior at Geneva High School and is the secretary of the Interact club. Kate's adventure started on July 16, when her exchange counterpart, Lavana landed at JFK. Kate's family took Lavana to see the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building while they were in NYC. While in Geneva, Lavana was able to go on a boat on the lake and do some fishing and swimming, go to Wegman's and attend a Rotary meeting with us. Later, Kate's family took Lavana to see Niagara Falls and ride on the Maid of the Mist.

On August 6, Kate and Lavana flew to the Helmond, in the Netherlands. One of the first differences she experienced was tea time. Around 3 or 4 each day, the family would all gather for coffee or tea and talk about their day. Kate really enjoyed that everyone stopped to relax and nobody touched their phones. There were a lot of cows in the Netherlands and nobody cared if you went up and petted them, so she petted all the cows she could.

Lavana's family took Kate to Amsterdam and Berlin. In Amsterdam, Kate was impressed with all of the street art and how it was all interactive. In Berlin, she got to see parts of the Berlin Wall that were painted by different artists. They went to see Sachsenhausen, a concentration camp in Oranienburg, Germany. There were prisoner accounts of the prisoners, which put a face with all she has read in history books. In Amsterdam, she was able to see the Anne Frank house, and was struck by how tiny it is.

Kate had a wonderful trip and still talks to the family that she stayed with. She encouraged all of the Interactors present to think about the exchange program, because it was an amazing experience for her.

**Submitted by Susie Flick**

## **Interact Report for 1/23/18**

This Saturday there are two volunteer opportunities:

The Geneva Booster club needs help setting up for their event at Club 86. It should not last more than 2 hours and starts at 10:30am. You will be setting up tables, blowing up balloons and helping to organize the event.

We need help putting up flyers for the senior class fundraiser bottle drive. We will meet at the Mittaga's home on White Springs Road and then disperse from there.

Signed up:

-AJ  
-Jack  
-Joe  
-Sydney  
-Ben  
-John  
-Sam  
-Megan

The Rotary lunch bake sale is on Valentine's Day this year. Please be thinking of what you would like to bring.

Our next meeting will be 1/31/18

<b>Four way test:</b> <b>"Of the things we think, say or do:"</b>				
<b><i>1. Is it The Truth?</i></b>				
<b><i>2. Is it Fair to All Concerned?</i></b>				
<b><i>3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?</i></b>				
<b><i>4. Will it be beneficial for All Concerned?</i></b>				
<b>Tara Rago</b> President	<b>Shad Cook</b> President-Elect	<b>Mary Lawthers</b> Vice President	<b>Ford Weiskittel</b> Secretary	<b>Harley Roberson</b> Treasurer