



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
March 7,
2018**

Next week:

Terry Corcoran, local
Lacrosse legend

President-elect Shad Cook led us in the pledge and Rev. Jim Adams gave the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians

Neil Teague

Guests

Linda Beckley
Theresa Shaffer
Henry Farro
Interactors Emily McFadden and Taylor Champlin

Announcements

- Lisa Ventura announced that everything is coming along for the SAS dinner on April 26. Lisa said that they have a great planning committee and that sponsorship letters have gone out. If you received a sponsorship letter, please return it as soon as you can. They hope to start taking reservations in the next week or so. The next planning meeting will be on March 26 at 5:15pm at the Bank of the Finger Lakes.
- Jim Adams announced that the St. Peter's "Dinner With the Arts" will be held on April 15. This is the only fundraiser they do all year, so please consider attending if you are able.

Fines/Happy Dollars

- Carol Rusinko had two happy dollars for Slovakia. One for the Syracuse basketball player and one for our exchange student, James Williams. You can read James' latest letter from Slovakia here <http://genevanow.com/blog/boy-meets-slovakia-february-2017>.
- Ted had some happy dollars for HWS and William Smith. HWS hockey won last night against Norwich and won in lacrosse yesterday as well. William Smith lacrosse is playing today with Geneva's own Hannah Burrall.
- Shad fined Dick Austin for leaving the day of the bake sale with a fork and a cheesecake. Dick was pretty sure the fine was unnecessary, because he paid \$150 for that cheesecake!! Shad said he would pay the fine.
- Bill McGowan discussed how he has a Nigerian son and where he is from, Polio is nearly gone. Please keep up the good work with those 50/50 tickets!
- Mary Lawthers announced that the reason we haven't seen Richard Kasulke is because he is in the Dominican Republic as a medical Missionary. Great service Richard!
- Mickey Shultz had some IOU happy dollars for a ski trip she took. Even though flights were cancelled, rental cars couldn't be found and the snow made things hard, they all had a wonderful time.
- Stephanie Hesler had a happy dollar for Ted having Stephanie and Kelsy Hibbard Baker on the radio for Geneva's Community Read taking place the entire month of March. They are reading *The Story of Stuff* by Annie Leonard. Check out the full list of activities for the month of March at <https://www.genevareads.org/2018-community-read>.
- Chris Lavin paid a fine for being in the newspaper.
- John Watson offered to let Mickey borrow some happy dollars, but warned that he charges interest.
- Jim DeVaney had a happy dollar, because he is so honored to be chosen to receive the Ralph Springstead award. He thanks everyone for thinking of him.

50/50

Susie Flick split \$50/\$50 with Polio Plus.

Program

Today we welcomed Theresa Shaffer and Henry Farro from the Food Justice program. The Geneva Food Justice Coalition is a volunteer group that collects and distributes produce for people that don't have access to fresh fruits and vegetables. The coalition gleaned 18,535 pounds of produce from local farms in 2017, compared to 9,850 the previous year.

Last year they were able to purchase a mobile walk in cooler, which has allowed them to store food instead of it going bad. They were also able to hold some canning classes, giving families a chance to store produce for the winter.

This year, they would like to increase the amount they bring to the farm stand on State Street that supplies fresh produce to the families that have been affected by the Geneva Foundry soil. Food Justice is completely volunteer run and could always use donations. They are hoping they can purchase some reusable plastic vegetable bins this year instead of using banana boxes.

If you would like to know more about the Food Justice Program, check out their website at <http://blueprintgeneva.org/index.php/food-justice/>.

Interact Report

Minutes from 03/06/18

All County was postponed to this weekend because of the snow day. There will be two volunteer opportunities, Friday and Saturday. On Friday it will be from 3:00-6:00 and we will be helping to set up the event. On Saturday it will be from 8:30am-2:00pm and we will be serving lunch, setting up, cleaning up, selling tickets and directing students.

If anyone is interested in joining the Youth Court there is a meeting at Wood Library in Canandaigua on March 22nd. With Youth Court one can get a hundred plus hours of community service as well as be eligible for scholarships. Keyla Martinez, a former member said she made many new friends and gained much experience in the judicial field.

We need to finalize an international service project. If you have an idea on what organization we should give to please do research and be ready to give information on it at the next meeting. We have looked into hurricane relief in Puerto Rico as well as giving medical supplies to places wounded by the hurricane.

Our next meeting will be March 13, 2018.

Best,
Kate Equinozzi

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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