



# **WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP**

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

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**Wednesday,  
April 11,  
2018**

Next week:

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

### **Guests**

Ed Ferraraccio

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

There are seats available on the Board. One of the available positions is for Vice President. Please let Charlie Bartishevich or Phil Beckley know if you are interested.

### **Announcements**

- Tara reminded us all that we are still taking monetary donations instead of bottles of wine this year for the SAS dinner. Reservations are trickling in. Please reach out to whomever you can to attend the dinner.
- Mary Lawthers announced that the social will be this Friday at 5:30 at the Cobblestone restaurant.
- Dave Cook asked us all to save the date...the Santa Train chicken BBQ will be June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Hotel Exchange. He will have tickets to sell within the next week or so.
- Charlie Bartishevich announced that the Geneva Chamber of Commerce after hours will be at CCM tonight from 5-7.
- Jim Dickson says the next Adopt-a-Highway clean up is set for May 12<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 9am on the corner of Billsboro Road and Rte.14.
- Ruth Leo announced that there will be a "Cabbage Roll" dinner at St. Michaels Church on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$15. Ruth has tickets if you would like to go.

- Stephanie Hesler left a schedule of all the amazing events coming up at the Gearan Center for the Performing Arts. If you would like to be on the email list for upcoming events, please let Stephanie know. Her email is [hesler@hws.edu](mailto:hesler@hws.edu).

### **Fines/Happy Dollars**

- Tara had a happy dollar for John O. and for Paul Kirsch. Johnny returned her phone before she even knew it was missing, and Paul for always having her back.
- Mary Lawthers was happy for spending four weeks in Florida.
- John Watson covered Tara's happy dollar, for what all Tara does.
- Ruth Leo paid a dollar for her phone going off during the prayer and for finally getting a prescription filled after spending 1 ½ hours on the phone.
- Trina Newton is happy to be home from China.
- Jim Dickson had a sad dollar for the University of Michigan getting their derriere spanked by Villanova. Jim also had a happy dollar for spending the last two weeks in Florida. He was able to do three makeups and had a great time.
- Karen Luttrell was happy for spending the weekend with her sisters and having a great time.
- Mickey Shultz had a dollar for Charlie Bartishevich's eulogy for his grandfather. Mickey said it was a beautiful tribute to a wonderful man. Mickey also had a dollar for Bob Goodman, from Newark Rotary, who passed away recently, but received a posthumous award at the Foundation Brunch.
- Jim Krajna had a happy dollar for being back after six months in Florida.
- John Johnson announced that Cornell AgriTech, formerly Cornell University New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, is now a Center of Excellence. John explained what great news it was for our community. You can read more about it [here](#).
- Ellen Wayne spoke with Mary Luckern and wanted to pass along that she is doing well. As Mary starts to improve, she may need people to help her get around. If you can help, please let Ellen know.
- Charlie Bartishevich thanked Mickey for her kind words. Charlie said that you never know if you did a good job giving a eulogy because nobody gives you a standing ovation. To which several Rotarians gave him a standing ovation.
- Lisa Ventura had a happy dollar for John O. and Susie Flick for their work with Interact. Lisa spoke at the Interact meeting this week about the backpack program. Interact is considering donating to the program as a local project this year and wanted more information. Lisa also had a happy dollar for her oldest turning 33 today, which is weird, because Lisa is only 35!

- Dave Cook asked “is it the truth?” to Lisa for being 35. Dave is happy that his neighbor, Jim Krajna is back and also offered \$10 to the Booze Basket if Tara could pronounce Jim’s last name correctly...She did!!
- Chris Lavin was happy because the Boys and Girls Club got a donation that will allow them to continue feeding the kids every evening.

## 50/50

Ellen Wayne split \$51/\$51 with Polio Plus.

## Program

No program today. We had a round of “Get to know the Rotarian” followed by a great game of trivia.

First up in “Get to know...” was **Bill Buell**

**Tara:** What is your greatest accomplishment?

**Bill:** Raising four great kids.

**T:** How many grandchildren do you have?

**B:** 3 natural and 6 or 7 step grandchildren.

**T:** If you won the lotto today, what would you do with it?

**B:** Give it to charities.

**T:** What should we know about “Dollar Bill”?

**B:** When he was in college, he had a roommate named Richard Deacon. Deacon is an actor best known for his role on the Mary Tyler Moore show.

## **Next up: Carol Chester**

**Tara:** You are on a lot of Volunteer committees, which is your favorite?

**Carol:** I have learned the most from Our Lady of Peace.

**T:** Favorite vacation spot?

**C:** Paris. Went every year when she was teaching and loves it. Has never been with her husband, Mike, though. *(Ed. Note: sounds like you need to plan a trip with Mike!)*

**T:** Is there somewhere you haven’t been that you would like to go?

**C:** Nashville

## **Next: Neil Sjoblom**

**Tara:** Do you have any hobbies?

**Neil:** Skiing, boating (on someone else’s boat)

**T:** How many years have you been taking photos?

**N:** Has been taking wedding photos since he was 13! Sees a lot of his wedding clients in this room...some several times.

**T:** What is your best photo?

**N:** His strangest photo was of a casket that broke during a funeral for an insurance company.

**Submitted by Susie Flick**

## Interact Report

### **Minutes for Interact meeting on 4/10/18**

On April 26<sup>th</sup> there is the service above self dinner hosted by the Rotary Club at Club 86. This dinner raises usually about \$20,000 through the tickets and silent auction. All of the money goes towards giving grants to local organizations and funding the Backpack Program. At this fundraiser two high school interactors are given an award which is based off of community service hours and attendance. This year Sydney Mittiga and Jack Harris will be receiving this award.

There will be a Relay for Life meeting this Thursday right after school in the same room as the interact meetings are held. The Relay for Life and Middle Finger 5k will be discussed.

One option for our local project is the Backpack Program and we had a speaker come in to give us more information on the organization. For the past two and a half years, children in elementary and middle school have been sent home with a backpack full of food on Friday for the weekend. Many children receive free breakfast and lunch during the week and come into school on Monday hungry. Those who originally financed the program were unable to continue halfway through the school year and came to the Rotary Club for help. The Rotary Club now gives about \$11,000 a year to fund the program allowing 130 children to go home with a backpack every other weekend. There is no waiting list at the moment so the main goal for the future of this program is to allow students to be able to bring a backpack home every weekend and any money we donate will help reach that goal.

This Saturday is The HWS Day of Service. We meet at the Quad on campus where as a group we will travel to a location to volunteer. The entire event is from 12pm to 4pm with food and drink provided. There will be an upcoming remind which will inform you who to look out for at the Quad and will most likely be an interact officer.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by 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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