



# **WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP**

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

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**Wednesday,  
May 23,  
2018**

Next week:  
Interact Club conducting  
meeting

Vice President Shad led us in the pledge and gave the invocation.

### **Visiting Rotarians**

John Zappia, Canandaigua

### **Guests**

Taryn Windheim  
Linda Equinozzi  
Bill Flood

### **Interactors**

Liz Ergil      Anthony Maruccelli      Kate Equinozzi      Jason Wheatley  
Lily Sellers      Audra Burrall

### **Announcements**

- Laine Pufnock announced that ticket sales for the Chicken Barbeque are going well. Please be sure to get your tickets soon.
- Ellen Wayne talked about the upcoming Sharing the Light dinner on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Please let Ellen know if you would like tickets.
- *Editor's Note: We received the following note from our North Carolina friends, Dick and Rheta Matthews: Thank you for your newsletter, we enjoy getting it. This is just to let you know that we will not be up to the lake until the beginning of August and we will be there until the end of September. Give all our friends in Geneva our best wishes and we look forward to attending your club lunches.*

## Fines/Happy Dollars

- Dave Cook is happy that after a long process of suing GM citing the Lemon Law, they have decided to buy him out.
- John O. collected fines from everyone who was in the paper.
- John Zappia thanked the club for the hospitality and the great food. He will be returning to Canandaigua now that his stint is up in Geneva.
- Chris Lavin is happy because Laine went to bat for a young lady at the Boys and Girls Club. Laine was able to get her some much needed dental care and the girl is so happy.
- Ellen Wayne had a happy dollar for her sister's birthday.
- Trina had a happy dollar for John Zappia and for the GHS seniors who will be graduating in less than a month.
- Stephanie Hesler is happy that her son Sean is home from college for the summer.
- Jim Devaney paid a dollar for having his picture in the paper yet again.
- Susie Flick was happy because of Interact elections that took place Tuesday. Of the six that were elected, all but one have a parent or grandparent in our club!
- Shad had a happy dollar because he will be picking up his new Border Collie, Bodhi on Friday. Congratulations Shad!

## 50/50

Jim Dickson split \$37/\$38 with Polio Plus, and donated his winnings back.

## Program

Today, our own Bruce Tuxill gave a great talk about some of the symbolism and traditions of Memorial Day. Bruce started the presentation with a poem that first lady, Eleanor Roosevelt kept in her wallet throughout WWII. It goes;

Dear Lord,

Lest I continue  
My complacent way,  
Help me to remember that somewhere,  
Somehow out there  
A man died for me today.  
As long as there be war,  
I then must  
Ask and answer  
Am I worth dying for?

Bruce then talked about the way the military honors the fallen. There are four elements to Military Honors at a funeral; transfer, rifle salute, playing of Taps and the folding of the flag.

### **Transfer:**

Depending on the location and terms of the funeral, there are often certain traditions about the transfer of the body to the place of interment. The casket is always covered with the flag with the stars over the left shoulder, according to tradition started during the Napoleonic wars.

### **21-Gun Salute**

At most military funerals what many mistake for a 21-gun salute is actually an honor guard team firing three volleys from rifles. This tradition comes from traditional battle ceasefires where each side would clear the dead. The firing of three volleys indicated the dead were cleared and properly cared for.

### **Playing of Taps**

A variation of an earlier bugle call, taps was composed by General Daniel Butterfield of the Union Army during The Civil War. Originally composed to signal "lights out," the somber tune became a traditional way to honor service members, eventually becoming a staple at funeral services to honor the extinguishing of a life. The lyrics to Taps were added later and go;

Day is done, gone the sun,  
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;  
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Fading light, dims the sight,  
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.  
From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night.

Thanks and praise, for our days,  
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky;  
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.

Sun has set, shadows come,  
Time has fled, Scouts must go to their beds  
Always true to the promise that they made.

While the light fades from sight,  
And the stars gleaming rays softly send,  
To thy hands we our souls, Lord, commend.

## **Closing and Flag Protocol**

At the end of the service, the flag is removed from the casket and carefully folded by the honor guard. Each fold represents something different and at the end only the stars are left showing on the top. Once the flag has been properly folded, a few of the shells may be inserted into the back fold before it is presented to the next of kin with an expression of gratitude for the sacrifice they have made.

After Bruce's presentation, Dave Cook played Taps on the bagpipes.

## **Submitted by Susie Flick**

## **Interact Report**

Minutes for meeting 5/22/18

The officers for next year have be elected:

Kate Equinozzi-President

Nate Hesler- Vice President

Fadly Kafrawi- Vice President

Darby Bleakley- Vice President

Emily McFadden- Secretary

Jeff FitzGerald- Treasurer

We are running the Rotary lunch next Wednesday May 30th. If you plan on going make sure you have signed up or told Susie or John to ensure we have the correct numbers.

Our next meeting will be May 20th, hope to see you there!

### **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?**

**Tara Rago**  
President

**Shad Cook**  
President-Elect

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Secretary

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