



# **WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP**

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

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**Wednesday,  
May 30,  
2018**

Next week:  
Geneva Concerts  
Performance

Interact lead the meeting today.

John O. led us in the Pledge and Invocation

**Interactor Introductions from President, Sydney Mittiga:** Jack Harris, Cassidy Prejean, Anthony Marcuccilli, Audrie Fazio, Taylor Champlin, Zoe Mattice, Angie Perry, Ryan Shultz, Kate Equinozzi and Ellie Aliperti.

There are no visiting Rotarians today.

### **Guests**

Chris FitzGerald brought Linda Equinozzi  
Jim DeVaney brought Bill Flood  
Trina Newton brought Kelly Mittiga

### **Announcements**

The new directory will be available on July 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like a hard copy please make sure to sign up.

The Rotary gathering originally planned to be at La Mia Bella's will be rescheduled as it happened to fall on the same evening as the Geneva High School graduation.

### **May Birthdays**

Ken Steadman, Lisa Ventura, Ellen Wayne and Neal Braman celebrated birthdays in May. We all sang happy birthday, led by Ryann Shultz.

**50/50:** The winner, Dave Cook, will receive fifty four dollars from the one hundred and eighteen raised from winning ticket 9737.

### **Fines and Happy Dollars:**

- Anthony Marcuccilli and Ted Baker had happy dollars for the Geneva boys lacrosse team for winning sectionals, thirteen to two, against Wayne. They now will advance to State Regionals in Buffalo at 5:30pm this Saturday.
- Dick Austin gave a happy dollar for a family camping trip, guest Jen Harris and his restaurant donating to local charities each month starting with Thrive to Survive. He was also fined for speaking out of turn.
- Trina Newton gave happy dollars for the Interactor seniors who will soon be graduating and the boys lacrosse team.
- Dave Cook gave happy dollars for the chicken barbeque that is coming up this weekend.
- John O gave happy dollars to all of the Interactors who came to help and run the meeting today. He was also fined for being in the paper at the Memorial Day parade.
- Chris FitzGerald gave happy dollars for her twenty sixth wedding anniversary and for her daughter who accepted a job at UCLA.
- Ken Steadman gave happy dollars for his granddaughter who had recently had a ballet performance.
- Jessica Griffin gave happy dollars for her husband who is a baseball player.
- Charlie Bauder gave happy dollars for the seniors who have the opportunity of an interest free loan from the Rotarians.
- John Johnson gave money because his family is visiting.
- Shad Cook gave a happy dollar for his first hole in one this past weekend.
- Charlie Bartishevich gave a happy dollar for opening up his pool and getting rid of the frog skeletons before his children could see.
- Ruth Leo had a happy dollar because she finally bought a new car after twenty years.
- Phil Beckley gave happy dollars as with all of the Interactors the average age of a Rotarian was 32. He was also fined for being in the paper.
- Jim DeVaney was fined for being in the paper for the Memorial Day parade.

## **Money Made**

Ben Mittiga shared that Interactors over the year raised over two thousand dollars. This will be split between hurricane relief in Puerto Rico, the Backpack program and Thrive to Survive.

## **Volunteering**

Jack Harris overviewed all the events Interactors helped with which were, but not limited to, Library Book Sale, Festival of Nations, American Legion Hayride, Adopt-a-Highway, Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes, Santa Train, HWS Christmas dinner, Operation Merry Christmas, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Community Lunch Program and the Quilt Show.

## **Panther Pitch**

**Sydney Mittiga** made a company called *Wood you Marry Me?* in which wooden rings were made from recycled materials from the waste of companies in Geneva. Part of the money made from the rings would go to Diamonds for Peace an organization that helps elevate stress in underdeveloped countries that mine diamonds. It would cost very little to start up the company and each ring would range from \$350 to \$1000 in price.

**Jack Harris** explained his company which is t-shirt company, *315*, that represents Geneva as well as supporting local businesses and organizations. On each t-shirt 315 is present, however, the "one" is modified to represent the business or organization that will benefit from the sale of the shirt. This company could work with wineries, Thrive to Survive or the Food Pantry. Jack would work with local graphic companies to make the shirts he would design.

**Cassidy Prejean** came up with *FLARE, Finger Lakes Animal Rescue Effort*, a nonprofit that works to help both homeless people and animals. She explained how the current solution to the homelessness in Geneva is buying hotel rooms paid for by the Salvation Army and sending the animals to the overcrowded Beverley Animal Shelter. With FLARE there would be a dual center paid for by the government that would house both people and animals. A rehabilitation program would form and partner with the Salvation Army to give these people job training and social services. As well as these service an animal is assigned to the person and when they graduate from the program they are allowed to take that pet home. Cassidy heavily stresses how having an animal when you are homeless would give you that extra push to help yourself and is often the support many need to keep on living.

## Interact Report

Minutes for Interact 5/29/18

Last meeting of the year!

The Interact lead Rotary Lunch is tomorrow so if you would like to go please make sure if you haven't signed up text Susie or Jonny, just for food purposes.

The schedule for tomorrow:

- Arrive at 11:45 wearing a purple interact t-shirt. If you don't have one you can get a shirt at the lunch.
- Introduction of the Interactors. Please state your name, grade, if you are a senior your future plans, if you are an officer or if you will be an officer in the upcoming year.
- Birthday week (Ryann will lead)
- Happy dollars/fines (Ben Mittiga)
- Local and international projects (Ben Mittiga)
- All of the events we volunteered at (Jack Harris)
- Panther Pitch synopsis of Sydney, Cassidy and Jack's ideas.
- Meeting adjourned

Can't wait to see you all next year!

### 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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