



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
August 15,
2018**

Next week:
Heather Tuttle, Welcome
Center

Vice President Mary Lawthers led us in the pledge and invocation

Visiting Rotarians

Norm Lee from Florida
Mike Kenyon from Canandaigua

Guests

Jason Haag – guest of John O. – prospective member
James Williams – Rotary Exchange Student
Mary Mantelli – Guest of Ellen Wayne – Prospective member

Announcements

- Ellen Wayne has Hoedown for Hunger tickets and posters for you to post at your businesses.
- Stephanie Hesler announced that the next Rotary Social will be on Friday, September 14 at 5:30 at Beef & Brew.

Fines/Happy Dollars

- Taryn Windheim was happy that she heard about the Sailing Academy at Rotary, because that is where her son has been spending the week! He got to witness his first protest when he went to work with Taryn this week and was a little stunned. He is also recovering from “man flu”, aka the common cold.
- John Watson fined Dave Cook for the apron he wore to the picnic this week.

- Charlie Bartishevich was happy he made it to the office on Tuesday. Nearly every road was closed because of the flooding, but he got creative and traveled some roads he didn't even know existed.
- Ellen Wayne had a rough ride back from Elmira on Monday, and completely forgot about the picnic and was sorry to have missed it.
- Ruth was happy for a great picnic and for the amazing job the Geneva Theater Guild did on Evita.
- John O. had a happy dollar for being in the paper a couple of times.
- Susie had a couple of happy dollars for feeling better, heading to Utah in a couple of days and for James Williams being with us today.
- Ken Steadman had a happy dollar for catching another skunk!

50/50

Ellen Wayne split \$34/\$35 with Polio Plus.

Program

Today **Gerry Barker** gave us an update of what the Backpack Program has been up to this last year. From Gerry:

With the great support of Geneva Rotary, the Backpack Program had another successful year.

We have approximately 1360 kids of 2170 that qualify for free and reduced meals. Over 120 of those kids are homeless, in that their families are doubled up or living in temporary housing such as a motel. There is still a high need here and it doesn't seem to be getting smaller.

In the 2017-2018 school year, we had 19 deliveries of food to 167 kids every two weeks.

We gave 2 bags of food to every child in each distribution. A bag was packed by FoodLink and shipped to us and we packed a separate bag for the children at the warehouse on Gambee Road with kid friendly items such as peanut butter, jelly, canned goods, fruit cups and granola bars.

We gave out 6346 bags at a total cost of \$13,928.

The cost per bag from FoodLink is \$2.50 and each bag that we pack has a cost of \$1.90 or less to keep our total cost under \$4.40 per student per distribution. The only expense to the program is for food, no labor supplies are charged to the program. For the bags that we pack, people donate their grocery bags. 100% of the money donated to the Backpack program goes to the food.

There are several staff members that make this whole program come together that I have to mention:

At West Street School: Tammy Richmond and Mary Higgins.

At Head Start: Jena Fuchs, Laurel Flores, Cristina Reale and Alma Lambert.

At North Street School: Eric Vaillancourt, Susan McGowan and Tosci Elliott-Monclova.

At District Central Services, packing the bags and distributing to the schools, we have: Tony Carabello, Meghan Westfall and Patrick Martin

At the district office, overseeing our funding are Nikki Kersberger and Donna Weise.

Today, we also had a presentation from **James Williams**, who has spent the last year in Slovakia as a Rotary exchange student. James gave us so much information on his experience as well as the customs of the country. He not only told us about his learning experiences, but also how he grew as a person. You can read about James' time in Slovakia [here](#). James will be attending RIT in the fall and I am sure we will hear great things about his success in the future.

Submitted by Susie Flick

<p>Four way test: "Of the things we think, say or do:"</p> <p><i>1. Is it The Truth?</i> <i>2. Is it Fair to All Concerned?</i> <i>3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?</i> <i>4. Will it be beneficial for All Concerned?</i></p>				
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