



# **WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP**

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

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**Wednesday,  
August 22,  
2018**

Next week:  
Mike Rago: Civilian  
Response to an Active  
Shooter Event

Pledge and Invocation: President Shad Cook

### **Visiting Rotarians**

Norm Lee from Bradenton, Florida, Rheta and Dick Matthews from North Carolina and Neil Teague from Seneca Falls

### **Guests**

Scott Avedisian, Linda Beckley, Diana Perry: all prospective Geneva Rotarians, as well as Eva Steadman and today's speaker, Heather Tuttle from the FLX Welcome Center.

### **Announcements**

- Our next social will be Friday, September 14 at Beef and Brew on Main Street, downtown Geneva. There will be a sign up sheet as this restaurant will need a head count. (Mary Lawthers) This counts as attendance.
- Our exchange student from India, Disha Dua, is expected to arrive at 11:15 tonight. Her first family will be the Equinozzi's. Kate is a member of Interact and Linda is a Geneva Rotarian. Dr. Arthur Equinozzi practices at Finger Lakes Medical Associates in Geneva. Thank you, Rotarian Bob McCarthy!
- Dave Cook thanked Chris Fitzgerald, Peter Einset, Ellen Wayne and Charlie Bartishevich for their culinary assistance at Camp Onseyawa last week. Dave also pledged more involvement next summer from our Geneva Club. We have supported the camp financially but need more hands on participation next year. The ON in Onseyawa is for Ontario County. Dave, will you share your chicken teriyaki recipe???
- Ken Steadman introduced the recipient of the Global Grant (Scholarship) Shiori Yoshida from Aomori, Japan. Shiori spoke briefly about the Masters Degree program she is enrolled in at the University of Rochester this year. She will specialize in teaching English to speakers of other languages (ESL). She told us

a bit about her hometown which has four seasons and includes a very special fall festival. She is used to a snowy winter too so she should feel right at home in Rochester.

## **50/50**

Rotarian Bill Flood won today and split \$85 dollars with Polio Plus.

## **Happy Dollars**

- Ted Baker will celebrate his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in radio on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Happy Anniversary, Ted! He and his family recently spent some vacation time in New Hampshire where he had a hand in rescuing a loon on a pond. This particular loon was entangled in fishing line and in distress. With limited wi-fi connection, Ted posted an alert on Facebook which eventually resulted in freeing the troubled loon. Finally, a good social media report! Ted also confessed to having two happy dollar IOUs which Johnny O offered to pay today!
- Rheta and Dick Matthews celebrated their 19<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with dinner at Ports Café last night. The place was jumpin' and the food was spectacular! Happy Anniversary!! They also highlighted a first-time-visit to the FLX from their North Carolina neighbors who LOVE our FLX.
- Deb Lind-Schmitz recently returned from Minnesota where she visited her Mom who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! Deb was also happy to visit her six grandchildren in Chicago and Minneapolis and looks forward to the birth of number seven very soon! One of Deb's granddaughters is representing her town in Wisconsin in a pageant as well. Deb has a lot to be proud of!!!!
- Ruth Leo enjoyed a day at the Glenora Jazz Festival Sunday. She discovered that Ken Steadman is just about everywhere as she turned around to find him behind her at the festival.
- Jim Adams is happy to be home but even happier for another successful Lake Delaware Camp season.
- Dave Cook celebrated a friend's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at Sticky Lips BBQ...that's his happy dollar. His maybe not so happy dollar? Friday night out with Digger.....And apparently, it has been a wild-life week for Dave, as well as for Ted, in that a raccoon visited Dave's yard recently and was thought to be rabid. A call to 911 delivered a NYS Trooper who put the injured raccoon away with one shot. Unfortunately, the blast from the shot was way too close to Dave's eardrum. To add insult to injury, Dave was instructed to dig a grave three feet down to insure a proper burial for the raccoon. Ted's loon was definitely luckier than Dave's raccoon.
- Bill McGowan's happy dollar was in honor of Linda Beckley whose experience in telling Phil what to do will be welcome at Rotary!

## Program

Our speaker today was **Heather Tuttle, General Manager of the I Love NY Finger Lakes Welcome Center on Seneca Lake in Geneva.**

Heather gave us a bit of what led up to the creation of our new Welcome Center. By year's end, thanks to the Governor Andrew Cuomo initiative, there will be a visitors center in each and every region of our state. However, ours is the **ONLY** one on a lake. This center is a showcase for our growing food and beverage industries (Taste New York) as well as for tourism. It is unique in that the city of Geneva owns the actual building yet the state of New York oversees everything else. NY Ag and Markets leases the building from the city of Geneva. Empire State Development oversaw the design and construction which took place between September, 2017 and May, 2018. The Governor spoke at the ribbon cutting ceremony at the end of May and is the only grand opening attended by the Governor. The month of July brought an estimated 45,000 visitors to the Geneva Center. If you haven't yet visited our new Welcome Center, stop by for a walkaround tour, have lunch at the café, sip a glass of a FLX beverage on the outdoor patio, lakeside, or visit the Farmers' Market on Saturday morning.

**Submitted by Carol Chester**

### 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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