



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
Jan. 9,
2019**

Next week:

Mary Lawthers opened the meeting today with the Pledge and Invocation.

Visiting Rotarian

Mike Kenyon, Farmington-Victor

Guests

- Alyssa Russell, grand-daughter of Joyce Keeney and Joyce's guest
- Tim Finnerty, guest of Diana Perry and future member
- Susie Monagan, today's speaker
- Helen Kelley, Director of Development, FLH Foundation, new member-in-waiting, guest of Carol Chester
- Mary Gere-Penna, Director of Business and Finance, Geneva City School District, guest of Trina Newton
- Kate Equinozzi (and I apologize but I missed a name here) from GHS Interact

Announcements

- Correction from last week: Anyone interested in the opening for Foundation Treasurer or being a new board member, please contact Phil Beckley or Charlie Bartishevich (not Charlie Bauder).
- Jim Dickson: Paul Harris short committee meeting following today's meeting
- SAS Gala Committee meeting was postponed due to illness, rescheduled to January 22, location TBA

50/50

\$133 (\$67/66) shared between Polio Plus and Mickey Gilbert-Schultz

Happy Dollars

- Trina Newton announced that the 2019-2020 Christmas break will again be a full two weeks! Sorry Taryn, Richard and others
- Jason Hagerman, Christmas time wedding to Danielle DuVal at Disney World where they celebrated with their three girls...Congratulations! Jason was happy to see another U of Buffalo student with us today.
- Johnny O enjoyed the train trip to South Bend last week. Go Orange!!! as well as good seats at a hockey game
- Mickey Gilbert-Schultz announced that her oldest grand-daughter will definitely attend William Smith College in the fall. She is one of the few Rotarians praying for snow as she plans to ski next week too. In addition, she shared that Bill McGowan's daughter Kate has a real estate listing in her condo complex in Keuka Park.
- Jim Adams will soon depart for a two week trip to Europe where he will recruit counselors for the Camp Delaware camp for 2019. He is also in the market for a nurse to be employed at the 2019 camp. As an aside, let us wish Jim a hearty God bless for celebrating 40 years in the priesthood on January 6th, the feast of the Epiphany.
- Bill Buell had a happy dollar for the SU win over ND
- Dick Austin had a saga to tell before he let loose with his happy dollars: Mr. Mom was feeling very grown up about having three children at home for not only two weeks' vacation but also for an extra two hour delay once school resumed. He loves the kids but really, since he generally works from home, the house got a bit crowded with cardboard boxes, etc. However, those 70 loaves of banana bread he made and distributed to friends and family made the rest of us very happy for his culinary talents! Thanks, Dick. You are so very generous.
- Ellen Wayne's happy dollar was for relaying Jim Adams' Romin' Catholic joke to her sister who is a nun. And it got a bigger laugh at the convent!
- Peter Einset missed ringing the Salvation Army Bell on Christmas Eve with John Watson to the extent that he wasn't even in town! He did, however, have a grand time visiting Philadelphia. That'll cost ya, Peter.
- Karen Luttrell had a sad dollar since her husband is not working due to the government shutdown.
- Ruth Leo continued to celebrate her birthday for nearly an entire week after winning the 50/50 last week. She blew the winnings at the casino but she ended the week with an awesome dinner at Nolan's in Canandaigua on January 8th.
- Dave Cook also missed his opportunity to ring the bell on Christmas Eve but he blamed it on Digger....of course....since Dave was enlisted to play the bagpipes at a funeral, via Devaney-Bennett Funeral Home.
- Phil Beckley attended the SAS meeting on January 8th... except that meeting was cancelled....so Phil drowned his sorrows at the American Legion B-U-S-T-E-D!!!
- Jim Dickson was happy for the Michigan Basketball ranking of number 2 in the US.

- John Watson donated his happy dollar because since Dick Austin was so long-winded, there was no time remaining for his wish.
- Bill McGowan's happy dollar was for his Marine grandson Ben's current assignment to work "blow-up" week in construction school.
- Stephanie Hesler has a few tickets to sell for a Cam's pizza; proceeds to go for GHS Project Graduation.

Program

Our speaker today was **Susie Monagan, Executive Director of Smith Center for the Arts**. Susie updated us on the well-needed 2018 renovation project which includes the downstairs dressing rooms and bathrooms in the cabaret area. After seven months of hammering, plumbing and electrical work, it's nearing completion. There were challenges in being able to continue programs and concerts during this time but with certain limitations, some larger shows took place. Of particular interest, Susie explained the partnership the Smith has with promoter Dan Smalls who negotiates directly with artists to book performances at the Smith.

Last summer, the Smith launched plans for the 125th anniversary of the Center. Susie outlined some of the decade-themed programs which should interest everyone. She also announced creating the endowed fund for continuing maintenance of this facility, having raised 80k so far with a goal of 125k.

The Smith is extremely grateful for community partnerships and business sponsors, such as Lyons National Bank's Art Smart Series for children and Bank of the Finger Lakes' film support. She gave special thanks to our Geneva Rotary Club for a grant allowing purchase of four movable seats for the handicapped.

The Smith is continually in need of volunteers to work as ushers, ticket takers, concessions workers and window dressers. The next open house to recruit volunteers is this Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

The Smith is active in all social media platforms and offers memberships for as little as \$60, ranging to \$1000.

Sign up for email notices on programming at thesmith.org.

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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