



# **WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP**

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

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**Wednesday,  
Feb. 6,  
2019**

Next week: Paul Kirsch's  
narrative on Abraham Lincoln  
read by Mike Rusinko

President Shad led us in the pledge and gave the invocation

### **Visiting Rotarians**

Brenda Sheffield – Auburn

### **Guests**

Helen Kelly – Finger Lakes Health, who is being inducted today.

Mary Gere-Penna guest of Chris Lavin

Joanne Bleakley wife of Paul Bleakley

Paul W. Bleakley son of Paul Bleakley

Carrie Bleakley daughter-in-law of Paul Bleakley

Eva Steadman wife of Ken Steadman

### **Happy Birthday Rotarians**

A belated Happy Birthday to Jessica Griffin whose name was left off the list of January birthdays in last week's notes.

I am so sorry Jessica, Happy Birthday!

### **Announcements**

- Mickey Schultz reminded everyone that the Athena A.C.E. Sip & Share will be tonight at 6pm.
- Shad announced that there will be a SAS Gala meeting on February 12 at 5:15pm at the Bank of the Finger Lakes.

### **50/50**

Jim Adams split \$50/\$51 with Polio Plus.

## Happy Dollars and Fines

- Ted was happy and sad. He received a lovely wood collector's box with replicas of Tom Brady's 5 Super Bowl rings for Christmas, which was great! It is however, now out of date because of Sunday's Super Bowl win.
- Ken was happy to have added another item to his quest of having a low carbon footprint. He now has an electric car in addition to solar panels and geothermal heating.
- Karen Luttrell had a sad dollar because her Bank of the Finger Lakes umbrella would not work and she had to resort to using a Lyons National Bank umbrella!
- Jim DeVaney was happy to have been able to attend the Nester Hose banquet over the weekend. He joined Nester Hose 50 years ago!
- Carol Chester is happy that Bill Buell was back with us today.
- Dave Cook was happy for the moving speech Brian gave at the Nester Hose banquet for Jim DeVaney.

## Program

Today, **Helen Kelley** was inducted as the newest member of Geneva Rotary. Helen is a native of Rhode Island and currently lives in Syracuse. She has four grown children and enjoys gardening and knitting. Helen holds a Bachelor's Degree from Tufts University and according to Carol Chester, has an amazing singing voice.

Helen is the Director of Development for the Finger Lakes Health Foundation. She was previously employed as the Director of Annual Giving at Christian Brothers Academy.

**Welcome Helen!**

Next, Jim Dickson called to order the **Paul Harris Fellow Ceremony**. Jim was joined by Mickey Schultz, Ken Steadman and Jim DeVaney to present a medal to Geneva Rotary's newest Paul Harris Fellow. Ken Steadman brought Joanne Bleakley to the front of the room to help present the Paul Harris Award to her husband, Paul Bleakley.

**Paul Bleakley** graduated from Cornell Medical College in 1959. He was in the US Air force from 1964-1966 and was a fellow at the College of Cardiology. Paul worked for Geneva General Hospital from 1966-1999 and was the president of medical staff. Paul and his wife, Joanne have been married for 55 years. Together they have 4 children and 10 grandchildren. **Congratulations Paul.**

**Jerry Forcier** was called to the front of the room next. Jerry is the youngest of 6 kids and his family owns a telephone and internet company. Jerry spent time working for the family business installing lines and then decided to go to law school. Jerry became a lawyer in 1994 and started his own practice in 2011. Jerry enjoys golfing and is an avid history buff and loves to learn about anything from the Roman Empire to present. **Congratulations Jerry.**

## **Interact Report**

The meeting started at 2:40. Today we were joined by Bob McCarthy, who told us about the short term exchange program. The short term exchange is a family-to-family exchange program. You would need to indicate which country you are interested in visiting, and then the request would go out to see if there is anyone in that country. The corresponding family would send their student to stay with your family in the states and you would stay with them in the country of choice.

There is a nominal fee for partaking in this program. You would need to pay for plane fare, \$75 for insurance and \$75 for a passport fee. If you are interested, please let John or myself know, or you can contact Bob McCarthy directly at [mccarthy.geneva@gmail.com](mailto:mccarthy.geneva@gmail.com) or text 585-303-1385.

President Kate updated everyone on the Souper Bowl of Caring food collection. There were several boxes collected, and she asked for help counting it and getting it into her car after our meeting today. We collected a total of 206 items!

Meeting was adjourned at 2:59. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 12.

**Submitted by Susie Flick**

<b>Four way test:</b> <b>"Of the things we think, say or do:"</b>				
<b>1. Is it The Truth?</b>				
<b>2. Is it Fair to All Concerned?</b>				
<b>3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?</b>				
<b>4. Will it be beneficial for All Concerned?</b>				
<b>Shad Cook</b> President	<b>Mary Lawthers</b> President-Elect	<b>Dave Cook</b> Vice President	<b>Ford Weiskittel</b> Secretary	<b>Bob McFadden</b> Club Treasurer