



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
Feb. 13,
2019**

Next week: Peggy Focarino
U.S. Patent Office

President Shad led us in the pledge. In lieu of the invocation, Paul Kirsch gave a moving tribute in memory of fellow Rotarian, Mary Luckern, who passed away on Sunday.

Visiting Rotarians

No visiting Rotarians

Guests

Mary Gere-Penna - future member
Ray Ciangialini – future member

Announcements

- Stephanie Hesler announced a Rotary Social will be held on Friday, Feb. 22 at the Ramada. Cocktails from 5:00-6:00 at the bar, and dinner from 6:00-7:00 at the Pier Restaurant. A sign up sheet was being circulated.
- Chris Lavin announced that there would be no calling hours for Mary Luckern, however, there will be a funeral mass on Saturday, Feb. 16 at noon at St. Stephen's Church.
- Peter Einset will be giving a talk on World War II, and Heavy Water Sabotage at the Cumming Nature Center.
- Shad announced the District Assembly will be at Wayne County Central School District on Saturday, April 6. Breakfast and lunch are included.

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Mary Gere Penna split \$49/\$48 with Polio Plus. Congratulations Mary!

Happy Dollars and Fines

- Shad commented on his facial hair and “VanDyke” beard. He challenged anyone who wanted him to shave it off, to bring their happy dollars next week!
- Ted Baker shared a story about Mary Luckern and the annual “ringing of the Salvation Army bell”. It seemed that the two of them were always paired up at the same time every year, to the point that their names were already typed in on the sign up sheet! He was also happy that Phil Beckley and Jim DeVaney were on the radio this morning.
- Ken Steadman commented that Jim Dickson’s name was in the FL Times’ “Days of Yore” when he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church 40 years ago.
- Jim Dickson had a sad dollar for the University of Michigan’s loss to Penn State, and their hockey loss to Notre Dame. He also had a remembrance for Mary Luckern.
- Dave Cook commented that Laine Pufnock tried to resign from Rotary due to her work schedule, but will try to talk her into coming back. He said he will talk to her boss, who happens to be Chris Lavin. (Stay tuned!)
- Mickey Schultz met with her granddaughter to go skiing. She had a “happy” dollar for Mary, not a “sad” one, since she was happy to have known Mary and what she gave to the community. (*Many Rotarians shared this same sentiment!*)
- Ellen Wayne thanked Dick Austin for helping the ladies get across the parking lot, in spite of his inappropriate dress for the weather! (*For those of you who weren’t there the parking lot was an ice skating rink!*)
- Trina Newton mentioned Lauren DeVaney (*sorry, Trina, I didn’t get this!*) and recognized Josie Guard who is retiring from the GSD Board. She said they are looking for good people to join the Board.
- Chris Fitzgerald also had a happy dollar for Dick’s help in the parking lot, and for her son’s 18th birthday.
- Johnny O. had a happy dollar for Chris and Stephanie and their work with Rotoract.
- Charlie Bartishevich had a happy dollar for his boys. (*Again, I’m sorry I didn’t get the details!*)
- Ray Ciangialini, in remembering Mary Luckern, praised the Geneva School System with thanks to Paul Kirsch and Trina Newton. He is grateful to be here, and is looking forward to helping us raise money for the Club.
- Ray also received an invitation from Dr. Robert Cantu, the leading expert on concussion research. Ray will be the keynote speaker at a meeting at Boston University next September.
- Dave Cook paid Jim DeVaney’s fine for his phone ringing. He also chastised Dick Austin for passing him up in the parking lot to help Mike Rusinko. Actually, he couldn’t care less, as he will be cruising the Caribbean next week!
- Dick Austin suggested that Shad Cook pay a fine for coming to the meeting “looking like John Wilkes Booth” on Lincoln’s birthday. He said that was shameful!

- Several Rotarians had happy/sad dollars for Mary Luckern. In addition to those already mentioned: Ellen Wayne, Trina Newton, John Watson, Stephanie Hesler, John O. (*Sorry if I missed anyone!*)

Program

In honor of President Lincoln's birthday, **Mike Rusinko** gave a presentation of the Gettysburg Address, started years ago by the late Fred Toole. The presentation, authored by Paul Kirsch, gave a history of the events of the Civil War, leading up to the Battle of Gettysburg. Lincoln gave the address at the dedication of the battlefield, honoring those who had served and given their lives.

Mike then recited the entire Gettysburg Address, which I am sure a lot of us had to memorize in school! (*Great job, Mike!*)

Paul Kirsch gave a few comments of reflection after the presentation.

Submitted by Ruth Leo

<p>Four way test: "Of the things we think, say or do:"</p> <p>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?</p>				
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