



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
Feb. 28,
2019**

Next week:

President Shad led us in the pledge and gave the invocation

Guests

Jennifer Carlson – FLACRA

Interact

Kate Equinozzi
Lauren DeVaney

Announcements

- Get your tickets for the 100th Anniversary Gala now! You can purchase your tickets at the Wednesday meetings, where they will accept cash, check or credit cards. You can also get your tickets online by clicking [here](#).
- The District Meeting will be on Saturday, April 6 at Wayne Central School.
- Jim DeVaney made an announcement for Jim Dickson. Please wear your Paul Harris Fellow Medallions at next week's meeting.
- Mary Lawthers announced that there will be a meeting of the New Member Mentor Committee after lunch today.

50/50

Ellen Wayne split \$47/\$48 with Polio Plus.

Happy Birthday Rotarians

The following Rotarians celebrated birthdays in February:

David Brind
Jim Dickson
Susie Flick
Bob McFadden
Jeff Pierce
John Watson
Taryn Windheim

Bill Buell led us in singing Happy Birthday.

Happy Dollars

- Jim Adams was happy for the 32 young people that were able to travel to England, Scotland and Wales for St. Peters Arts Academy Choir. They had a wonderful time and wonderful weather. You can see videos of them on Facebook on the St. Peters Arts Academy page.
- Kate Equinozzi announced that the High School Spring Musical will be next weekend. They will be performing the musical, "Newsies".
- Chris Lavin is happy that his sister Christine will be inducted into the Rochester Music Hall of Fame.
- Tara is happy/sad to be back from St. Croix. She had a great time.
- Jessica is also happy/sad to be back from the Caribbean.
- Taryn is back from The Villages in Florida. She doesn't think it was quite her cup of tea.
- Ray Ciancaglini is happy to be part of this club. He was happy to see the support the club gives to the D.A.R.E. program and Happiness House.
- Charlie Bartishevich is happy to have been able to spend some time on Annamarie Island.
- Ellen Wayne was happy to announce that our own Mike Rusinkop will be one of the recipients of the Sharing the Light Award at the June 11 dinner.
- Ken Steadman is happy to be leaving for Malta tomorrow
- Shad is happy for his missing facial hair. His wife is ecstatic!
- Dave Cook is also back from the Caribbean where he won a trophy for kissing and partial nudity?!
- John O. was happy to have been able to go to see Notre Dame play in Syracuse with Jim DeVaney.

Induction

Today we inducted our newest Rotarian, **Mary Gere-Penna**. Mary is a native of Romulus and grew up on the west side of Cayuga lake. Mary has a bachelor's degree in business from SUNY Geneseo and master's degree in Adult Education from Buffalo State. She also holds certifications from Binghamton University and The College of Saint Rose.

Mary became the Director of Business and Finance for the Geneva City School District this summer and lives in both Geneva and Binghamton. She is excited to be a part of the Geneva Rotary club and is looking forward to contributing to all the good that our club does. Welcome Mary!

Program

Today we were joined by **Jennifer Carlson from FLACRA**. Jennifer discussed the rising opioid epidemic in our area and what FLACRA is doing to help. *FLACRA provides help for individuals and their loved ones whose lives are affected by substance use and other health-related disorders*

FLACRA treats chemical dependency as a disease, and believes that those who receive treatment can return to a happy and healthy lifestyle. FLACRA not only treats the addict, but also helps their family and loved ones better understand what is going on.

FLACRA has helped over 5,000 people in the past two years in Ontario and Yates counties. Yates has the 2nd highest overdose rate in the state of NY, Ontario is the 12th highest. If you would like to know more about what FLACRA offers, click [here](#).

Interact Report

Club President, Kate Equinozzi, began the meeting at 2:43 after school. The first announcement regarded Rotary's "Singer of the Year" competition, open to all Juniors and Seniors within our Rotary district. If you are interested in participating notify one of our club advisers as all applications are due March 9th. The competition will take place in March 17th, and will be held at Roberts Wesleyan College, in the Cox Hall Building. There will be cash prizes for the top three finalists.

As a club, Interact collected a total of 206 canned goods for the Souperbowl of Caring that took place at the beginning of February. Thank you to all members who participated!

It was decided that the semi-annual bake sale fundraiser should be moved to May 22nd. The Interact led Rotary meeting will take place June 12th. More information about these dates will be shared in upcoming meetings.

Our Rotary district hosts a Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) seminar each year for students in high school. If you are interested go to this website for more information: <https://www.rotary7120.org/SitePage/ryla-1/ryla>. The application deadline is April 15th, and will be hosted at RIT from June 29th to July 3rd. Our Rotary Club takes care if any fees for attending students.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm.

-- Emily McFadden
Club Secretary

Submitted by Susie Flick

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?***

Shad Cook
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