



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
March 13,
2019**

Next week: Another Paul Harris
Ceremony

President Shad led us in the pledge and Rev. Jim Adams gave the invocation

Visiting Rotarians

Mike Slovak – District Governor
Mike Kenyon – Canandaigua

Interact

Kate Equinozzi Nathan Hesler Lauren DeVaney
Cassidy Prejean Reid Patchett

Announcements

- Susie announced that the library is currently taking donations of gently used books (hard or soft cover), DVDs, Audio CDs and music CDs. They will continue to take donations until the end of March. The book sale begins on April 1.
- Trina announced that the district is changing the Mary E. Luckern Scholarship to the Mary E. Luckern Memorial Scholarship. If you would like to donate to this particular scholarship fund, please make checks payable to the Geneva City School District and mail to 400 West North Street, Geneva, NY 14456. Be sure to note that your donation is intended for the Mary E. Luckern Memorial Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is open to students who have spent a minimum of three years at North Street School, maintained at least a B average at Geneva High School and is college bound.
- 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 Training will be on Saturday, April 6 at Wayne Central School. Please let Mary Lawthers know right away if you are interested in attending. Any new member who joined after July 1 can attend for free!
- Jim Adams announced that the St. Peters' Arts Academy fundraiser dinner will be held on April 7.
- Kate Equinozzi announced that the spring musical, Newsies, is playing on Sunday this weekend at the Geneva High School. It was supposed to end last week, but because of a power outage, they will hold one last show this Sunday.
- Phil Beckley announced that they are looking for new board members and officers to begin in July. If you are interested, please let Phil know. He promises it is a lot of fun!
- Dave Cook announced that there will be a Santa Train meeting coming up and they even agreed to discuss a Wine Train. Keep your fingers crossed!

50/50

There was a little confusion with the tickets today, so the two potential winners agreed that Polio Plus would reap the benefits.

Happy Dollars

- Charlie Bartishevich was happy for his son's 5th birthday today. He also had a "Long Charlie story" to share. Charlie's wife has been traveling, so Charlie picked his kids up and got them settled at home. He went out back to his car for something, and his dog followed him. A few hours later when Charlie was getting the kids ready for bed, his son asked where the dog was. He looked out front, he looked out back and finally decided to get in the car and go look for him. It turns out that the poor dog had gotten in the car when he followed Charlie out earlier and had been shut in there the whole time. Charlie was very happy that the car was still clean when he got the dog out of there.
- John O. was happy for Reid Patchett, who was in the paper for sports.
- Ellen Wayne was happy for Mickey, who helped her change her watch for Daylight Saving Time. She was also happy that her husband would be celebrating a birthday this weekend on St. Patrick's Day. They will, however, be eating Italian!
- Shad had a happy dollar for catching John Watson talking to his watch! It did not look like it was going well.
- Trina was happy for the GHS Mathletes that won at the all-star meet.
- Stephanie Hesler brought a photo of the Interact students at the recent bake sale. She also had some happy dollars for all those who attended the Social on February 22. All had a great time.

- Mike Rusinko was happy to have spent some time visiting with friends. He also announced that he would be presenting a workshop event on Sunday, March 24 at 2:00 pm at Bella's. Mike will be discussing memoir writing with a particular focus on humor. If you are interested, you can register by emailing asgenevareads@gmail.com.
- Bill Buell was sorry about forgetting to bring a new roll of 50/50 tickets. Bill was sad that he attended the funeral for Don Ninestine today. He also announced that he will be moving to Ashton Place on Monday! He still hopes to come to Rotary meetings on Wednesdays.

Follow up from the March 6 Paul Harris Fellow Ceremony

As promised, here are the bios of the four Paul Harris recipients from last week.

Susan Flick, or as she likes to be called "Susie" is a lifelong Genevan. She has two siblings. After high school, she attended Erie Community College in Buffalo and then Finger Lakes Community College where she earned her Associates Degree. She also attended Empire State College where she earned her Bachelor's Degree.

She works at the Geneva Public Library and has been a dedicated Rotarian since 2015. She now is one of the two advisors for the Interact Club at GHS. She encourages the Interactors to be all that they can be. The Rotary Interact Club is the most active and largest service club in the high school with over 80 members.

Susie is also the Geneva Rotary Club's assistant weekly bulletin editor. She has also been willing to volunteer for various Rotary activities including; adopt a highway clean up and the Santa train event. Susie is a hardworking and dedicated Rotarian who has benefited this rotary club and Geneva as a community. **Congratulations Susie!**

Carol Chester is a lifelong Genevan. She proudly grew up on John Street, with her parents, her sister and her brother, and an army of aunts, uncles and especially cousins, nieces, and nephews who continue to fill her life with support and happiness.

She graduated from DeSales High school and then SUNY Fredonia. Her degree in Secondary French would lead to a teaching career of over thirty years at Penn Yan Academy. That's a lot of verb conjugations.

For fun, she worked! She created life friendships working part-time at the Crow's Nest and then later at Fox Run Vineyards. She would be recognized by the New York Wine and Grape foundation for her volunteerism and support of the wine industry.

She would buy an ice cream stand with her husband. And for seven summers she was CEO of the best lunches for miles. An excellent chef, she brought flair and fun to a sleepy business.

After Crossroads she would return to education for a few years, supervising student teachers in the Master's Program at Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

Most recently, Carol has devoted her time to serving others. She is a member of Geneva Rotary, serves as one of the Weekly Wrap-up editors, a Board member of the Finger Lakes Health Foundation, a member of the Geneva General Hospital Auxiliary, and a volunteer with Ontario County United Way and the Finger Lakes Welcome Center
Congratulations Carol!

Joyce Archer was born and raised in Ontario Canada & worked in Canada for over 35 years. Then, as fate would have it (as her husband described it) she met her husband on a golf course here in the states. After a long distance relationship she moved down here legally and they were married.

It was then that she started a new career as a bank teller. After a very short time her boss saw her great personality & desire to help people ---so she was moved to customer service. From there she was given the opportunity to manage a branch. THEN she was asked to manage 3 banks. From there they moved her to corporate office as personnel trainer.

As her husband says, and we all know- she will go to great lengths to see that everybody is well cared for and happy. She is a very hard worker in whatever she is asked to do.....or volunteers to do. Her husband reports she even gathers fire wood, helps skid firewood logs, cut them up and split them.

She has a grandson and twin granddaughters, and as you'd expect, she cannot do enough for them. She works very hard to be a good member of the board for the hospital as well as serving in the auxiliary where she is treasurer.

Now that she's managing 3 banks, she's not as able to be with us every Wednesday as she had been, but joins us when she can and of course continues to work on the SAS dinner committee. **Congratulations Joyce!**

John Oughterson was also made a Paul Harris fellow on this day, but I did not get his bio in time for these notes. Here is what I (Susie) do know about John. John graduated from Geneva High School and retired from the NY State Experiment Station. He is very involved in his church and the Knights of Columbus.

John is an advisor for the Interact Club at GHS and goes above and beyond for each and every student. He is also chair of the Membership Committee. He is an avid fan of the Cubs and can be found dressed from head to toe in Cubs gear to show his support. John is very deserving of being a Paul Harris fellow and will continue to live by Rotary's motto of Service above Self. **Congratulations John!**

March 13 Paul Harris Ceremony:

Today we had another Paul Harris Fellow Ceremony. Jim Dickson began the ceremony by discussing how close Rotary is to eradicating this terrible virus. For every \$1000 donated to Polio Plus, 1600 infants are immunized against this virus. Please consider donating to the Foundation if you have not done so, or even if you have. Jim would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Jim then called to order this Paul Harris Ceremony, and asked that Mike Slovak, Jim DeVaney, Shad Cook, Mickey Schultz and Paul Bleakley join him at the front of the room.

Mickey announced the first nominee, **Ruth Leo**. Ruth gives so much to so many and is devoted to her family and friends. She is a member of St. Michaels Church where she sings in the Church Choir, serves on Church Council and is a member of the Antiochian Orthodox Women of North America. She has been involved in many fundraising efforts for Parish events and served on the Planning Committee for the recent Diocese of Ottawa Parish Life Conference held in Geneva, which was hosted by St. Michael's.

After retiring from Georgia Tech in 2001, Ruth moved back to Geneva to be closer to family. She joined Rotary in 2005 and has been an active member/participant of all kinds of Rotary events. She is the editor of our weekly wrap up and was the newsletter scribe for so long, nobody remembers when she started. (*Ed. Note: I think it was 2013!*) Ruth's biggest joy is her family and she enjoys all the time spent with them. **Congratulations Ruth!**

Paul Bleakley announced our next Paul Harris Fellow, **Bob Stenzel**. Bob has a long list of accomplishments to his name. He is a dedicated sportsman and even played in a couple of PGA tournaments.

In 1967, Bob bought a car dealership in Geneva where he worked until his retirement. Bob has been a member of Geneva Rotary since 1968. He has served on the board of the National Bank and is the last founding member of Ducks Unlimited.

Bob has 2 children and several grandchildren whom he loves dearly and enjoys spending as much time as he can with them. **Congratulations Bob!**

Shad announced our next fellow, **Ellen Wayne**. Ellen grew up in Elmira and received her masters at SUNY Brockport. She went on to earn her Doctorate in Education and Leadership. Ellen has worked for many not for profits, devoting her life to helping others.

Since 2007, Ellen had been the Director for Catholic Charities and helps wherever and whenever it is needed, and has served on too many boards to list here.

Congratulations Ellen.

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?

Jim DeVaney announced our final fellow for the day, **Neil Sjoblom**. Neil is a graduate of Geneva High School and Hobart College. He is very involved with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and photographed his first wedding at the age of 15.

Shad Cook
President

Mary Lawthers
President-Elect

Dave Cook
Vice President

Ford Weiskittel
Secretary

Bob McFadden
Club Treasurer

Neil has won too many photography awards to count and is a well-established photographer in Geneva. Neil is also quite involved in the Geneva BID and the Chamber of Commerce. **Congratulations Neil!**

Submitted by Susie Flick

Interact Report:

Our club's Vice President, Nate Hesler, began the meeting after school at 2:46 pm. Nate announced that the HWS Rotaract Club invited Interact members to attend one of their meetings on March 13th at 7 pm, located in the Scandling Center. At the meeting Mark Rokow, a former Geneva Interactor, will be speaking to the club about his experiences on starting a Rotaract club at American University.

The Middle Finger 5k is an upcoming volunteer opportunity for Interactors, on May 3rd and 4th. The profits of the 5k will benefit Thrive to Survive, a local nonprofit that helps adults with cancer. Interactors will help the night before the race, handing out race packets. The 5k will start the next morning at 6 am at the Geneva Chamber of Commerce Lakefront. The 5k allows teams to run in order to promote participation; this year Miss Natti, a teacher from our school, has decided to create a team called Capes for Cancer, and will run for Vanessa Paskas a current Senior at Geneva High School.

Nate congratulated our club's advisers, Rotarians John Oughterson and Susie Flick, as they were awarded as Paul Harris Fellows at last week's Rotary meeting.

Nate adjourned the meeting at 2:54 pm.

-- Emily McFadden
Club Secretary

