



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
March 20,
2019**

Next week: Another Paul Harris
Ceremony

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

Visiting Rotarians

Scott MacDonnell – Past District Governor

Interact

Kate Equinozzi Nathan Hesler Lauren DeVaney
Julia McCormack

Guests

Nancy Bauder – Wife of Charlie Bauder
Alan Otterbacher and Tom Neigh – Guests of Peter Einset

Announcements

- Don't forget your tickets for the 100th Anniversary Gala! 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](#).
- Ellen Wayne announced that at 6:30pm on Wednesday the 27th, Catholic Charities will be hosting a representative from the Catholic Conference of Bishops at the Seneca Room on Hobart and William Smith campus, 603 So. Main Street. The Bishop will be sharing his experience as an immigrant seeking asylum.
- Helen Kelley announced that there will be a 5K fundraiser for FLHealth getting 3D mammography to Soldiers and Sailors Hospital in Penn Yan. You can find out more, or sign up by clicking [here](#).

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Susie Flick split \$53/\$54 with Polio Plus.

Happy Dollars

- Stephanie Hesler was happy to have heard Shad on the radio. He was so knowledgeable and well informed. She was also happy for the recommendation from Mickey Schultz to go to Crown Jewelers in Canandaigua. They were able to repair her engagement ring! When talking to the owner about Rotary, Stephanie mentioned that we would be 100 this year. He said she looked great for 100!
- Chris Lavin is happy to announce that both club locations are full and have waiting lists, but for \$400,000, he could get you in. Wink wink. Seriously, there is no waiting list, and they are experiencing record attendance!
- Ted was happy for the opening day of baseball and that Hobart lacrosse is currently 6-1.
- Bill Buell was happy that he got moved on Monday. He is still settling in, but he likes it.
- Ellen was happy for an amazing weekend in Geneva. She had dinner at Bella's and then went across the street to the Smith to see the Town Pants. What a great city we have!
- Ruth was happy for the first day of spring and was thankful for receiving a Paul Harris award last week. Congratulations to all!
- Mary Gere-Pena paid a fine for her photo in the paper.
- Jim DeVaney was happy that his granddaughter finished the Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day 5K in 41 minutes. She is only 12 years old!
- Carol Chester Rusinko was happy for the official end of virus season (she hopes). She also paid a fine for her photo in the paper.
- John O. paid a fine for his photo in the paper.
- Charlie Bartshevich had another "Long Charlie story" to share. His family has been knocked down with a stomach virus (he blames his wife's cooking). Ithaca builds snow days into their school year, and if they are not used, they have days off later. Charlie's kids were home Friday through Tuesday, and it was a LONG weekend!
- Ken was happy to be back home after a trip to Malta. There was no rain or snow and he didn't have to wear a jacket. There were so many more cars in Malta, and all the homes were made of chopped up stone. He visited a funeral area that dated back to 5 to 6 thousand years BC.
- Dick wanted to know if he found "Digger's" card anywhere in that funeral area? Dick was happy to announce that he and Ashley closed on a house on the other side of the lake. He will only be about 8 miles from Dave Cook and is looking into security now. He is also happy to announce that he and Ashley are the proud parents of 13 baby chickens.

Program

Today we had another **Paul Harris Fellow Ceremony**. Jim Dickson began the ceremony by discussing how close Rotary is irradicating this terrible virus. Jim then called to order this Paul Harris Ceremony, and asked that Scott McDonnell, Jim DeVaney, Jim Adams, Mickey Schultz, Ken Steadman and Phil Beckley join him at the front of the room.

Mickey announced the first nominee by explaining that Lisa Ventura had a great idea this year. She asked the women of Rotary if they would be interested in donating toward a Paul Harris award that would go to a deserving woman in our club. Of course all the women were happy to donate to such an endeavor and ended up raising more than they expected. This first Women of Rotary Paul Harris Award went to a very deserving **Karen Luttrell**.

Karen was born in Salamanca and has a twin sister and four other siblings. She has four children and one step child. Karen started her career by working in Credit Unions and worked her way up to now being the Vice President of the Bank of the Finger Lakes. She earned her Associates degree and Bachelor's degree while raising her four children and working full time. Karen is a past member of the Greene school board and has been active in several Chambers of Commerce. She is an invaluable member of our club, especially the SAS dinner. She does the difficult job of keeping track of who has purchased tickets and how many seats sponsors get and does it all with grace while keeping impeccable records. She is an amazing host for all the meetings held at the BOFL and is an all-around amazing person. **Congratulations Karen!**

Next up, Jim had Charlie Bauder escort his wife, Nancy to the front of the room. **Nancy Bauder** was the recipient of our next Paul Harris award. Nancy is a graduate of Geneva High School and CCFL (now FLCC). She earned her Bachelor's and teaching degree from Geneseo, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude. Nancy started her teaching career at DeSales (Chris Lavin was a student of hers) and then Newark High School. She spent the greater part of her teaching career at Romulus High School, and served as a consultant for the NY Department of Education. Nancy has received many education awards, far too many to list here.

After her retirement, Nancy didn't slow down one bit. She has served in many roles at Trinity and St. Peters Churches, is a member of the PEO Sisterhood, served as docent at Rose Hill and is a mainstay at the Geneva Free Library and then the Geneva Public Library. Nancy has been an active member of the board of trustees, where she served as Board president, volunteered with the former Friends of the Library and is now the current President of the Foundation for the Geneva Public Library. Nancy has over 40 years of service to the library and is much loved by the staff. **Congratulations Nancy!**

Our next nominee has shown that she is not afraid of hard work and has great initiative. **Mary Lawthers** is the oldest of six kids. She has three daughters and has had many professional positions. In 1976, Mary married the love of her life, Robert Lawthers.

They have 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mary moved back to Geneva from Saranac Lake after her husband's passing. Mary volunteers regularly at the Geneva Public Library, the Visitors Center, Catholic Charities, the Center of Concern, St Peters Church and so many more. **Congratulations Mary!**

Finally, Jim DeVaney introduced our fourth nominee, **Peter Einset**. Peter was born in Geneva and both his parents were from Norway. Peter has three siblings, two still live in the States and one who lives in Norway. He boxed at Cornell when he was a student there and loves theatre and the Buffalo Bills. Peter is a member of the Masons and had his own law practice in Geneva for many years before his retirement. **Congratulations Peter!**

Submitted by Susie Flick

Interact Report:

Club President, Kate Equinozzi, began the meeting after school. Kate reminded Interactors of the Middle Finger 5k, which is an upcoming volunteer opportunity for on May 3rd and 4th. The profits of the race 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.

On March 30th from 1-2 pm there is a volunteer opportunity at the Geneva High School Athletics Facilities for an Easter Egg Hunt. Volunteers will monitor activities and have the option to help with face painting. Kate adjourned the meeting at 2:49 pm.

-- Emily McFadden
Club Secretary

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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