



# **WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP**

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

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**Wednesday,  
July 31,  
2019**

Next week: Sheriff  
Henderson to speak about  
Opioid Epidemic  
Club Picnic

President Mary Lawthers led the pledge, Four-Way Test, and gave the invocation

### **Visiting Rotarians**

John Socha– Penn Yan  
Bob Shrader – Penn Yan  
Richard Ahola

### **Guests**

Palma Fratto Evans – guest of Dave Cook and membership applicant

### **The 5 Minute Speaker**

Dave Cook introduced this week's "5 Minute Speakers", Charlie Bartishevich and Penny Hankins. We enjoyed their interesting, yet humorous, background of each other. Some of the dialogue included:

### **Penny**

- Penny is about to embark on a career change and will be attending MCC in Rochester this fall, studying Health Information Technology
- She will continue to man our Facebook page and website
- She has a long history of volunteering which began in high school in Rock Island, Illinois.
- As Penny got older she began volunteering her time to local LGBT organizations in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois where she attended Illinois State University.
- Penny also worked with shut-ins and the homeless community in Bloomington-Normal, IL, primarily serving and delivering free meals.

- Penny enjoys spending time with her partner, Maggie, and their animals (3 cats and 1 dog) and watching her niece play soccer for William Smith College.
- She is proud to be a Rotarian!

### Charlie

- Charlie thinks Dave did a good job of pairing up two opposites to do these talks because Penny is a soft spoken, hardworking, intelligent person
- He was first introduced to Rotary through his father, who was a Rotarian.
- Charlie has been a member of the Geneva Club for 14 years
- Charlie was born in Lyons. He and Shad Cook attended the same high school, which accounts for their superior intellect.
- He attended Northeastern University where he met his wife Magdalena. They currently live in Ithaca with their two boys, Sebastian and Dominik and their dog, Graham.
- Charlie has coached his son's baseball and basketball teams, despite having little skill in either sport.
- Charlie joined the Ithaca Yacht Club even though he only had a canoe.
- Charlie had run the DARE golf tournament for the past 12 years. It will be better now that he is no longer doing it, so you should sign up to play.

### Announcements

- Dave Cook needs volunteers to help set-up at Camp Onseyawa on Sunday, August 11, starting at 9:00 a.m.
- Dave also reminded us of the Smith Opera House Tour which will take place on August 28. Let him know if you are attending and if you want to purchase a boxed lunch.
- John Rossi reminded everyone of the Geneva Rotary Golf Tournament, August 5<sup>th</sup>, to benefit the Geneva DARE. See John, GCC Pro and Rotarian, to sign up for golf and dinner (\$100) or just dinner (\$30)
- Annual Club Picnic to be held Wed., August 7 at the Yacht Club, 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.00. Bring your own beverages. We will also have our regular meeting that day.
- Stephanie Hesler asked for volunteers for the "Silk and Tassel" fundraiser on Sunday, August 11 to benefit the Smith Opera House. Set-up is 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.; serving time 6:00-9:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is being circulated.

### 50/50

Jerry Forcier was the winner splitting \$110 (\$55/\$55) with Polio Plus. He generously donated it back to Polio Plus. Thanks Jerry!

## July Birthdays

Charlie Bartishevich led us in song, ala Gus Pohlig, to wish the following Rotarians a Happy Birthday:

Phil Beckley  
Ashley Champion  
Carrie Fiorella  
Paul Kirsch  
Bill Flood  
John Oughterson  
Lisa Toole Petronio  
Mickey Gilbert Schultz

## Happy/Sad Dollars

- Susie Flick was thankful for fellow Rotarians, Ruth Leo and John Watson who provided transportation to and from the meeting today.
- Ruth Leo paid a fine for missing the Cubby Chase race. She woke up Saturday morning not feeling well and thought it best to stay home.
- Ellen Wayne just returned from a trip to Italy.
- Jason Haag was happy that the Geneva Red Wings are having a great summer
- Chris FitzGerald will be happy to be spending time with family next week.
- Mickey Schultz was happy to be here today as she rarely gets a Wednesday off from the winery.
- Ed Ferraccio was happy to win \$300 at the Racino.
- Chris Lavin was happy that John Socha (our program speaker) was here. John recently sold the Showboat motel and restaurant which he ran for 26 years.
- Ruth Leo added the fact that she has several friends coming to town next week and will definitely be visiting the Showboat and Fox Run.
- Karen Luttrell had a great time at Cruisin' Night.

## Program

**Richard Ahola, John Socha, and Robert Shrader, Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association** gave an eye-opening overview of the condition of our Finger Lakes.

Some highlights included:

- Mission Statement: To Protect and Preserve our Lakes
- There are eleven Finger Lakes, some of which are in trouble
- Cayuga and Seneca Lake are the lowest lakes and are prone to more Harmful Algae Blooms (HABS).

- Keep fertilizer, grass clippings and street salt out of the lakes!
- Need more members to join the Association and help from government to try to fix the situation.
- Encouraged Rotarians to join by offering a \$20 membership fee, rather than \$30.
- John Socha will be on the radio with Ted Baker the first Friday of the month

**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?***

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