



# **WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP**

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

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**Wednesday,  
August 7,  
2019**

Next week:  
Teresa Shaffer, Lead Poisoning  
Update & Food Justice

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

### **Visiting Rotarians**

- Norm and Lois Lee ( Bradenton, Florida)

### **The 5 Minute Speaker- Trina Newton and Jim DeVaney**

Jim and Trina shared what they learned about each other. Here are some of the points that they shared

#### **Trina**

- Born in W Virginia and is a huge sports fan
- Jim saw her at a Notre Dame game and she was rooting for the other team
- She was a Brownie and Girl Scout as a child and was the top cookie seller
- Can drive a standard shift vehicle, something Jim cannot do
- When asked how many kids she has, her reply was 2,200!
- Her family has a camp where they hold an annual reunion of around 375 people
- She will be retiring to Charleston, WV and building a new home

#### **Jim DeVaney**

- Jim was a member of the Class of 1964
- Jim is the third generation in the family to become a funeral director and work at the family funeral business
- It used to be that 95% of his business was burials but now about 20% are burials and 80% are cremations
- He has been in the funeral business for 55 years
- He is one of 4 Coroners in county- an elected position (Scooter is another)

- Coroners have the authority to arrest the Sheriff for wrong doing but Trina assumes all follow the rules so that is not necessary
- Jim purchased his first car in 1989- a Jaguar! Before then he drove cars his Dad had

**Five Minute Speakers August 14: Chris FitzGerald and Bruce Tuxill**  
**Five Minute Speakers August 21: Carol Chester and Bill Flood**

### **Announcements**

- Dave reminded folks that he needs help with Camp Onseyawa. Let him know if you can help with set-up Aug 11, with dinner prep any night of the week or with the Rotary Carnival Aug 18
- Ellen Wayne announced she has tickets for sale for the Side of Beef Raffle-winner to be announced at the Hoedown for Hunger Sept 12, 2019
- Shad Announced results of the Rotary DARE Golf Tournament
- Mary reminded everyone about the picnic tonight at the Yacht Club beginning 5-5:30 and \$5 per person

### **50/50**

Bob McCarthy was the winner splitting \$91 (\$45/\$46) with Polio Plus.

### **Happy/Sad Dollars**

- Ken Steadman went to the post office to sign for a package which turned out to be a nice check from the government
- Peter Einset attended a Jane Austin Seminar (which consisted of 9 students- 8 older women and Peter) which he really enjoyed
- Dave Cook was happy that Phil Beckley is doing well from his hip operation
- Bob McFadden is happy that the Credit Union received several awards recently and is expanding into Monroe County and will also be expanding into the hospital building downtown. Bob was also happy for a getaway with his family to the Adirondacks that he just returned from
- Scooter paid a fine for missing the Cubby Chase
- Jim Dickson was happy that Chase Elliott won the Nascar race in Watkins Glen and was glad that Kyle Busch got banged around because he is a whiner
- Karen Luttrell- is a Kyle Busch fan and was at the race but had fun even though he lost. Also her husband had a golf partner who bailed out on him for the golf tournament so instead he got golf tips from the pro from France who was great. Karen was disappointed in the Rotary turnout as only 6 members played
- Carol Chester was happy to attend Mike's 40 HS reunion in Elmira with him and it was his first time he ever went to a HS reunion. Both Mike and Carol also helped with Garlic Festival at Fox Run driving golf carts which was so much fun

and she even got tipped! Saturday night they attended a benefit for Mercy Flight and Mike raised \$368,000 at the auction as the auctioneer

- Shad shared that he tried garlic soup and said it was fabulous and wants to be laid to rest with it because it was so good.
- Johnny O paid a fine for his picture and name in the FLT with the Business After Hours group recently.

## **Program**

**Joyce Keeney introduced Sheriff Henderson who has worked in law enforcement for 35 years. He talked about the Opioid Epidemic and related topics and thanked the Rotary Club for our support of the DARE program**

Some highlights included:

- We need to spread the word the opioid epidemic is real
- They receive an overdose call nearly every shift
- All officers now carry Narcan
- They are working on making as many drug arrests as possible to get them off the streets - As of Jan 1, 2019 there have been 35 drug arrests
- The fact is that Phentynol is what is killing people
- Dealers know that Ontario County is making arrests
- Data from the Department of Public Health showed 7 confirmed overdose deaths as of Jan 1
- In these arrests they also seize a lot of money which stays with the Sheriff's department and can be used to support staffing and tools to fight the problem
- They are focusing efforts on education- go to schools and talk about opioids
- They are working to start a few new programs like "Explorer Post" with the Boy Scouts to allow young people to see what the work of an officer is like and in an effort to build positive relationships.
- Law enforcement is struggling with people not wanting to get into the field given the deaths of officers, the constant and increased scrutiny, and the posting of pictures and videos online which don't always tell the real story.
- Proposed jail reform is an attempt to level the playing field so that criminals who don't have the money to make bail will not have to stay in jail. The proposed change would mean that law enforcement can only issue an appearance ticket instead of taking them into custody, which presents a public safety concern. If they don't show up, then the judge has to issue a warrant- which will likely result in additional time spent tracking down criminals.
- Another issue is the legalization of marijuana which raises the concern that the number of impaired drivers will increase and thus an increase in fatalities on the road.
- Humane society is struggling with the dogs taken from a residence recently where the conditions were so deplorable that they had to put on air-packs to rescue the dogs- hoping to find homes to foster the dogs.

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?

- They Sheriff's department is starting a therapy dog program where dogs from the Humane Society will be assigned to inmates creating a 3-fold win (inmate, dog and correction officers)

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See something, say something (Call, Text a concern so Sheriff can look into it)  
The public needs to be the eyes and ears to help protect against mass shootings and to get dangerous people off the streets. The Department offers situational awareness to teach ways to protect yourself and others from these situations. Always be aware of your surroundings and don't take anything for granted

Submitted by Chris FitzGerald

