



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
Sept. 25,
2019**

Next week:
Walter Gable, Seneca
County Historian

President Mary Lawthers opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the Four Way Test and giving an invocation.

Visiting Rotarians

Tom Hawks, Susan Doty, and Karen Schenk from Naples, NY
Neal Teague, Seneca Falls

Today's Five Minute Interview: Linda Equinozzi and Neil Sjoblom (details at end of report)

Next week: Tara Rago and Ted Baker
October 9: Linda Beckley and Rich Kasulke

Announcements

- Susie Flick: The Geneva Public Library Book Sale starts Monday, September 30. Donations continue.
- Ted Baker: There will be a League of Women Voters program at the library on October 9
- Dave Cook: Tickets for the October 19 Dinner to benefit Camp Onseyawa at the Sons and Daughters of Italy are still available for \$35pp. Music by The Flock
- Dave: The Boo and Brew 5k event October 26 at Rylie J's will benefit Camp Onseyawa
- Dave: Tickets for the Santa Train will go on sale next week via the Smith Opera House site. You can save handling charges if you buy directly from Dave.

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Johnny O. split \$91 with Polio Plus

Fines and Happy Dollars

- Everyone whose photo was in the FLX Times with Paul and Bill coughed up a buck.
- Susie Flick: shared a “mission moment” while she was stocking the Little Library at the Lake and encountered many happy kids who love this Geneva Rotary sponsored service.
- Bob McFadden announced that the Finger Lakes Federal Credit Union has announced a merger with Fairport FCU.
- Palma Fratto Evans’ daughter celebrated her 40th birthday. This is especially joyful since she suffered a very serious mountain biking accident some years ago, sustaining multiple injuries. Happy Birthday!
- Ellen Wayne was just named the new Commissioner of Social Services for Wayne County. Congratulations Ellen!!
- Ruth Leo’s happy dollars are via 1) a message from Dan Quigley who recently visited Paul Kirsch and Bill Buell at Ashton Place. He said that both Paul and Bill look good and are doing ok. Bill recently joined Dan in the 95 Club and they are both proud to be the oldest Geneva Rotarians. Dan joined in 1958 and sends his best regards to everyone. He might even check out Ashton Place as his next residence and 2) a message from the Honorable David H. Brind, who commented on Jerry Forcier’s bio from last week’s interview. He was surprised to read that Jerry was a “proud member” of Delta Chi at Union College. Judge Brind’s father was president of Delta Chi at Albany Law School (1922) before it moved to Union. He sends his regards to Jerry and also to Ford. Judge Brind was recently assigned to hold hearings in Bath Supreme Court. He is going strong at age 90!
- Carol Chester was happy to visit with her oldest friend, Carmie Cannuli Towne, who was visiting the FLX last week with her family.
- Jim Devaney was sad that Notre Dame lost last week but fine with Michigan’s loss.
- Rich Kasulke is happy that his son, whose movie is being premiered soon, will soon be home to visit. He is sad to see Ellen Wayne leave Catholic Charities.
- Chris Fitzgerald will attend parents’ weekend at Marist College and even manage to see her son Jeffrey!
- Jim Dickson’s dollar lies in wait for the Michigan and Notre Dame game in November.
- Susan and Karen, two of our guests from Naples Rotary, are happy for our hospitality.
- Charlie Bartishevich and his sons managed to construct a cardboard boat for a fund raising event to compete in a race and to make it around Cayuga Lake!
- Dave Cook was happy to see a photo of Neil Sjoblom in the FLTImes but sad that Jim Dickson used the word “stalwart” in reference to Paul and Bill. He wonders what word will be used to describe him at age 95?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY September Rotarians!! Charlie Bartischevich led us in song.

Charlie Bauder
Bill Buell
Helen Kelley
Mary Lawthers
Deb Lind

Program

Today's speaker: **Tom Hawks, President of Naples Rotary Club.** Tom is a ten year survivor of stage four pancreatic cancer. To look at Tom, no one would believe he has ever had a sick day in his life. His presentation included references to Steve Jobs and to Alex Trebek. He described the physical, emotional and spiritual changes in his life since diagnosis as well as some of the therapies and surgeries he has experienced. Above all, he allows no negative thoughts to cloud his thinking. He has made a strong moral commitment to go public with his diagnosis and his message of hope. We thank Tom for his courage and honesty, and praise his resolve to live every moment. He is especially grateful to celebrate the tenth birthday of his granddaughter! Tom left us with information re: Light the Hill, an event which will take place on November 10th from 5:30-7:30 pm at Kershaw Park, Canandaigua. If you would like to purchase luminaria in memory or honor of someone special, please contact Mary Kay Naioti at 585-393-1311 or lighthillstaff@gmail.com for further details.

Today's interview summary

Linda Germain Equinozzi is a Syracuse native and has a twin sister. She is a big SU sports fan whose father was a professor at Syracuse University. Linda and her husband Arthur, an MD at Finger Lakes Medical Associates, met at the University of Buffalo and have been married for 29 years. They lived in Danville, Pa. and in Philadelphia before moving to Geneva 18 years ago. Linda is a pharmacist, dividing her professional life between Geneva General and Auburn Memorial hospitals. The three Equinozzi children are Mark, 27, an outdoor enthusiast, Erin, 22, a lover of reading and trivia, and Kate, a first year at William Smith whose focus is social justice and sustainability. It was Kate who encouraged Linda to join Rotary and Chris Fitzgerald is her sponsor. Linda is passionate about hospice and comfort care and is volunteering at House of John in Clifton Springs. She is very interested in exploring the possibility of establishing a hospice/comfort care house in Geneva. If anyone is interested in helping with this, please reach out to Linda.

Neil Sjoblom is a native of Plattsburg, New York, moving to Geneva at age 5. He attended primary school at Glass Factory Bay in a one-room school house! He is a graduate of Auburn CC and Hobart College, participating in the first program abroad with the Colleges. Neil's first camera was a gift from his grandmother and at age 15, he photographed his first wedding. Per Neil, it's the best job in the world since he is invited

to the best party of a person's lifeand getting paid for it. With his brother Steve's help, Neil operates a studio on Linden Street, offering portrait, commercial and event photography. He has embraced changes in technology as well as Geneva's cultural changes on Linden Street and the downtown area. He owns the building which houses his studio and is a landlord to the apartments above. He enjoys the music, food scene and influx of visitors to a revitalized Geneva.

Active in the Professional Photographers' Society of New York, Neil helps to conduct a week-long workshop for his colleagues every July on the HWS campus. He was awarded the Master of Photography in 1998, recently attaining lifetime membership. In his leisure time, Neil enjoys kayaking and has been an avid skier for many years. In community service for several years as a member of Geneva Kiwanis, he joined Geneva Rotary ten years ago at the urging of Ken Steadman.

(as an aside, Neil has been my very good friend since the late 70s and photographed our wedding in 1998)

Submitted by Carol Chester

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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