



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
Oct. 2, 2019**

Next week:
Brian Ashdown

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

Visiting Rotarians

Dick and Rheta Matthews, Bethlehem, PA

Today's Five Minute Interview: Tara Rago and Ted Baker (details at end of report)

Next week:
Linda Beckley and Rich Kasulke

Announcements

- Shad Cook – Has tickets for 2019 Empty Bowl Dinner sponsored by Catholic Charities
- 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 this week via the Smith Opera House site. Tickets are \$21, but you can save handling charges if you buy directly from Dave.
- Charlie Bartischevich – Take your recyclables to Coons Cans as they have an Account for the Backpack Program.
- Helen Kelly – Geneva Hospital Auxiliary will have a "Paint and Sip" fundraiser on October 27 at the Country Club
- Dick Matthews said that he and Rheta have been to many different Rotary Club Meetings, but Geneva is their favorite!

50/50

Bill Flood split \$88 (\$44/\$44) with Polio Plus

Fines and Happy Dollars

- Jim DeVaney fined Phil Beckley for his phone going off
- Ruth Leo also paid a fine for her phone ringing during the invocation
- John Watson paid a fine for leaving early last week, and a sad dollar for a friend passing away recently
- Mary Lawthers had a happy dollar for John O.
- Dave Cook went to a Waterloo Rotary meeting, only to find out there wasn't one!
- Jim DeVaney was happy for going to Notre Dame last week
- Ted Baker was happy for the Matthews' being here. They have become great friends. He also mentioned that he and his son will be on their own for the next two weeks as his wife will be visiting Des Moines, Iowa!
- Charlie Wilson just returned from a fantastic trip to Italy. He said it was "Bellissimo"!
- Ken Steadman just got back from Oregon where they had great weather. He went to a Rotary meeting, and took a boat, plane and train ride.
- Charlie Bartischevich was happy for his kids' arly dismissal from school as he was able to pick them up.
- Trina Newton congratulated Lisa Toole for winning an award at the NAACP dinner.
- Lisa congratulated Trina for also winning an award at the NAACP dinner.
- Phil Beckley was sad to say that he did not win an award at the NAACP dinner!
- Helen Kelly celebrated a big birthday last week and her 96 year old mom threw her a party!

Program

Today's speaker: **Walt Gable, Seneca County Historian**. Walt gave a very interesting presentation on the history of **Sampson**. Some highlights include:

- Prior to the American Revolutionary War, the area was known as Kendaia, a name derived from a Seneca Indian chief by that name.
- The Sullivan Expedition destroyed the Indian settlements
- After the American Revolutionary War, white settlement began
- Up to U.S. entry into World War II, it was mostly farmland with summer cottages along the lake
- During World War II, it became Sampson Naval Training Station
- After World War II it was Sampson College, Sampson State School of Willard State Hospital and other uses
- During the Korean War it became Sampson Air Force Base

- Current uses
 - Sampson State Park
 - Sampson Veteran Memorial Cemetery
 - Museum for Sampson Naval Training Station and Air Force Base

Today's interview summary

Tara Rago

Tara was born in Geneva and grew up in Oaks Corners and went to Midlakes schools. Her husband's name is Mike. She has two children ages eight and five years old.

Tara has been with Lyons National Bank for 13 years, seven of them in management, and is currently a Vice President.

Tara got into banking by accident. She got her education in cosmetology and massage therapy and was in that line of work when her husband went to school to be a police officer. She needed regular hours for family reasons, so took a teller's job at LNB and rose through the ranks to Vice President.

Her sponsor in Rotary was Lisa Ventura, who has been a mentor to her in her career, teaching her professionalism and confidence in herself.

When asked if she had further career ambitions at LNB, such as being President or a branch manager, she said she is concentrating more right now on her family.

She likes the family atmosphere at the bank and the fellowship and fun at our meetings.

Ted Baker

Ted was born in the small northern New Hampshire city of Berlin in 1959.

He has been married to Dodie for 28 years. Their daughter, Felicia, is 26 and works in the bakery at the Geneva Wegmans. Their son, Caleb who is 23, works with Ted on High School and HWS sports broadcasts and lives with Ted and Dodie at home.

Ted started at the Finger Lakes Radio Group in January, 2003 and began doing the morning show when fellow Rotarian Mike Rusinko left in 2006.

Ted was asked to join Rotary by his boss, Alan Bishop, to represent the radio station because he no longer had time to attend. He was sponsored by Rob Gladden, who was President of the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce at the time.

Ted started in broadcasting at his home town station in 1978. He was hired to be a DJ, but the person he replaced was the sports play-by-play announcer for the station, so he was able to begin his sportscasting career at 18.

Ted enjoys the fellowship of our club and the opportunity to serve as much as his schedule will allow.

His hobbies include reading, craft beverages and following Boston and New England sports teams.

Submitted by Susie Flick

<p>Four way test: "Of the things we think, say or do:"</p> <p><i>1. Is it The Truth?</i> <i>2. Is it Fair to All Concerned?</i> <i>3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?</i> <i>4. Will it be beneficial for All Concerned?</i></p>			
<p>Mary Lawthers President</p>	<p>Dave Cook Vice President</p>	<p>Ford Weiskittel Secretary</p>	<p>Bob McFadden Club Treasurer</p>