



# **WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP**

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

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**Wednesday,  
Nov. 20,  
2019**

Next week:  
Roundtable

President Mary led us in the Pledge, the Four-Way Test, and gave the invocation.

In lieu of our scheduled interviews (Scooter Avedisian and Palma Fratto-Evans), Dave Cook “interviewed” District Governor David Hannan. Dave was born in Rochester, but attended schools in Newark prior to entering the US Air Force Academy. He later attended the University of Colorado Medical school and practices medicine in Wayne County. David is married to the former Pamela Tobin and together, they share eight children. Dave’s life of service began while at Newark High School as a member of a Boys Service Club. Dave’s vision issues prevented him from continuing his first career choice to be an astronaut. His second choice was pre-med and he continues as a primary care physician.

Next week’s interview: Taryn Windheim and Chris Lavin

### **Visiting Rotarians**

David Hannan  
Janet Tenreiro from Canandaigua  
Susan Schermerhorn from Clifton Springs

### **Guests**

Interactors: Emily McFadden, Junior at GHS and Rye Weber, Senior at GHS  
Mark Rokow, today’s speaker

### **Announcements**

- Sign-up sheet circulated today for a social on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at Ashton Place, 5:30-7:30. Visit with Paul Kirsch and Bill Buell. Snacks and beverages, courtesy of us! BTW, Dan Quigley is on a wait list to join the guys. Bill recently had emergency hernia surgery and is recovering in re-hab.
- Next week: round-table lunch...no turkey but there will be lunch! NO program, just each other’s company
- Santa Train: sign-up sheet circulated for times and duties. Date is Saturday, Dec. 7

- Tara Rago wished us all Happy Thanksgiving and announced that the Geneva Branch of Lyons National Bank on Exchange Street, Downtown Geneva, will host the Geneva Chamber of Commerce event on December 11, 5-7 PM
- Guest Rotarian Janet Tenreiro: 1) President-Elect Training registration is open. and 2) A Christmas Carol, a one person dramatization, will be presented by Janet's husband, with all proceeds raised going to the hosting organization.  
[KimsChristmasCarol@gmail.com](mailto:KimsChristmasCarol@gmail.com) Scheduled programs began November 17 and will continue until December 19. Good fund raising idea! Performance runs 2.5 hours. There will be one program November 22 at the Waterloo Library/Historical Society, 31 East William Street, Waterloo, 7pm-9:30pm and another at Sonnenberg Gardens, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 151 Charlotte Street, Canandaigua, 7pm-9:30pm....for example
- Peter Einset will give a presentation at the Geneva Library Tuesday, November 21, at 5:30pm. His topics will include Health Care Proxy, Living Wills, and DNRs
- Helen Kelley announced the annual holiday remembrance projects for Geneva General Hospital Auxiliary (golden pine cones), Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital (ornaments), and for Huntington Living Center (festival of stars). You may choose to remember or to honor someone special in your life with your donation. For more information, contact FL Health Foundation office at 315 787-4074. Pine cones are \$10 per dedication and will be displayed on the tree in the main lobby of GGH, each with a gold tag with the name or occasion inscribed. In Penn Yan, the ornaments are \$5.00 each. Contact the Peppermint Parlor at 315 531-2064. In Waterloo, each light is \$5.00. Contact Taylor Brown Auxiliary, 369 East Main Street, Waterloo 13165. Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm
- Helen also announced that due to the Finger Lakes Gaming Charity Cup on November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Jim Dooley Childcare Center will receive \$6000.00 in "winnings" towards the fund raising drive to build a new playground at the center. She offered a happy dollar for this announcement as well.
- Emily McFadden thanked Rotary for supporting the two Quiz Bowl teams at GHS, both qualifying for Nationals. She also announced that the Interact Bake Sale "Auction" will take place soon at our Rotary meeting...in a couple of weeks...

**50/50** Carol Chester shared \$78 dollars with Polio Plus.

### **Happy Dollars and Fines**

- Jim Devaney is always happy for a Notre Dame win! He also brought a NC hat to Bob Stenzel.
- Dave Cook has custody of a turkey from Jim Devaney's fridge (which is out of order)
- Ruth Leo fined herself for missing the Catholic Charities Community Lunch, due to a migraine headache.
- Mark Rokow, today's speaker, is happy to be home for a visit and that his younger brother just received his first college acceptance letter.
- Stephanie Hesler thanked Mary Gearan, the students from Interact, those from Rotaract and the Geneva Rotarians who helped at the Festival of Nations event last Saturday.
- Susan Schermerhorn was happy to be in her home town of Geneva today and to report that our Geneva Rotarians Paul, Bill (and soon to be Dan) are welcome additions to Ashton Place.
- Karen Luttrell is happy that she will be in Colorado next week to visit family and also the Air Force Academy.

- Linda Equinozzi is happy for her son Mark who appeared on Shark Tank recently. Mark is thrilled to report that within 48 hours, he received a quarter of a million dollars in sales for his exercise equipment product!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- The book Daring Greatly by Brene Brown was highly recommended by..... (my apologies...I missed the person who said this) and sent the book to Shad Cook who is recuperating from back surgery. (Ed. Note: *It was Linda Equinozzi!*)
- Ted Baker was happy about Hobart football, William Smith basketball's star and former Interactor, Lauren Devaney's last second winning basket, and hearing his favorite rendition of Little Drummer Boy.
- Kate Silverstrim-Jensen was happy to reach the successful conclusion of an audit at work.

**Our speaker today**

**Mark Rokow**, a Geneva native and former GHS Interact (co)president, class of 2016, was home for a visit from Washington, DC. Mark explained how he was introduced to Interact by Ford Weiskittel while a student at GHS. He also mentioned Mary Gearan and Johnny O, thanking them publicly for encouraging him to become more involved in this journey which led to chartering a US College Rotaract Club for 101 members. Mark highlighted two aspects of his dedication to service above self: his Interact activities helped inspire him to make a difference and his People to People participation which transported him internationally to participate in worthwhile projects. While studying abroad in Brussels, Belgium, Mark recalled spotting Rotary stickers just about everywhere, reminding him of the universal scope of Rotary as well as the service component which follows him everywhere. At the present time, he is working at the Pentagon and studying for his CPA credential. He has an eye on law school as well and is certain to continue to lead a life of service above self.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Chester**

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