



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
Jan. 29, 2020**

Next week: TBA

President Mary Lawthers opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, the Four-Way Test and Invocation.

A bereavement card was circulated for the Beckley Family.

Guest: Antonio Gomez, today's speaker

We celebrated January birthdays today, highlighted by Dan Quigley who presented his history with Geneva Rotary. Dan joined in November, 1959. Out of the 98 members who were in attendance when Dan joined, 16 are still with us! Dan also announced that rumors of his move to Ashton Place are unfounded and that he will remain on White Springs Road where he is very comfortable! Great to see you Dan! (*Ed. Note: Sorry, I didn't get the names of everyone celebrating birthdays!*)

Five Minute Interview Schedule

Next: Mary Gere-Penna and Dick Austin followed by Palma Fratto Evans and Scott "Scooter" Avedisian.

Announcements

- District Training, April 4th in Canandaigua, 7:30 am until noon. Breakfast and lunch included. Our Club will pay for participants. Contact Mary Lawthers
- The Committee is accepting nominations for the Paul Harris 2020 awards. Contact Jim Dickson
- Geneva Library is accepting donations for their annual book sale. Contact Susie Flick
- The next Service Above Self committee meeting is Monday, February 3 at Torrey Park Grill on Ave. E in Geneva. 5:15 pm Contact Shad Cook, Margaret Wiant...co-chairs. All Rotarians are welcome.

50/50 Our Speaker, Antonio Gomez, shared \$85 with Polio Plus.

Fines

- Neil Sjoblom, Charlie Bartishevich, Dave Cook...photos in the newspaper

Happy Dollars

- Mickey Schultz enjoyed a ski weekend at Lake Placid, Whiteface, and Gore
- Susie Flick is happy to sit at the birthday table next to Dan Quigley.
- Jason Haag paid an excuse dollar for an early departure in the line of duty last week...the fire at Wal-Mart ...but a happy dollar to celebrate his 35th birthday!
- John Watson thanked Bill Flood and Carol Chester for volunteering to help at the sign in desk. There are still a couple of months open to schedule desk help. See John
- Ken Steadman's first full week at Ferris Hills resulted in a lot of food!!!! 3 squares and snacks...happy hour!
- Jim Dickson paid up for Dan Quigley since Michigan recently beat HWS in a lacrosse scrimmage.
- Shad Cook is happy to return to Rotary following a hiatus to recover from back surgery. His St. Martin glow from vacation makes it official!
- Taryn Windheim enjoyed some travel recently to Whiteface to ski and to DC for a staff retreat.
- Jim Adams just returned from a two week trip to England and Scotland where he and Sue recruited camp counselors for 2020 Camp Delaware.
- Charlie Bartishevich now has a new calculator, compliments of Bob McFadden and Finger Lakes Federal Credit Union's Marketing Department. This replaces an old (!) calculator which was unearthed by one of Charlie's sons while cleaning the car. The family dog had enjoyed the old calculator as an educational snack..... (*Editor's Note: Charlie needs to write a book!*)
- Dan Quigley thanked Jim Dickson for being his DD today!

Program

Dave Cook introduced **Antonio Gomez**, today's speaker. His topic: **"What It Means to be a US Citizen"**.

Born in 1978 in Guatemala, Antonio is one of three children whose mother worked in cotton fields to support her family. Understanding what it meant to be snatched by the militia as a 14 year old, sent to boot camp for 3months training and then to the jungle for what would be a short life as a guerilla warrior, he eventually fled to the US, spending three months in Fort Myers, Florida. He was later welcomed to the FLX by extended family, knowing full-well that he might at any point be arrested and sent back to Guatemala. Determined to make a better life, he got a job at a local farm but one year later, was picked up by the INS and detained. He chose three months in jail but was eventually granted a work permit by a judge who gave him a chance. Not only is his story inspirational, but his love for this country, his passion for our flag, the English language and American culture is palpable. He used rap music to jump start his comprehension of English, walked or rode a bicycle to work, obtained his three year resident card, and studied to become a US citizen. He now has dual citizenship and his wife recently became a US citizen. She was hired by the Geneva School district in December to teach Spanish. Antonio ran for Geneva City Council in the most recent election. The Gomez' have three daughters, one of whom is a graduate of FLCC and will study to become an FBI agent. Should you ever have a

time when you wonder what it's all about to be born in the USA, call Antonio. He'll put you straight.

Submitted by Carol Chester

Interact Minutes

Club Co-Presidents Emily McFadden and Kat Ergil began the meeting at 2:39 pm.

Our Club will not be participating in the Souper Bowl for caring because we were previously not aware that everything is due this week, so we did not begin collecting canned goods.

A sign up sheet was put out for the dinner at the Orthodox Church, this will be on February 22nd so if you are not sure if you are available there is still plenty of time to sign up.

Hobart and William Smith's Day of Service will be taking place in April. There will be more details on this event as it gets closer.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm.

-- Club Secretary
Taylor Champlin

<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> <table><tr><td style="text-align: center;">Mary Lawthers President</td><td style="text-align: center;">Dave Cook Vice President</td><td style="text-align: center;">Ford Weiskittel Secretary</td><td style="text-align: center;">Bob McFadden Club Treasurer</td></tr></table>				Mary Lawthers President	Dave Cook Vice President	Ford Weiskittel Secretary	Bob McFadden Club Treasurer
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