



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
March 4, 2020**

Next week: TBA

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

5 Minute Speakers

Stephanie Hesler and John Watson shared interesting information about each other. Here are a few of the highlights:

Stephanie Hesler

- Was born in Albany and raised in Saratoga Springs. Parents are still there so gets to visit and play the ponies
- Attended Oswego State where she met her husband Steve
- After College Stephanie worked in the non-profit sector (American Cancer Society, Girls Scouts in New Hampshire and NY, Finger Lakes VNS and now works in Advancement for Hobart and William Smith)
- Stephanie and Steve have 2 sons- Sean is a Jr. at Cornell and Nathan is a first year @ St Bonaventure
- She is on the Board of Directors at the Smith Opera House & the Philanthropic Educational Organization which raises money for women's education
- She enjoys reading, running, camping and the outdoors, and sunsets at Seneca Lake Yacht Club
- She joined Rotary in 2010, went to Canandaigua chapter for work reasons from 2012-2016, and came back to Geneva in 2016
- She is the VP of Hesler Woodworking

John Watson

- Born and raised in Geneva- graduated from DeSales
- Went to Texas to college to get away from the snow

- He worked part-time while in college at a men's clothing store where he met a salesman from a NY clothing firm. They became friends and was offered a job 6 months before he graduated. He worked there for 30 years!
- He has lived in Wichita Kansas, Lafayette Louisiana, Ft. Smith Arkansas, and New Orleans (where he lived for 20 years)
- He returned to Geneva after his wife passed away and his children were on their own.
- John joined Rotary to give back to the community
- He was President of the club from 2015-16 and during that time the club won an award for excellence
- He was Assistant District Governor of Rotary following his presidency for 2 years
- He has 2 children
 - Patrick is an Engineering Project Manager specializing in Toll Road Construction. He and his wife Julie live in Wake Forest NC and they have a son named Parker
 - Megan lives in Birmingham, AL. and manages a Medical Supply Co

Next Week it is a surprise interview

Visitors (all members of HWS Rotaract club)

- Mark Suchewski
- Carling Landeche
- Lindsay Lesniak

50/50 Mike Rusinko won \$43 dollars, \$44 to polio plus

Happy Dollars

- A childhood picture of Ruthie (age 5) was in the paper for giving to refugees from the Korean War- she was fined by Mary Lawthers (*Ed. Note: the picture was on Facebook, but originally appeared in the Geneva Daily Times in 1954!*)
- Dave Cook, Mary Lawthers, Phil Beckley went to see Paul Kirsch. He has a specially designed walker now and he can really move
- John Watson has a happy dollar because he is happy
- Ted has sports happy dollars for Geneva High boys basketball playing at BC Arena Sat @ 9am
- Trina Newton mentioned that Pre-sale tickets are available for the game. Also she announced Legally Blonde is being performed at the High school this weekend
- Johnnie O has a happy dollar for the Rotaractors who came to lunch today

Program

Today's Speaker: **Chris Lavin** and **Allauna Overstreet- Gibson** for **Boys and Girls Club of Geneva**

Chris Lavin provided an update on the numbers for the past 5 years

- Kids attending From 140 originally, to 240 kids now
- Employees went from 13- 25
- Thanks to the help of Trina Newton and Mark Gearan his budget increased significantly
- Tutors went from 0-40 a week (each spending an hour doing homework with kids)
- Thanks to a partnership with St Peter's Arts Academy, 11 kids are taking piano lessons

Allauna Overstreet-Gibson graduated from Geneva High School and HWS. She went on to work in Seattle with kids and at a YMCA and is happy to be back helping our kids. Allauna is the site supervisor for the Teen Center.

They have a number of programs:

- Smart Girls (personal empowerment),
- Keyboarding
- Torch Clubs
- Money Matters Program to teach kids financial responsibility
- Diplomas to Degree program- (planning next steps after high school)

Keyboarding is popular - 21 kids have taken group lessons

Programs run daily from 3-6 pm. Served a snack when they arrive and then dinner around 5pm.

They are not open on the weekend, but there is a hoop it up program for basketball on Friday night, they send kids home with food to get them through the weekend.

Submitted by Chris FitzGerald

<p>Four way test: <i>"Of the things we think, say or do:"</i></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>