



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
August 19,
2020**

Next week: Jason Haag
Cub Scouts Pack 5

Pledge and Invocation

President Dave Cook led us in the Pledge and gave the invocation from the "Book of Roscoe" (the late Pat Kraus)

Guests

Guest Speaker Jim Spates (Professor Emeritus Hobart and William Smith) Dove Block Restoration

No Visiting Rotarians

50/50 \$39 split with polio plus- winner was Bob McFadden

Announcements

- Ruth Leo announced that Rotary needs a 4th volunteer to take wrap up notes during lunchtime meetings. With 4 volunteers, you will only need to take notes one time per month. Please let Ruth know if you can help.
- Jim DeVaney shared that more players are needed for the golf tournament- please sign up

Fines and Happy Dollars

- Dave Cook thanked Neil Sjoblom for the incredible pictures he took of the picnic at the Yacht Club. They are posted to the Geneva Rotary Club website
- Dave Cook was fined last year for his inappropriate apron at the picnic. Since Jim DeVaney wore a Notre Dame apron this year, he thinks a fine should also be made as that would be considered "inappropriate" because it is not Dave's team (ha, ha)

- Dave Cook also wants to fine Paul Kirsch for the Directory picture of a bag pipe band that is not Dave's
- Diana Perry has a happy dollar for starting a new job at Canandaigua National Bank (*Congratulations, Diana!*)
- Ted Baker is happy for his New Hampshire vacation and the ineptitude of the Red Sox
- Thanks to Jim DeVaney for doing a great job cooking at the picnic. (*Someone commented that nobody died, much to DeVaney's dismay!*)

Program

Dove Block Restoration and Arthur Dove Gallery presented by **Jim Spates**, Professor Emeritus Hobart and William Smith Colleges

History of the Dove Block and Arthur Dove:

The Dove Block was originally built by William Dove who was a brick maker. It was a late 19th Century Victorian Gothic structure (1878). Arthur Dove, William's son, grew up in the building until he left to attend college first at Hobart and then Cornell. With an interest in art, he traveled to Paris. Arthur came back to Geneva to settle the estate upon the passing of his mother. It was during the depression and he was broke. He and his wife moved in to the Dove block and lived there for 5 years. During that time he created some of his most noteworthy paintings as an impressionistic artist on the 3rd floor of the Dove block. His art can be seen in nearly every major museum.

The Project:

About 5 years ago when Jim Spates was downtown and walked past the Dove Block that had been all closed up, he decided to inquire about what was happening with the building. He contacted Sage Gerling and they put together a group of interested individuals to evaluate how to save the building.

The group decided to focus on 2 main goals; 1- get control of the building 2- turn a portion of it into a gallery to showcase Arthur Dove and his work

1. The Building: The group raised \$200,000 and received 2 grants totaling 1.4 million to make the building functional again. They hired local construction company Chrisantha (Iverson Construction) to do the work and got a loan from the Bank of the Finger Lakes. They also needed a buyer for the building to maintain it. They were fortunate to find Corbett Inc., a commercial interiors agency to purchase the building. The company will use the third floor for their offices but visitors to the building can view the wall of art on the third floor as it was when Arthur Dove had it.
2. The Gallery: **The concept of the gallery has been created but financial support is needed to make it a reality. Please consider supporting the project.** The first floor will be home to the Arthur Dove Gallery which will have

kiosks to tell the story and show his work. In addition there will be a little theatre, a café, and a regional art gallery of local artists like Ted Aub and Dexter Benedict, etc. Corbett is looking for ideas for the second floor space.

If you would like to view Jim's presentation, here's the link:

<https://youtu.be/LVtOWnJ090U>

Submitted by Chris FitzGerald

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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