



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
September 16,
2020**

Next week:
TBA

President Dave Cook led us in the Pledge and gave a holiday invocation from the “Book of Pat Kraus”

We enjoyed a cheeseburger, mac salad, chips lunch, served by two GCC staff members. It was good to see more Rotarians this week at our meeting! We wear masks, except for eating, and with so much room for seating, there is ample opportunity for distanced seating. We hope more Rotarians will feel comfortable enough to return.

Guests

President Dave introduced our guest, Brooklyn Mike Pinco. We hope that Mike will follow through on his membership application to join Geneva Rotary. Truth be told, Mike is a guest of Rotarian Ray Ciancaglini. However, Mike was accompanied by Johnny O. today in Ray’s absence.

The **50/50** winner was Jason Haag. He shared \$67 with Polio Plus.

Announcements

- President Dave read a thank you note from Anne Schuhle of Geneva Reads, thanking our club for the Healthy Readers Grant.
- School has started and it was good to see Mary Gere-Penna today!
- Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for Jason Haag’s Dad, September 27th (315 719 3594 to contact) Jason reported that his Dad’s surgery for oral cancer has been completed and that his Dad responded well. If all continues to progress, he may be released this week.

Happy Dollars and Fines

- Jason Haag paid \$2 for his photo in the newspaper.
- Jim Dickson paid sad dollars for two appliances in his home “dying” in a 36 hour period. Take out rules!
- Ted Baker paid up in happiness for the resumption of Big 10 Football.
- Bob McFadden celebrated the official approval to acquire Webster Federal Credit Union. The merger will take place in November. Congratulations!
- Jim Devaney is happy/sad: Notre Dame beat Duke! But this week, The ND vs Central Florida game will be pre-empted by the Open.
- Johnny O’s photo was in the newspaper so he paid a fine. He is happy for two new sign-ups on My Rotary.
- Gerry Forcier: The Yankees beat Toronto 20-6!
- Jason Haag: sad that Toronto lost
- Phil Beckley: the best league in baseball starred the LA Dodgers! Aka historically, the Trolley Dodgers
- Ken Steadman reminded us that he is the source of information for our district for Group Study Exchange & Ambassadorial Scholar Committee. Ken’s new address is 325 Ferris Hills, Canandaigua. Phone 315 789-0720

Program

Our speaker today is our own **Geneva Rotarian, Susie Flick**, an employee at **Geneva Public Library** since 1991. She explained a few highlights of the changes taking place due to the acquisition of the former Touhey Building space on Castle Street, which now provides 28 additional new parking spaces. There are two eco-friendly water collection areas on the exterior, using rocks in lieu of mulch in the landscaping features. A new sidewalk has been added near the children’s entrance as well as space for delivery vans. Stairs, railings and fences have all been added. The new indoor book drop is now at the back of the building. Nearly everything in this renewal has been accomplished with grant money from various sources.

Susie’s slides showed us what the interior looks like with COVID regulations now in place. All furniture has been removed and large see-thru “curtains” separate staff from public. The reference desk has been relocated to the ground floor and all newspapers and magazines have been removed. “Holds” are handled with gloves and bagged for pick-ups. There is a three day quarantine period for borrowed books and DVDSs which are sanitized and dried. Donated books are held in storage for a future book sale, once it has been approved.

Susie pointed out some of the changes she experienced in her own job, due to COVID, such as her summer reading program which was entirely virtual. The free program from Spectrum has ended. She prepared kits, videos, and YouTube programs but realizes that since schools are in session with so much virtual learning via zoom, many kids are likely to get weary with so much use of technology. She is grateful for the grant money from our Club which will help to buy more hotspots to lend to those without home

internet. These work off cell towers and are loaned for one month periods. There are also “kits” which contain both a Chrome book and a hot spot which are available for loans to anyone with a library card.

All staff members at the library are trained and certified in CPR, first aid and NARCAN administration. Susie pointed out that there is so much more to our library than loaning books! It is a source of information for housing, food distribution sources, and more.

On a happy note for those Genevans who enjoy Days of Yore in the Finger Lakes Times, microfilm accessibility has returned!

Thanks to our own Susie Flick for an informative presentation

Submitted by Carol Chester

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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