



# **WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP**

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

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**Wednesday,  
September 23,  
2020**

Next week:  
Jackie Augustine & Teresa  
Velez de Morales –  
Blueprint (Grant recipient)

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

### **Visiting Rotarians**

Dick and Rheta Matthews

### **Guests**

Bob Stine, guest of John Watson

Dr. Patricia Garcia, new Geneva Schools’ superintendent and prospective member

Mike Sculli, guest of Dave Cook and prospective member

Sally Kasulke, wife of Richard Kasulke

### **Announcements:**

- Jason Haag said tickets are going well for the spaghetti dinner honoring his father. He was happy to report that his dad is home and doing great!

### **50/50**

Richard Kasulke split \$96/48 with Polio Plus (*Congrats!*)

### **Fines and Happy Dollars**

- Helen Kelley had happy and sad dollars. Sad that she lost her brother-in-law last week, but happy that she got married last week-end! (*Sorry for your loss, Helen, but congratulations on your marriage!*)
- Carol Chester was happy for Helen and was happy to be at the ceremony.
- Mike Rusinko was happy to have officiated at Helen’s wedding but chastised Helen for “burying the lead” in her story.

- Jason Haag is happy for the support that Rotary has shown him and considers us his extended family.
- Jim DeVaney was happy that Notre Dame won.
- Ted Baker had a comment about the Boston Red Sox (*I couldn't catch it, but I don't think it was good!*) He and his wife, Dodie, celebrated their 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a dinner at Bella's. He was also happy to see Dick and Rheta Matthews.
- Bruce Tuxill and his wife, Keren, celebrated 39 years of marriage! (*Happy Anniversary to the Bakers and the Tuxills!*)
- Patricia Garcia reported that school is open and everything is going great!
- Dick Austin was sad to report that \$12,000 in repairs had to be made to the restaurant. However, he was happy that they have resumed their charitable activities by donating containers to the Boys and Girls Club. He was also happy that the restaurant will be opening for breakfast and brunch next week-end. He also congratulated Dr. Garcia for a successful school opening and that his girls are doing well there.
- Peter Einset got an e-mail from Trina Newton. She is doing well in South Carolina and plans to come for a visit next summer.
- Stephanie Hesler was happy for her sons attending HWS and Cornell, since the COVID numbers are low at both schools. She also thanked Susie Flick and Jim Dickson for setting up the equipment for our speaker.
- Richard Kasulke had concern for his family because of the fires in California. Thankfully, everyone is OK.
- Dick Matthews had \$5.00 for Rheta's birthday, although he wouldn't commit to divulging her age! (*Happy Birthday, Rheta!*)
- Dave Cook congratulated Helen Kelley on her wedding and was happy to see a full house at today's meeting!

### Program

The presenter today was our own **Richard F. Kasulke, MD**. The subject was an overview of the St. Eustace Episcopal Church of Lake Placid NY's **Dominican Republic Medical Mission**.

One of the founding members accompanied a small contingent of medical folks from Johnstown, NY on a short medical mission to the DR in 1999. Afterwards, we had discussions on how we could perhaps do it better. So, our first was 2020. At that time we had both a construction and a medical crew. The construction crew, over the years worked on school rooms, playgrounds, community centers, etc. Eventually, because of the prohibitive expense of bringing tools and equipment we switched to an all medical mission. Over the years it evolved into servicing one community with a group of 25-29 individuals. We pay our own way (hotel, transportation, etc.) Our clinic goes from Monday to Friday. Our providers include MD's; NP's; PA's; RN's; LPN's; pharmacists; translators; ministers or deacons; OT's; PT's and, one time, an Audiologist. We also include people who have no medical or Spanish language skills. There is always something to do for everyone. We also fit people for OTC glasses. A typical week has

us seeing 950-1000 patients with, usually 4 providers and a PA student (from LeMoyne).

We bring our own pharmacy and prescribe and provide. We also provide and instruct, if necessary, the use of canes, crutches and assistive devices.

It is a most rewarding experience which has benefitted all who have taken part. And also those they encounter at home. I should add that there is no religious stripe required to be a part of this - just a commitment to help our brothers and sisters in need.

If anyone has further questions or suggestions, they are welcome to contact Dr. Kasulke at any time.

### **Next Week**

Jackie Augustine and Teresa Velez de Morales, Blueprint program (Grant Recipients).

**Submitted by Ruth Leo**

#### **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?**

<b>Dave Cook</b>	<b>Stephanie Hesler</b>	<b>Jerry Forcier</b>	<b>Ford Weiskittel</b>	<b>Bob McFadden</b>	<b>Mike Rusinko</b>
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