



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
May 5, 2021**

Next Week:

Happy Cinco de Mayo!

President Dave greeted 21 Rotarians at the Geneva Sons of Italy Club for in-person lunch. Additional Rotarians attended via zoom.

Dave led us in the Pledge and related a Jimmy Kimmel story about an on the street interview re: knowing all the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

A brief discussion ensued re: Club 86 chicken vs Tony DiConstanzo's chicken.

Guests

Peter Dohr, Speaker, via zoom, and Craig Talmage, guest of Brien Ashdown. Craig is currently an Assistant Professor of Entrepreneurial Studies at HWS.

Announcements

- Route 14 roadside clean-up date is May 22. Bill Flood is in charge of sign up and will pass around the sign-up sheet next week. Contact Bill at 315-325-4770 for more info.

Fines and Happy Dollars

- Neil Sjoblom enjoyed Ray Ciancaglini's book, **Second Impact** and asked Ray to sign his copy.
- Phil Beckley, Paul Bleakley, and Pete Einset also contributed happy dollars/fines. (Sorry, as I was attending via zoom, I often had a hard time hearing comments from the lunch tables clearly since the high ceilings at the Sons are not sound friendly).
- Brien Ashdown had happy dollars for completing grading today at the end of HWS semester.

50/50 Scott “Scooter” Avedisian was the lucky winner, sharing \$59 with Polio Plus

Program

Stephanie Hesler introduced **Peter Dohr, current Executive Director of the merged Catholic Charities of the FLX and Catholic Charities of Wayne County.** Peter joined us via Zoom from Los Angeles and is also a member of the Newark Rotary Club. Peter is an ordained Deacon in the Catholic Church, serving three parishes. He highlighted a few programs which have received or are to receive additional funding as well as one particular program which may unfortunately end soon: the moratorium on eviction. Peter succeeded our own former Geneva Rotarian Ellen Wayne, who left the FLX position to work as the Director of Social Services in Wayne County.

Since Catholic Charities administers the Community Lunch Program at the Geneva Methodist Church (Foodlink), Peter brought attention to the increase in need due to COVID restrictions: 2-3 times the number of those served with take-away lunches and to the TRPC program which assists post adoption and post guardian families. He is pleased that this program’s grant has been extended two years.

Catholic Charities of the FLX and of Wayne County are currently the 4th largest in the country with a local staff of thirty-five persons.

Dave Cook closed the meeting with a squirrely joke, touching on several denominations of churches. It was a good one but you had to be there!

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?**

Dave Cook	Stephanie Hesler	Jerry Forcier	Ford Weiskittel	Bob McFadden	Mike Rusinko
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