



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
June 30, 2021**

Next Week:
Back to the Country Club
Independence Day Program!

We met today at the Geneva Sons of Italy to have lunch, to thank the outgoing board members and officers, and to conduct the annual changeover. President Dave led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

We circulated and signed a thank you card for Tony DeConstanza who is the Son's "chef de cuisine." Today was our final meeting at the Sons as we will return to the Geneva Country Club on July 7th to enjoy our annual Independence Day program, lunch, and post-COVID reunion. Lunch will be \$15pp and be organized by reservation.

Guests today: Palma Evans' BFF, whom she has not seen since pre-Covid and Polly Clark, guest and co-worker of Diana Perry.

Birthdays: Mickey Gilbert-Schultz read the list of June names, Shad Cook is celebrating today! Mike Rusinko led us in Happy Birthday. He and Dick Austin reminisced about Gus. (*Ed. Note: sorry, I didn't get all the names of the birthday celebrants.*)

Announcements

- Bill Buell's memorial service will be held July 10th at 11 AM at the Presbyterian Church in Geneva, 24 Park Place. Ford sent the details to all Rotarians in an email yesterday. If you cannot make the service, at least "Be grateful" wherever you are and remember Bill.
- Camp Onseyawa will present a dinner in October to raise funds. Dave will have more details when available.

50/50 Johnny O shared \$68 with Polio Plus

Fines and Happy Dollars

- Diana Perry's photo was in the local and Rochester newspapers.
- Johnny O collected past-pledged happy dollars (or distributed notices for payment due).
- Dick Austin had \$50 worth of news: he enjoyed playing in the Geneva Chamber Golf Tournament last week with his favorite golfers, he has lost 40 pounds, he congratulated Dave Cook, wished luck to Stephanie Hesler, misses Gus' singing, his Facebook memories (which showed that five years ago, he was president of Geneva Rotary but absent so much because he also began a new job, his puppy had surgery one year ago), and last Monday, his executive chef needed the night off for family reasons so Dick stepped back in as "chef de cuisine." However, when Dick entered the dining room of Bella's, the temperature was 90 degrees, the AC having blown a pressure switch. Run-on happy dollar statement!
- Mary Lawthers has a new great grandson: John Henry, aka "Jack", 8 pounds 11 ounces.
- Stephanie H offered happy dollars to thank Dave Cook for his service.
- Helen Kelly has her first chorus rehearsal tonight following a 16 month COVID hiatus.
- Carol Chester enjoyed her first trip to Charleston, SC and brings greetings to Geneva Rotary from Trina Newton. Trina and Scott are very happily getting settled in Charleston where she is retired and he is getting closer to retirement. Carol met Tyler Cook (Shad's son) at the Tempest, an award winning restaurant where Tyler is a sous chef and where she enjoyed lunch with her niece and great nephew.
- Shad Cook is happy that his daughter has graduated from high school and will attend college in Binghamton, that Emily McFadden is a successful grad and that all the kids who graduated had a ceremony at the Smith Opera House.
- Bob Mc Fadden is happy to be the proud Dad of Emily who gave the fire-alarm interrupted speech as salutatorian (spellcheck) of the Class of 2021. Her speech was "on fire!" Bob paid a fine for failing to spell "salutatorian" quickly.
- Ken Steadman's daughter visited him recently from Colorado.
- Phil Beckley regrets not discovering sooner that the chair he sat in today serves as a perfect "block" to see and hear Dave Cook speak! Too little, too late, Phil.
- Gerry Forcier thanked Dave for his year of service.

Change Over

Outgoing President, Dave Cook thanked Mary Lawthers for the tale of the 2 envelopes in the blue bag. One: Blame me! Two: make two envelopes for the next president.

Dave gifted Stephanie with a nice bottle of wine which he predicts she will need at her first board (zoom) meeting.

Dave reviewed his year as President: COVID certainly took a huge chunk out of his plans but our Club did take part in the lakefront clean up and the Interact Club won an

award for their service. Thank you, Susie and Johnny, for your leadership with Interact. Dave also mentioned the Drive Thru Santa project which, although was not sponsored by Rotary, had some excellent help from Rotarians and he and Ray Ciancaglini made it happen. He thanked the outgoing Board members (Mary, Joyce, Margaret, Johnny) and officers (Mike) and introduced the new/returning (Stephanie, Gerry, Diana, Ford, Bob, Kelsey).

Dave presented Stephanie with a President's pin and mallet, President-elect pins to Gerry and VP Diana, and Kelsey.

Stephanie presented the Rotary theme for 2021-22: "Serve to Change Lives" and presented a past-president pin to Dave. Stephanie briefly outlined six groups of co-leaders for her year as president, primarily to oversee social functions for Rotary. The six leaders are Mary Lawthers, Scott Avedisian, Jason Hagerman, Jim Dickson, Margaret Wiant and Mickey Gilbert-Schultz

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
President	President-Elect	Vice President	Secretary	Club Treasurer	Foundation Treasurer