

# WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

## Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022 Next week:
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President Stephanie Hesler opened today's meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation.

We enjoyed a tasty pasta lunch at Bella's, welcomed four Interactors as our guests, and anticipated a joint (digital) meeting with the Rotary Club of Oslo, Norway.

#### **Guests**

Jenna Kafrawi, a senior who plans to attend Cornell, En-Ya Shen, a senior who plans to attend Boston College, Owen Sellers, a senior who plans to study architecture, and Natalie McFadden, a junior.

#### **Announcements**

There is still a little time to contribute to the Stove Team Project but only until the end of January. Your check can be sent to Kelsey Journell (or to Mike Rusinko) at LNB, made out to Geneva Rotary Foundation.

#### **Happy Dollars**

- Peter Einset: wearing his authentic sweater from Norway, in honor of today's special program
- Diana Perry: returning to Rotary meeting following the birth of baby Nora six weeks ago
- Dick Austin: happy birthday dollars in honor of Mike Rusinko, complete with a special cake, candle, and song

#### 50/50

Diana Perry shared \$38 with the Foundation.

#### **Today's Program**

Thanks to Diana Perry, Peter Einset, Dave Cook, and members of the **Europe Rotary Circle** who researched and organized today's program: a virtual meeting with the **Rotary Club of Oslo, Norway.** Special thanks to Rotarian Neil Sjoblom for his patience and fine technical assistance!

The Oslo Club is ten years old, has 27 members, one honorary member, and a student from Japan, but they represent 15 nationalities! They shared the story of their Student Scholarship Project at Sylhet Agricultural University in Bangladesh and have already educated 16 students! Member Syed Nuruddin shared their story and the latest update from their students. He highlighted the story of one student from the lowest socioeconomic level, a tea garden family, who now has a university education and a career, thanks to the Oslo club's efforts. Only one of their club members is Norwegian.

Phil Beckley gave a brief history of our club which was founded in 1919 with 25 members and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Elmira, New York. It has always been a "lunch meeting club." At one time, we had 120 plus members. Currently, we have about 70.

The Oslo Club raises money with auctions, international dinners and sponsorships. Despite some technical bugs, the program today was successful and enjoyable!

### **Submitted by Carol Chester**

## **Interact Minutes**

Yesterday's meeting started at 2:37 PM by Club President Jenna Kafrawi.

Signups for volunteering with the community lunch program over February break are out. If you are interested, contact Susie or sign-up at the next meeting. It would be great if everyone who wanted to partake were signed up by the end of January.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41.

--Best Wishes Natalie McFadden

Four way test: "Of the things we think, say or do:"

Is it The Truth?
 Is it Fair to All Concerned?
 Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
 Will it be beneficial for All Concerned?

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