



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
Feb. 23, 2022**

Next week:

President Stephanie opened the meeting at Bella's today with the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation. Stephanie also pointed out that this is the 117th birthday of Rotary, as we enjoyed birthday cake with our lunch!

Visiting Rotarians

Tom Rogers, Canandaigua

Guests

Lucille Mallard and Lucille's friends and family
Lillian Collins
Joanne Bleakley, guest of Paul Bleakley
Mohammed Yassin, guest of Peter Einset

Paul Harris Induction Ceremony

President Stephanie invited Jim Dickson to the podium to present the Paul Harris Award. Jim gave a brief background of the award which is the highest Rotary honor given to a local citizen. Former Assistant District Governor, Tom Rogers, and President Stephanie joined Jim to present the Paul Harris Award to **Lucille Mallard**.

Born in Statesboro, Georgia, at the age of 12 she moved to Geneva with her family. She was educated in the Geneva City School District and later attended several colleges and institutions doing coursework to become a State of New York Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor. After thirty years of service, she from the Canandaigua VA Medical Center where she spent the bulk of her time as an addiction therapist. Currently, she is employed by the New York State Unified Court System in Canandaigua as the Finger Lakes Misdemeanor Drug Treatment Court Resource

Coordinator where she oversees a program that provides alternatives to incarceration for adult drug offenders. She is the first African American employed by the New York State Unified Court System in Ontario County.

Wife to Lonnie and mother to Jeff, Larry, Vincent, and Valerie, she enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She has devoted her life to fostering racial and ethnic tolerance and helping women and minorities forge paths of leadership. At the age of 14 she became involved with the NAACP through their Youth Council and for over thirty years she has been President of the local chapter of the NAACP. She is also a member of Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ, the Geneva Martin Luther King Committee, City of Geneva Community Compact Steering Committee, Geneva Chapter of the League of Women Voters, and the advisory board of the Geneva 2030.

For her community service and professional work Lucille has received numerous honors including the Geneva Athena Award, an honorary doctorate from Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva chapter of the League of Women Voters Agnes Slosson Lewis Award, and the Community Service and Humanitarian Award (one of the most prestigious awards a non-judicial employee of the Unified Court System can receive.) To this list she can now add Paul Harris Fellow!

Lucille thanked everyone for this honor and was happy to see her family at the ceremony. *(Congratulations to Lucille!)*

Announcements

- Past Assistant District Governor, Tom Rogers, distributed information on the District Conference, “Reconnect”, which will be held April 29-May 1, 2022 in Oswego. Hosted by Rotary Club of Canandaigua, he noted that this is the first conference since the onset of COVID, hence the name “Reconnect”. For more information go to 2022Rotary@gmail.com
- There will be a District Training Assembly on April 9th. Our club pays for six participants. Both Jim Dickson and President Stephanie will be making presentations.
- Save this date: Friday, April 8th, 100th Anniversary Dinner of the Penn Yan Rotary Club (which the Geneva Club sponsored).
- President Stephanie announced that tickets are available for “Sparkling Night” at the Smith, Saturday, Feb. 26, 6:00-10:00 p.m. Go to Smith.org for tickets.

Happy Dollars

- Several Rotarians congratulated Lucille Mallard on her Paul Harris award.

- Susie Flick is proud of our Interactors who helped with the Community Lunch Program. She had a lot of folks come up to her to congratulate them on a job well done!
- Jason Haag reported on the EMT classes he was conducting in Syracuse and was happy to say all passed with 100% completion.
- Rosalyn Grammar had a happy dollar for her mom's birthday tomorrow

50/50

Paul Bleakley split \$68/\$34 with the Rotary Foundation

HAPPY BIRTHDAY February Rotarians!!

Mike Rusinko led us in song to wish the following Rotarians a Happy Birthday!

David Brind
 Jim Dickson
 Susie Flick
 Palma Fratto-Evans
 Kerry Lippincott
 Bob McFadden
 Jeff Pierce
 John Watson

Program

As today is International Rotary Day, two of our "Continental Social Circles" gave their report today. First up, North America, led by Jason Haag.

Highlights included:

- Our group met at Beef and Brew on Monday
- Northernmost club is near the Arctic Circle with 167 members!
- Seneca Falls club has 60 members and has 100% Paul Harris participation.
 - They are internationally oriented working with schools in Malawi, Africa.
 - Jazz fest is their annual fundraiser
 - They distribute donations to area schools
- Nova Scotia has a large club and meets at 7:30 a.m.
- There are approximately 450,000 members in North America
- Women were finally allowed into Rotary in 1987
 - The first female member in Geneva was Joan Martin in 1988, Martha Wilson in 1989 and Carolyn Antinelli in 1989.
- World Headquarters are in Evanston, IL.

Our second "Circle" to hear from was South America, led by Mary Lawthers.

- The first South American Club was chartered on Feb. 1, 1919 in Montevideo, Uruguay.
- As of 2019 there were a total of 3,711 Rotary clubs in South America
- The group met for wine and cheese at Mary's house and plans to have future get-togethers.

We will hear from other "Social Circles" at future meetings.

**Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Leo**

Interact Meeting Minutes 2/15/21

The meeting started at 2:47 PM by Club President Jenna Kafrawi.

Sign-up for the community lunch program by contacting Susie. People for Thursday are needed. Be there at 9:30!

There is a volunteer opportunity at Geneva Public Library coming up so be aware of more details on that soon. April 23rd is the HWS day of service. We will meet on the quad and go from there. In April, it is confirmed that there will be a bake sale. You can bake something and bring it to the Rotary Meeting.

We are still looking for charities to donate to. You can look on the Charity Navigator website for more ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 PM.

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?***

Stephanie Hesler President	Gerald Forcier President-Elect	Diana Perry Vice President	Ford Weiskittel Secretary	Bob McFadden Club Treasurer	Kelsey Journell Foundation Treasurer
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