



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
July 6, 2022**

Next week: Lynn Freid
from Finger Lakes
Workforce Development

Today's meeting was opened by our new President, Jerry Forcier, with the Pledge of Allegiance and an inspiring invocation quoted from Mother Teresa.

Visiting Rotarian

Norm Lee, Bradenton, Florida

Guests:

Lois Lee (with Norm Lee)
Jamie Mathews (prospective member)
Vivian DiCicca (prospective member)
Rosalie Gabriele, guest of Ken Steadman

Announcements:

- There will be a talk at the Geneva Public Library on July 14 at 4 PM titled "Ithaca, the Biggest Little Movie City" (Peter Einset)
- Jim Dickson is feeling much better since his bout with Covid. He urged everyone to get vaccinated as his ailment was "just a bad cold". He announced that our District Governor, Ralph Brandt, will be attending our August 13 meeting. Also, the District Paul Harris Brunch will be held on Oct. 30 at RIT. Details to follow.
- Susie Flick informed us that Natalie McFadden attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) at FLCC. We are all proud of Natalie's accomplishments.
- Dr. Steadman reminded us that there is still need for placement for an exchange student from Ukraine. The family need not be connected with Rotary.
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Happy/Sad Dollars:

- Ray Ciancaglini had kudos for Neil Sjoblom and Ted Baker for their great work.
- Past President Stephanie Hesler wished Jerry Forcier good luck as President
- Phil Beckley told Dr. Steadman he would have sent his children as exchange students years ago, but it is now out of his hands.
- Norm Lee is glad to be here and celebrating his 90th birthday! (*Happy Belated Birthday, Norm! Great to see you and Lois!*)
- Jim Dickson also had happy dollars for Stephanie's good work as president and wished Jerry good luck as our new president.
- Carol Chester was happy that Mickey Gilbert Schultz celebrated her 4th of July birthday. (*Ed. Note: not sure if I got this right!*)
- Bill McGowan's daughter, Kate, received the Paul Harris Award at the Penn Yan Club annual dinner. That makes Kate a third generation McGowan receiving the award. (*Congratulations, Kate!*)
- John O. had a good time at the district change-over dinner.
- Ken Steadman is proud of his granddaughter who recently graduated from Duke!

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Mary Lawthers shared \$50 (\$25/\$25) with the Foundation

Program

Mike Rusinko and Dick Austin gave an inspiring **4th of July** presentation of "**The Founders and the Declaration of Independence**" as written by our own Paul Kirsch.

As Mike prefaced the presentation, this one is special. After some 20 years of writing our annual tribute to the Declaration of Independence, this is the final chapter in Paul's epic story. He's reaching 92 later this month! To end his series Paul has chosen to present a general history of the Declaration and to recount what happened during the Revolutionary War to those 56 brave Founders, their families and property. Not one of them ever renounced their vote to adopt the Declaration.

(Ed. Note) I did not include the entire presentation in this Wrap-up, but will include the final two paragraphs):

"On July 4, 1776, 56 men voted to create a new nation. It was not to become a European-style monarchy, but a democratic republic founded upon the moral and ethical principles of the Age of Enlightenment, also called the Age of Reason: the existence of self-evident truths and unalienable rights, the inherent equality of all persons, the human goals of life and liberty, the pursuit of happiness, government by the consent of the governed, and laws enacted by popularly elected legislatures."

There is no better way to close than to reword a letter John Adams sent to Abigail on July 3. "The Fourth Day of July 1776 will be the most memorable... in the History of

America... It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires, and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward and forever more.”

Happy 245th birthday United States of America, today and “forever more.”

Future Programs

- 7/13/22 – Lynn Freid from Finger Lakes Workforce Development – Overview of program, insight on COVID impact on labor market/staffing challenges
- 7/20/22 – Marisa Przepiora from Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes – Overview of programs/services
- 7/27/22 – Mary Bakogiannis from the Geneva YMCA – Overview of programming/services, update on building project
- 8/3/22 – Matt Beadle from RealEats – Brief history and info about recent growth and impact on Geneva
- 8/10/22 – April Rowlands from Goodwill of the Finger Lakes – Overview of 2.1.1. program

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Leo

<p>Four way test: “Of the things we think, say or do:”</p> <p><i>1. Is it The Truth?</i> <i>2. Is it Fair to All Concerned?</i> <i>3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?</i> <i>4. Will it be beneficial for All Concerned?</i></p>					
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