



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
Oct. 19, 2022**

Next week:
Dove Block Project

President Jerry led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave an invocation.

Guests

Rosalie Gabriele with Ken Steadman
City of Geneva Fire Chief Del Parrotta
Susie Monaghan, speaker

Announcements

- Dave Cook would like to have a Santa Train Committee meeting next week after our regular meeting. To get a head start the following was discussed:
 - Mike Rusinko has volunteered to be Santa if Dave doesn't get back from his trip on time.
 - John Watson will work with Hotel Exchange to get hot chocolate
 - Need workers
 - Phil Beckley will ask Meredith to lead singing with Interact students
 - Need a volunteer for the concession stand
 - Need someone to handle parking
 - The Smith will handle tickets. Go to their website and click on Santa Train event.
- Mary Lawthers thanked everyone who worked on the garden clean-up at the Lakefront. It was a windy day, but all survived!
- President Jerry thanked Mary for organizing this project!
- Jim Dickson for Bill Flood: Fall Adopt a Highway Clean-Up: Saturday, October 22, 9:30 am, corner Billsboro Road and Rte 14S. Wear gloves and heavy duty boots along with weather appropriate clothing. Good weather is promised!

- Susie Flick: The Library will once again host a Santa event on Saturday, December 10. Plans include:
 - Singalong
 - Geneva Reads
 - Arts and Crafts
 - Meeting with Santa
- Dave Cook reminded everyone of the fundraiser for the Police Department on December 1 at Ventosa. 6:00 p.m. cocktails; 7:00 p.m. dinner. Tickets are available from Ray Ciancaglini or Jim DeVaney.
- Dave also announced there will be a class tonight at Sons of Italy on how to make homemade pasta and meatballs.

Happy Dollars

- President Jerry: the YANKEES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Jim Dickson: Go BLUE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Jim DeVaney had a sad dollar for Notre Dame
- Jamie Matthews visited his son at Catholic University in Washington, DC during Parents' Week-end. *(Ed. Note: I think Jamie said his son won an award, but I failed to get the details – sorry Jamie!)*
- Charlie Wilson's daughter, who was on the Cornell Rowing Team, will be attending the "Head of the Charles" rowing event in Boston.
- Dave Cook's Siri mispronounced Ray's and Susie Monagan's names.
- Ken Steadman, noting that the top of the head loses the most heat in cold weather, came prepared today with his orange hat!
- Mike Rusinko and Carol went to Yosemite in California to officiate at Dick Austin and Ashley Champion's nuptials!! However, driving was a chore. He recommended renting a helicopter next time. In spite of that, they had a wonderful time.
- Ruth Leo enjoyed a 3 day getaway in the Catskills last week. The weather and fall foliage was beautiful except for the continuous rain on the way home!

50/50

Bob Stenzel split \$66/33.00 with the Foundation

Program

Diana Perry introduced **Susie Monaghan, Executive Director of the Smith Center for the Arts.**

Susie was glad to be back since her last visit with us which was during COVID and a difficult time for the Smith. She has been with the Smith for 5 years and faces continuing challenges. Some highlights included:

- The Smith will be celebrating 128 years next week!
- Some recent concerts included Mary Chapin Carpenter and Melissa Etheridge.
- The Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held there recently. She was happy to report that they passed Secret Service inspection!

Continuing challenges:

- Maintaining the building
- Applying for grants
- Replacing the roof
- Replacing the boiler
- Still need qualified people on staff
- People still hesitant to come out because of COVID resulting in lower turnouts at events.

They have a \$500,000 budget with funding from the New York State Council of the Arts. Also positive interaction with other historic theatres in the area.

Future plans:

- New construction for handicapped accessibility (\$300,000 grant) Need to remove some seats and install ramps. Surprisingly, there is no elevator in the building!!!
- Group from France presenting silent films with musical soundtrack
- Program this Friday night with James Carville, Chris Christie and Bill Whitaker (see attached poster)

Susie thanked Rotary for the grant which was used to purchase ticket scanners and invited us to come back for a tour to see the latest improvements to the theatre.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Leo

Future Programs:

10/26/22 – Dove Block Project and Rotary Citations

11/2/22 – Partnership for Ontario County / Epic Zone Geneva – Kelli Gage

11/9/22 – Joint virtual meeting with the Oslo International Rotary Club

October 11 Interact Minutes

This week's meeting was started by Club President Natalie McFadden.

On October 22 (next Saturday) is the Trunk or Treat which begins at 3:30 at the Geneva Public Library. Our theme is decades, you can dress in any decade as a "walk through the years". There will be a tent but dress accordingly for the weather and bring a chair if you don't want to stand.

We also had a special guest, James who discussed the Youth Exchange Program with Rotary. James had the opportunity to participate in this program and go to Slovakia for a year. He discussed the benefits of participating in this program (immersion, developing lifelong relationships, creating memories, and gaining leadership skills). Finally if you are interested in this program the deadline for the application is November 18th, and your send off would be between June to August of 2023. I will share more information regarding the program as soon as possible.

Best,

Mikayla Myer

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?*

Gerald Forcier
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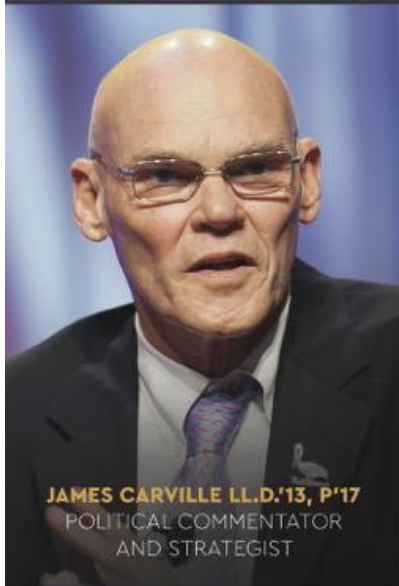
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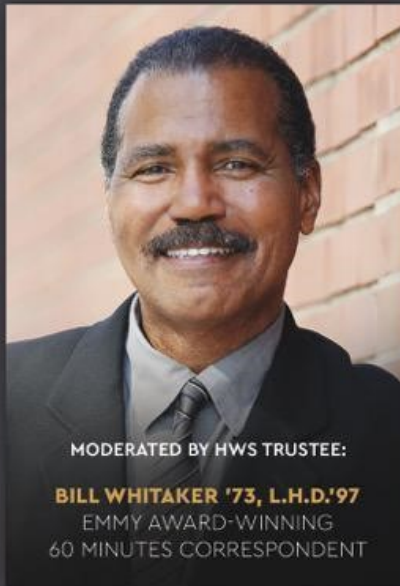
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POLITICAL COMMENTATOR
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60 MINUTES CORRESPONDENT



CHRIS CHRISTIE
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GOVERNOR

A DISCUSSION ON POLITICS,
THE STATE OF PUBLIC DISCOURSE IN THE U.S.,
AND THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

IN HONOR OF HOBART'S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

FRIDAY **7:30 P.M. | THE SMITH OPERA HOUSE***
OCTOBER 21

The event is free and
open to the public.
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**Located at 82 Seneca St., Geneva, N.Y. Attendees with special needs should contact The Smith Opera House in advance at (315) 781-5483 Tues.-Fri. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. or email boxoffice@thesmith.org.*

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