



# **WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP**

## **Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club**

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**Wednesday,  
Nov. 9, 2022**

Next week: Historic  
Geneva / Kerry Lippincott  
– Geneva photo trivia

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

**Guests:** Rosalie Gabriele with Dr. Ken Steadman  
City of Geneva Fire Chief Del Parrotta  
Joanne Bleakley, with Paul Bleakley

### **Announcements**

- President Elect Diana Perry announced the Inaugural HWS Cornhole Tournament to benefit Big Brothers and Big Sisters. December 3, 4-9 p.m. Bristol Field House. Email Lucas Amaral at [lamaral@bbbsr.org](mailto:lamaral@bbbsr.org) for more information.
- Jim DeVaney has tickets for Geneva Police Department Dinner which is almost sold out! December 1 at Ventosa, 6:00 p.m.
- Jim Dickson reminded us of the Santa Train on December 3. He encouraged everyone to get involved as this is good PR for the Club and community involvement. He will make sign-up sheets for any committee chair who needs one.
- President Jerry got an e-mail from Craig Talmadge that Rotoract will work on the Santa Train.

### **Happy Dollars**

- President Jerry: \$20 - just happy to be here and for this beautiful weather
- Neil Sjoblom finally stopped wearing a mask then got COVID! Thankfully, he has tested negative!!
- Jim Devaney: Happy that the Irish beat Clemson!
- Jim Dickson happy for Michigan win, now 9-0. "Go Blue!"

### **50/50**

Diana Perry was this week's winner of \$28.00

## Program

Since the originally scheduled joint meeting with the Oslo International Rotary Club had to be postponed until Spring, President-Elect Diana Perry gave a presentation about Veteran's Day and the history of the poppy.

### **The Poppy Story**

*After World War I, the poppy flourished in Europe. Scientists attributed the growth to soils in France and Belgium becoming enriched with lime from the rubble left by the war. From the dirt and mud grew a beautiful red poppy. The red poppy came to symbolize the blood shed during battle following the publication of the wartime poem "In Flanders Fields." The poem was written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, M.D. while serving on the front lines.*

*On September 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion family to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a national program of The American Legion.*

*Led by the American Legion Auxiliary, each year members of The American Legion Family distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower make a donation to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs.*

*Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world. The American Legion brought National Poppy Day<sup>®</sup> to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day, as National Poppy Day.*

*On May 28, wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform.*

She also read the poem, "In Flanders Fields" to commemorate the day.

Even though May 28 is the official day, Diana distributed poppies, which were donated by AJ Fratto, to the members to wear in remembrance of Veteran's Day.

She asked that all veterans in the room stand up and be recognized. And we did with a round of applause!

Several of our members shared their stories. They are:

- Major General Bruce Tuxill – served in the Air Force 1968-2008. He also had a brother who served.
- Richard Kasulke had several relatives who served in the Armed Forces, and several who are still active.
- Paul Bleakley – father served in WWI, and Paul served in the Air Force 1964-66
- Bill Flood served in the Navy 1966-70

- Jim Dickson also served in the Air Force 1970-72. His job was to keep the servicemen healthy!
- Charlie Bauder served in the Army 1966-69, stationed in Germany
- Bill McGowan's NCO talked him into serving in the Airborne division in 1960.
- Ruth Leo's dad, a member of the "Greatest Generation", served during WWII in the Army Air Corps, in Italy and Morocco.

Richard Kasulke recommended the movie, "All Quiet on the Western Front" which is streaming on Netflix.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Leo

**Future Programs:**

- 11/16/22 Historic Geneva / Kerry Lippincott – Geneva photo trivia
- 11/23/22 FL Community Action/Wayne CAP – Briana Chauncy presenting on the Senior Companion Program
- 11/30/22 Big Brothers Big Sisters / Sara Powers
- 12/7/22 AJ's Brave Hearts / AJ Fratto
- 12/14/22 – TBD
- 12/21/22 St Peter's Arts Academy Chorus

**Interact Minutes**

Next Saturday, the 19th is the Thanksgiving box packing at 10. This is at the Parish Center on Exchange St.

There is also the opportunity to host our own blood drive between December 15th and January 15th. If we want to we need to decide a date.

There is still the opportunity to participate in the teen tech tutor program to help senior citizens navigate technology. Let Susie know if you are interested in participating.

There is also the opportunity to help pass out flyers at the Middle School band concert. More information will follow soon.

In the future, there will be Christmas festivities and there will be more information about those activities coming up soon.

Best, Mikayla Myer

<b>Four way test:</b>					
<b>"Of the things we think, say or do:"</b>					
<b>1. Is it The Truth?</b>					
<b>2. Is it Fair to All Concerned?</b>					
<b>3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?</b>					
<b>4. Will it be beneficial for All Concerned?</b>					
<b>Gerald Forcier</b>	<b>Diana Perry</b>	<b>Jason Haag</b>	<b>Ford Weiskittel</b>	<b>Bob McFadden</b>	<b>Kelsey Journell</b>
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