



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
Jan. 4, 2023**

Next week: Briana
Chauncy on the Senior
Companion Program

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

Visiting Rotarians

Kate Ferguson-Schmidl, Penn Yan

Guests

Rosalie Gabriele with Dr. Ken Steadman
Kathy Fuchs, FLCC and MLK Committee
Cannon Coleman, FLCC

Announcements

- On January 20 the Sons and Daughters of Italy will be hosting a lunch for Armenian student musicians, singers, and dancers. They are traveling from NYC to Buffalo. Another group will be coming in February or March.
- A reminder that Dad's Cans at the Staples Plaza is accepting cans and bottles to benefit Camp Onseyawa. Please specify Camp Onseyawa when you donate.
- Dick Austin has purchased a portable speaker and microphone for the Club (Thank you Dick!).

Happy Dollars

- President Jerry wished everyone a good 2023.
- Jim DeVaney was happy for Notre Dame's win and the girls' basketball team is in fourth place
- Jim Dickson had sad dollars for Michigan's loss.

- Opening a restaurant is not easy. Bill McGowan congratulated Dick Austin for not only opening a new restaurant but doing it with great success
- Stephanie Hesler is an empty nester. One son is studying abroad in New Zealand for the semester and the other has moved to Manhattan.
- Diana Perry just had happy dollars.
- Tamara Carter wished everyone a happy new year and congratulated Dick Austin on the Finger Lakes Times article. She also had a sad dollar for Damar Hamlin
- Rich Kasulke's son is in Buenos Aires taking photos and doing the cinematography for a project.
- Carol Chester had a happy dollar for the woman behind the man – Ashley Austin.

50/50

Phil Beckley shared money with the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund.

Programs

Kathy Fuchs shared information about the annual MLK March and Memorial Service. The MLK Committee was formed in 1972 and they give scholarships to students. In 2022 they gave \$6,000 to six students. This year's march and program will be on Monday, January 16. There will be a march from City Hall to Bicentennial Park. After a short service at the park there will be a program at Mt. Olive Missionary Church. The program will include a performance by the MLK Memorial Choir and Bo Wright will speak. The march starts at 9:30 am and the program at Mt Olive begins at 11 am.

Dave Cook shared photos from his Rotary sponsored trip to Georgia, Armenia, Belarus, and Lithuania. A few facts he shared –

- Georgia had a beautiful countryside while Belarus had beautiful cities and churches.
- Rotary is very active as its basically the only service organization in the region
- Armenia was the first country to adopt Christianity. Churches are in the shape of a cross and tend to be very plain.
- In Armenia last names end in "yan" but last names that end in "ian" are for people that were part of the diaspora and live outside the country.
- Bird letters is a type of calligraphy that turns Armenian letters into art with bird designs
- Fountains were everywhere

What made an impression on Dave was the fact that the Clubs focus on world issues and lifesaving projects. Based on his trip he would like to have a fundraiser to purchase batteries for a children's hospital in Belarus. Due to sanctions, the hospital is reliant on poorly made batteries from China. The funds would be channeled through Rotary's Children's Fund. He would also like our Club to be more involved in Rotary's grant program so we can contribute to global humanitarian efforts. He would like to start with

supporting Belarus refugees in Lithuania. Two years women and children held a peace parade in Minsk. Some were shot and others arrested for participating in the march. Many fled to Lithuania to avoid arrest.

Respectfully Submitted
Kerry Lippincott

Future Programs:

- 1/18/23 – Rochester Task Force for Eclipse 2024, Debra Ross
- 1/25/23 – Geneva City School District, meet new Superintendent Bo Wright as well as several other new members of the admin team
- 2/1/23 – Ashton Place

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?

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