



# **WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP**

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

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**Wednesday,  
Feb. 1, 2023**

Next week: TBA  
Center of Concern

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

### **Guests**

Susan Schermerhorn, Ashton Place, Director of Marketing & Leasing, Clifton Springs  
Rotarian

Kevin Christiano, Executive Director, Ashton Place

Anne Osborne, with Susan Schermerhorn

Frank Capozzi, Executive Director Catholic Charities of the FL, guest of Rich Kasulke

Rosalie Gabriele, with Dr. Ken Steadman

Kate Ferguson -Schmidl, Penn Yan Rotarian and Safe Harbors of the FL Board Member

Kathy Fuchs (who will be inducted today) with sponsor Mary Gearan

### **Announcements**

- Susie Flick: AARP is assisting people at Geneva Public Library with income tax filing but appointments are filling up quickly. If you need one, call ASAP. In addition, there will be another Book Sale at GPL in April as well as another basket raffle. Donations for the book sale begin next week. Proceeds go to the Children's Room. Check Facebook for the basket raffles and specials.
- Dave Cook: training sessions for grants are open to all Rotarians. February 4 and March 11<sup>th</sup> are the next two. Sign up on the district Rotary website.
- President Jerry called for a moment of silence in memory of Dr. Kenneth Carle, a former Rotarian.

## Happy Dollars

- President Jerry started off the \$\$\$
- Susie Flick: happy to return to wellness after a bout with COVID and hospitalization.
- Ted Baker has returned to WGVA!
- Rich and Sally Kasulke are down from umpteen to 10 moving boxes left to unpack in their renovated/rebuilt house.
- Dave Cook happily contributed dollars in honor of seeing Ray Ciancaglini honored by Rotarian Don Alhart on his Channel 13 news “special moment”. Dave is happy to see Anne Osborne here today as well.
- Johnny O paid fines for Ray and anyone else whose photo was in the newspaper.
- Kate Ferguson -Schmidl feels welcomed by our club. She announced an event in support of Safe Harbors of the FL: “Cabin Fever Night Out: on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, from 6-9 PM at Ventosa Vineyard and Winery. This fund raiser will showcase tastings of wine, brews, and spirits from some of the FLX’ finest crafters. Please contact Kate at 585-733-5974 or [Kate@FLXKate.com](mailto:Kate@FLXKate.com) if you are interested in tickets, sponsorships, or providing swag-bag items. There are 5 sponsorship levels, ranging from \$150-\$2,000. Attendees will purchase tickets in advance which will entitle them to a swag bag, a commemorative glass, hors d’oeuvre stations, and a “passport” good for tastings at participating wineries, breweries, or distilleries.
- Mary Gearan is pleased that Kathy Fuchs will (today) join Geneva Rotary!
- Stephanie Hesler announced an event at Smith Opera House on February 25, a dress-up, masked event “A Sparkling Night.” Free the Bubbles! 6-10PM Admission includes wine, live music, and inventive light bites from local purveyors. Price is \$107.35 pp; 315 781-5483 [boxoffice@thesmith.org](mailto:boxoffice@thesmith.org)
- Dick Austin: While watching a scary program on their iPad, Ashley thought she heard a sound of distress coming from outside their house. Investigating, they saw no one but kept hearing noises from somewhere. They soon found that an elderly woman had had an auto accident, had driven part way into their driveway then exited the car in search of help from their house. Unfortunately, she fell on their patio, injuring head and became disoriented. Dick and Ashley found her on the ground behind their house, immediately covered her with blankets while summoning a neighbor who is an EMT and calling 911. She was treated at a local hospital, thanks to Ashley and Richard who may very well have saved her life.
- Carol Chester offered her last \$20: \$19 to honor Ashley and Dick and the rest for an excellent 3 week stay in Florida.

## 50/50

Carol Chester won today! (Good because I was broke!) Her share was \$45.

## **Induction Ceremony**

**Kathy Fuchs**, a Geneva native, was inducted today into Geneva Rotary. Her sponsor, Mary Gearan, shared Kathy's bio with us: Kathy's Grandfather, William Demming, was the mayor of Geneva during the Great Depression. Her Mom worked at the unemployment office in Geneva as well as at the family-owned store, Deming Paint and Hardware. Her Dad was a beloved Geneva Policeman.

Kathy is a graduate of DeSales High School, Finger Lakes Community College, and St. Thomas Villanova/Biscayne in Miami, Florida. She holds a Master's in English Education from SUNY Brockport and has taught English in middle and high schools. Kathy has also taught Spanish K-8 for many years for the Catholic Diocese of Rochester and presently enjoys teaching adults conversational Spanish during the spring and summer months. She currently teaches College English classes at FLCC. Kathy is a recipient of the Martin Luther King Educator Award and was recently nominated for the NYS Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching. She and her husband Geoff have 2 certified pet therapy dogs who enjoy volunteering at various nursing homes, schools and libraries. Her hobbies are singing, reading, bicycling, and she loves working with people! Welcome to Geneva Rotary, Kathy! You are an excellent addition to this club.

## **Program**

Today's program is an overview of **Ashton Place**, a senior living community located in Clifton Springs, New York. **Susan Schermerhorn** spoke about the history and configuration of Ashton Place. Founded in 1998, family owned then and now, 79 apartments, meals, housekeeping, laundry, utilities, 24 hour staff, activities, outings, exercise classes, bingo, independent and assisted living, ageing in place, active adult living, independent living, and enriched (assisted) living, non-medicare supported but long term care insurance may be applicable, veterans VA aid and attendance as well and a new option: Easy Living, which includes utilities and apartment rentals. Our own Paul Kirsch and Bill Buell are/were former residents at Ashton Place.

For more information, contact Susan at 315.462.7056 or

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**Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Chester**

## **Future Programs:**

2/8/23 – Center of Concern / Cheryl Toor – Overview, programs, etc.

2/15/23 – Geneva Fire Department / Del Perrotta – First aid, AED usage, etc.

2/22/23 – City of Geneva / Amy Hendrix (City Manager) & Erica Collins – Meet our new City Manager, what's coming up in Geneva, etc.

4/12/23 – Oslo International Rotary Club – Joint virtual meeting

**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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