

Wednesday WRAP-UP

Rotary



Club of Geneva, New York

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**Wednesday,
Feb. 7, 2024**

Next Week: Valentine's Day
Bake Sale

Dinner Meeting.

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

Guests:

- Joanne Bleakley
- Allison Koczent
- Sally Kasulke
- Dave and Brenda Rickey (thank you for the goodies!)
- Suzanne Pohorence, Principal St. Francis/St. Stephen School - Speaker

Announcements

- Since next week is Ash Wednesday, Dana's will provide a meatless entrée
- Murder Mystery fundraiser is Saturday, March 30, at FLX Live. Buffet dinner - Tickets are \$50 and will go on sale next week. You can sign up to reserve tickets in advance. We also need sponsors!!
- Since the Interact bake sale didn't go as well as planned, Dave Cook suggested that we have another bake sale next week (Valentine's Day) with members bringing the baked goods to be auctioned off. All proceeds will go to Interact. Charlie Bartishevich has already signed up to bring a stuffed bread. The baker with the highest bid on their goods will get a free lunch!
- Stephanie Hesler reminded us of the Film Festival at the Smith this week-end from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- Susie Flick commented that a family came in the Library for the first time looking for help with several programs that the Library provides. The mom needed help writing her resume and got the job she applied for!

Happy Dollars

- President Diana went to the new Rusty Pig location and enjoyed it.
- Gerry Forcier had happy dollars for Susie and the Library

- John Watson just celebrated his 78th birthday and quipped that half of his well-wishes came from Rotarians!
- Dave Cook had happy dollars for the Rickey's who have been supporting us for years, especially the Santa Train. He is also in the process of sending thank-you letters to the sponsors of Santa Train.
- Carol Chester was happy for our evening meeting.
- Stephanie Hesler had happy dollars for our guests and the Rickey's.
- Jim Dickson was happy that the Rickey's escaped from the California weather to be with us.
- Frank Capozzi wondered if anyone heard him when he was on the radio recently. When he went to Empire Coffee, the owner said he heard him and enjoyed it. When Frank asked him if he wanted to join Rotary, the owner answered "absolutely not!" However, he gives leftover donuts to the Community Lunch Program, so Frank was happy for that.
- Bob McFadden had a happy dollar for a GHS student who was mentioned in the Panther's Pride newsletter. The student was an intern at the Credit Union.
- Mike Rusinko: was happy for our evening meetings and was happy to see everyone. He also reminded us that as a former Rotary president, you can fine someone at any given time.
- Scooter Avedisian got after Dave Cook for harassing him. He then paid a fine to his "grandfather" Dave!
- Dave Cook thanked Dana for a wonderful meal tonight!

50/50

Frank Capozzi shared \$94 with the Foundation

PROGRAM

Today's guest speaker was **Suzanne Pohorance, Principal of St. Francis/St. Stephen's School**. Suzanne gave an informative talk on Catholic School education in Geneva. Their mission is:

"To be able to provide school choice and a quality education rooted in mission to families for over a century"

Some highlights:

- Enrollment this year – 111 students
- Middle school grades eliminated (grades 6,7,8)
- Students and families raised \$56,000 in fundraising efforts in 2022-2023 school year
- Hot lunch options return
- Harry J. Touhey Memorial Library opened
- Summer programming (STEM) Camp and Academic Superhero Camp) is planned for students.

- School Mental Health Counselor is hired
- Become a business/corporate sponsor
- Financial assistance for tuition is available

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Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Leo

Future Programs

2/14 – Valentine’s Day Bake Sale

2/1 - Box lunch and tour of The Smith

<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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