

Wednesday WRAP-UP

Rotary



Club of Geneva, New York

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**Wednesday,
March 13, 2024**

Next Week: Dinner Meeting
Member Induction: Art
Equinozzi/presentation by Ellen
Polimini

President Diana led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

She thanked Mary Gearan for the delicious desserts and updated us on Mary Lawthers progress. Mary is thankful for the meals last week, is doing better and cooking on her own again. Her Subaru was totaled but she credits it for saving her life. She is open to visits but please contact her first.

Guests

Rosalie Gabriele with Dr. Ken Steadman and Gareth Evans, today's speaker, from Habitat For Humanity

Announcements

- Jim Dickson: service projects, April 20th, Seneca Lake State Park canal path, sharing clean-up with Waterloo-Seneca Falls Rotary Clubs...half way for the Geneva Club...and on the same day, Flower Garden at the Visitors Center. This is also the Annual Day of Service for HWS students.
- Fund Raising Committee will meet after today's meeting.
- Reminder: Murder Mystery Fund Raiser tickets available now.
- Need for host families for exchange students (the Equinozzi Family has agreed to host but the need is far greater). A minimum of three host families are needed. Our district has 14 outbound exchange students...therefore, 14 inbound.
- Next week's meeting (March 20) will be a DINNER MEETING at 6 pm at Dana's.
- Next SOCIAL will be March 21 at WeBe Brewery on Pre-Emption Road in Geneva. The Waterloo-Seneca Falls Club has been invited to join us. A friendly game of Bingo will be played. "Bar" food is available for purchase.
- Business After Hours will be held today from 4-6 pm
- Pie Raffle today (Dave Cook) proceeds will go to Rendell Belanger-Curren. It's lemon meringue! Next week, it'll be key lime.
- Ashley and Dick Austin announced that Bella's Steak House will be open for four buffet times on Easter Sunday. Times are 11am, 1:30 pm, 4 pm and 6:30 pm. Call for reservations.

- Tamara Carter announced the Geneva High School spring musical is Anything Goes. Thursday through Sunday performances

50/50

Today's winner is Barb Geary! \$42

Pie Raffle

Jim Devaney "won" the lemon meringue pie for \$5 donation. (*Ed. Note: I think it was \$25? – Correct me if I'm wrong!*) Dick Austin added a \$15 donation to the pie fund and Barb Geary added \$5.

Happy Dollars

- Ted Baker: four dollars to mark the anniversary of March 13, 2020, Covid shut down day
- Carol Chester: happy dollars for the Steadman daffodils coming up at the Chester-Rusinko property: a gift from the Steadman property on Hastings Road
- Jason Haag: good luck to HWS Hockey Team, PETS training Saturday, pizza tickets for Scouts, chicken BBQ tickets, corned beef and cabbage dinner Sunday at one of the Fire Houses
- Jerry Forcier: he was sworn in as a lawyer on St. Patrick's Day, 1994!
- Frank Capozzi: Catholic Charities of the FLX received a 2.5 million dollar grant from the NYS guardianship program!
- Dave Cook is really happy about Frank's suit!
- Mary Gearan has happy dollars for the pie donation as well as for Gareth's work with Habitat for Humanity.
- John Watson and Mike Rusinko pooled their happy dollars to ban Dave Cook from the microphone for two weeks!

Program

Gareth Evans spoke to us today about the mission and operation of **Habitat for Humanity**: people coming together, building together, and helping one another. Gareth pointed out some similarities to Rotary: resources, volunteers, and support. He highlighted the Buy a Block program in the city of Rochester which includes 30 houses, the requirements for entrants to be selected for homes, costs, framing frenzies, the Homeward Bound program, the Women Build Teams, the Re-Store in Canandaigua (in need of volunteers), Brews for Builds Passes, and the Newark BOCES program.

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**Respectfully submitted,
Carol Chester**

Future Programs

3/20 - Dinner Meeting – Member Induction Art Equinozzi/Presentation by Ellen Polimini
3/27 – Mark Rokow – Information on a Program
4/3 - Bo Wright – Geneva City School District – School District Budget
4/10 - Bob McFadden – Club Assembly and financial presentation
4/17 – Charlie Bauder – Student Loan Program

Community Service Corner:

- **Community Lunch Program** is looking for volunteers to do another Rotary volunteer powered community lunch located at the *Geneva* Methodist Church at 340 South Main Street. Rich Kasulke is organizing volunteers. Please email rkasulke@rochester.rr.com or call Rich at (315) 408-3217 if you are interested!
- **Volunteer Readers at Head Start** -Would you like to volunteer any Friday to read to young children at Head Start in Geneva? It is the Ready to Read program. If you are interested, email Betsy.Dunham@genevacsd.org to volunteer. There is a monthly signup sheet ([2023-2024 Ready to read- Volunteer reading times - Google Docs](#)) and you can pick the day and timeslot that works for you now through the end of June.
- **Rotary Garden on Sat April 20th** – Volunteers are sought to meet up with HWS students (30th annual HWS Day of Service) at the Geneva Rotary Garden at the lakefront Welcome Center to get it in shape for Spring. Please bring gloves and garden tools! Please email bobbymack315@gmail.com or call Bob McFadden at (315) 719-4348 if you are interested!
- **Bottle & Can Drive** to support Camp ONSEYAWA at Dad's Cans at 311 Hamilton Street in the Town & Country Plaza organized by Linda Equinozzi. Please consider donating your bottles and cans and ask them to put the money towards CAMP ONSEYAWA! Over \$100 was recently donated to Camp ONSEYAWA from our collective efforts. Thank you!
- **Community Service Ideas?**
Please let me know if you have any new ideas for community service!

Interact Minutes

- We need help at the murder mystery dinner with set-up before, pictures during, tickets, raffle tickets, event at 5-5:30 to 9ish on March 30th. Get fancy!! FLX Live, downtown on exchange. Money goes towards community grants. The show starts at six, actors put on a show and we try to solve the murder mystery. Also, there will be food for us!! Sign-up sheets will be here next week!
- For the interactor-led rotary meeting, we are looking at the first week or so of June. At the normal rotary lunch, we will have interactors run the entire meeting, it will be so much fun.
- Career day, April 23rd, Tuesday 9 to 12. We are looking for interactors to run the interact booth. There will also be chances to win scholarships for colleges, as well as games and prizes. The event will be super fun!!
- April 20th, garden clean-up day at the lake. We will also be painting and decorating the little free library box that we run.
- We have been discussing working with Seneca Falls Rotary, to clean up the canal on Earth Day.
- Remember to always recruit new members!!! Don't forget about Rotary's INTEREST-FREE student loan program!!!!
- We are always looking for exchange student housing volunteers!

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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