

Wednesday WRAP-UP

Rotary



Club of Geneva, New York

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**Wednesday,
March 20, 2024**

Next Week:
Mark Rokow

Evening Dinner Meeting at Dana's Time Out, 6 PM
President Diana led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave an invocation.

Guests

Dr. Arthur Equinozzi, inductee, sponsored by Rotarian Linda Equinozzi
Harriot Weiskittel
Joanne Bleakley
Linda Beckley
Steve Hesler
Ellen Polimeni and Meg Reed, presenters, Neighbor to Neighbor Fund
Rendell Belander-Curren
Julie, Guest of Gary Eidlin

Induction Ceremony

Art Equinozzi has practiced medicine in Geneva for nearly 23 years. He and Linda, married for 34 years, have three children and three grandchildren. (Many of us know of Kate, their youngest child) Linda noticed that Art's participation in the Camp Onseyawa Carnival would make him a good Rotarian! Since we have monthly evening meetings, Art has been able to attend some and to witness the way we conduct Geneva Rotary. He has also ridden the Santa Train with his youngest grandchildren. Art is known in his family as an ace handyman! He is good at electrical work, plumbing, and car and machine repair. He has some pretty fancy culinary skills as well, with crème brulee and pasta being his specialties. Art enjoys fishing and is thinking about cutting back in his practice somewhat in retirement, but certainly not entirely. Welcome, Art Equinozzi!

Announcements

- Tamara Carter: Geneva Rotary now has an Instagram account. Check it out!
- Our monthly social is TONIGHT, March 21, at WeBe Brewing at 6 PM.
- Tickets to **the Murder Mystery Dinner and Show**, March 30, are still available online and at the sign-in table at \$50 pp
- Host families are needed for the exchange student program. Please spread the word in the community and among your friends and relatives.

- Sign up for the Community Lunch Program to help on the first and third Thursdays of April. Contact Rich Kasulke for more info. Time commitment is 9 AM to 12:30 PM
- Dave Cook auctioned off a **key lime pie** today to benefit Rendell Belanger-Curren's exchange year in Finland. Money raised will help Rendell take side trips to Stockholm, Lapland, and to several eastern European countries. I calculated approximately \$145 dollars raised today to help the cause: \$60 (Ford) for the pie, \$20 from Diana, \$30 from Gary's Guest Julie, \$10 from Carol Chester, \$20 from Dave, and \$5 from Scooter Avedisian. There will be a spaghetti dinner and a pancake breakfast in the future to add money to her account.
- Charlie Bartishevich has promised to make his famous sausage bread to raffle next week!

50/50

Carol Chester shared \$60 with the club.

Happy Dollars

- Dave Cook praised Diana Perry for an awesome job being President thus far.
- Stephanie Hesler welcomed Art Equinozzi to our club!
- Rich Kasulke had happy dollars for a recent event....my apologies, Rich. I didn't get enough of the details to report.

Program

Neighbor-to-Neighbor (N2N) began as a grass roots way to help people in need in 2019-2020. **Ellen Polimeni**, a Canandaigua Rotarian, and **Meg Reed** gave us an overview of the way this can help those in need in Ontario County, with an eye towards applying for a grant from our club in the future. Anyone in need can apply for relief for unexpected expenses that threaten to destabilize their lives, such as evictions, medical expenses not covered by insurance, safe shelter from domestic violence, and more. They began with generous donors in 2020 and awarded one-time grants up to \$1000 to families in Ontario County. They remain a reliable source for emergency assistance to this day. In less than four years, they have raised \$494,318 and provided \$433,453 in assistance in crisis situations. Grants awarded include those for housing, utilities, transportation, medical and health needs, and miscellaneous needs. They pointed out the Geneva has been the largest recipient of funds in 2023, with 55 grants awarded here and 83 awarded in Canandaigua. They serve Bloomfield/East Bloomfield, Clifton Springs/Phelps, Farmington, Honeoye/Richmond, Manchester/Shortsville, Naples, Stanley/Seneca and Victor as well. They list several partner agencies, such as the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Charities and others.

Contact info:

Neighbor To Neighbor Fund
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Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424
Neighbortoneighborfund.org

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Chester

Future Programs

- 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:

- **Murder Mystery Dinner volunteers**(Sat March 30th) are being sought for a variety of tasks to help out the night of the murder mystery dinner. Please reach out to President Diana so we can spread the work out for this important fundraising event. Lots of hands makes light work!
- **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 or Cayuga-Seneca Canal Trail clean up 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. We also will be doing a trail clean up along the Cayuga-Seneca Canal Trail. Both projects are from 9am to noon. Please sign up here if you are interested in either project <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D44ADAA29A5FB6-48573005-rotary>
- **Save the Date: Sat May 18th**(Weekend after Mother's Day) will be the next roadside clean-up morning. More details to follow!
- **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!

Interact Minutes 3/19

- 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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