

# Wednesday WRAP-UP

# Rotary



Club of Geneva, New York

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**Wednesday,  
March 27, 2024**

Next Week: Bo Wright  
Geneva City Schools Budget

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

## **Guests**

RosalieGabriele with Dr. Ken Steadman  
Mark Rokow, speaker  
Barbara Rokow  
Daniel Chacchia, guest of Charlie Bartishevich

## **March Birthdays**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY March Rotarians!!

Jim Adams  
Jim Gerling  
Danielle Hagerman  
James Matthews  
Brian Mook  
Ann Osborne

## **Announcements**

- Our Murder Mystery Fundraiser is Saturday. 15 tickets are left and tickets can be purchased [here](#). Volunteers are still needed.
- The Smith has a variety of eclipse merchandise for sale and a variety of events planned for the eclipse weekend. For more information, <https://thesmith.org/>
- The Library has a variety of children's programs planned for Spring Break. The Little Pantry needs personal care items (shampoo, deodorant, razors, etc.) and men's socks. Eclipse glasses are also available for free.

## Happy Dollars

- President Diana can't thank everyone enough for their help and support for Saturday's event. It will be a fantastic event.
- Jerry Forcier has a new office on Exchange Street. He also listened to Ted Baker announce the Hobart hockey game and he did a phenomenal job.
- Ted Baker has announced two consecutive Hobart hockey championships. He also got to spend time with his son visiting military sites around Hartford Connecticut before the game. It has become a tradition for Tom Burrall to give him hot chocolate during hockey games. Ted has the cups from this year's and last year's championships. He has them arranged like a trophy and has room for a third cup for the next championship.
- Ruthie Leo has not had a good week. She might have to get a pacemaker. Her credit card account was hacked but everything has been resolved. Her Amazon account was also hacked and she's still working on resolving that. *(Ed.note: Resolved!)* Delta changed her flight to North Carolina to 6 am with a long layover but she was able to change her flight. The movie theater is closing. Her thoughts are with the people of Baltimore.
- Mary Gearan had happy dollars for the Hobart hockey team and Ted's amazing job at announcing the game. She's also happy to see Mark Rokow.
- Jim Devaney watched the Hobart Hockey game on TV. He has heard from Dave Cook. He has made it to Spain and has gone to a bull fight and a concert.
- Mike Rusinko sympathized with Ruthie. He praised Ted Baker for supporting the local community and being a talented radio personality.
- Barbara Rokow thanked Rotary for all that we did for her sons, Mark and Alex. The Club makes an impact on younger people and its very much appreciated.
- Stephanie Hesler said Ted Baker is amazing and it's great to see Mark Rokow. He was the first friend her son made when they moved to Geneva.

Charlie Bartishevich auctioned a half and full loaves of his sausage bread. It's a family tradition to make the bread at Easter. Mary Gearan won the full loaf and President Diana the half loaf. Proceeds benefit Rendell Belanger-Curran.

## 50/50:

Stephanie Hesler shared \$59 with the Foundation.

## Program

**Mark Rokow** talked about Genevan of Change Scholarship. He has established a non-for-profit to fund scholarships for Geneva High School seniors. Applications will be sent to the board. A committee made up of staff and faculty at Geneva High School will review the applications and select the scholarship recipients.

The organization has created an endowment and income from the endowment will fund the scholarship. To start 5% of the income will go toward scholarships. Current funds on hand are \$10,000 and the first scholarship will be \$500. Overall goal, this is a scholarship fund for the community funded by the community. The first scholarship will be given in 2025 and potential recipients must attend all four years at Geneva High School. For more information go to <https://genevanofchange.com/>.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Kerry Lippincott**

### **Future Programs**

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  
4/24 – Evening Meeting – program TBA

### **Community Service Corner:**

- **Murder Mystery Dinner volunteers**(Sat March 30<sup>th</sup>) 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup>** – Volunteers are sought to meet up with HWS students (30<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>**(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 3/26**

- 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!! Link to sign up:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Oh2hJTXjvswrSDQM-1J1Wh5Gxi9mxiAR/edit?usp=drivesdk&oid=114942899067773873094&rtpof=true&sd=true>
- April 20th, garden clean-up day at the lake. We will also be painting and decorating the little free library box that we run. Anyone under 18 will need a permission slip to sign-up.

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<b>Four way test:</b>				
<b>"Of the things we think, say or do:"</b>				
<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>				
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