

Wednesday WRAP-UP

Rotary



Club of Geneva, New York

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**Wednesday,
April 3, 2024**

Next Week: - Bob
McFadden – Club
Assembly and financial
presentation

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

Guests

Rosalie Gabriele with Dr. Ken Steadman

Patty Ciancaglini, with Ray

Bo Wright, Jesse Lambert, John Gonzalez, and Steve Kruger, Geneva School District

Announcements

- Thank you to Mary Gearan for the delicious brownies and to Rosalie and Dr. Steadman for additional desserts.
- Welcome back Rotarian Peter Einset!
- Rich Kasulke: next dates to help with the community lunch program: April 11 and 15. Sign up next week
- Phil Beckley: the annual Rotary election will take place the last Wednesday of this month: Vice President and two board members
- Susie Flick: the Geneva Public Library book sale begins tomorrow, April 4, at 9 am. There will be a speaker (unrelated topic) at 6 pm tomorrow as well.
- Bob Stenzel's daughter Kelly and her husband enrolled in a self-defense course (Christmas gifts). There were 11 in the class, with 7 being Russians.

*****A sad announcement from Jim Devaney: Rotarian Mary Lawthers passed away last night. Please contact Devaney-Bennett Funeral Home for Mary's service information. Among the many Rotarians who offered sad dollars for Mary: Gerry Forcier, Susie Flick, Mary Gearan, Rich Kasulke, Linda Sutherland, Tamara Carter, Carol Chester, Mike Rusinko, and Diana Perry. (Ed. Note) Mary Lawthers funeral will be at 11 a.m. on Friday April 12, 2024 at the Zion Lutheran Church Snell Rd. The Rev. Cameron Miller will officiate. Contributions in her memory may be made to Historic Geneva, Geneva Library or to Trinity Place.**

Happy Dollars

- Diana Perry: The successful Mystery Theater Dinner, and a tour of Gerry Forcier's new office location
- Gerry Forcier: his partner's relative is a professional photographer who will be involved with photographs of the eclipse
- Mary Gearan: the auctioned-off special Easter bread (Charlie Bartishevich) was a big success with the student guests at the President's house.
- Rich Kasulke, having just returned from a Rotary program trip to Spain, met a former exchange student who had once been placed in Canandaigua
- Susie Flick thanked Diana for the successful Mystery Theater Event which was a sell-out crowd. The performance was fun! and the buffet from Dana's Time Out was delicious!
- Mike Rusinko: one of his articles about the solar eclipse will be printed in this Saturday's edition of the Finger Lakes Times.
- Carol Chester also enjoyed the Mystery Theater. She was happy to have Bo Wright with us today and to have watched Caitlin Clark's most recent (basketball) win against LSU.
- Ray Ciancaglini is thankful for all the help offered for the career day he has been working to organize. It will take place April 23 at the Geneva Rec Complex from 9:30 am until 1 pm. Twenty-two high schools will be represented with 70 venues to explore. Ray thanked Rotarian Frank Capozzi for his organizational assistance, the Geneva Fire Department (they will grill hot dogs and serve pizza), Tommy's Tents, and the City of Geneva...all for their help in organizing this event.
Ray also commended Bo Wright on the progress his team is making for the school district.
- Bo Wright offered a happy dollar for the opportunity to speak to us today and to have lunch outside the school cafeteria.

50/50

Carol Chester shared \$52 with the Foundation.

PROGRAM

Today we welcomed Geneva native **Bo Wright, Superintendent of Schools**. John Gonzales, Assistant Superintendent of teaching, learning, and accountability, Steve Kruger, Assistant Superintendent for administrative services, and Jesse Lambert, Assistant Superintendent of business and finance. They presented an outline of the district's mission which is, in essence, to produce graduates who will lead lives of consequence. They outlined some of the effective additions (patriot officers) and changes they have made to the learning environment to ensure that it is safe, inclusive, equitable, and positive.

- Improving security in the school buildings is a priority, including additional cameras, a digitized PA system, and digital signage.
- They emphasized using the “Corrective Approach” to open lines of communication, adding more training for all administration and staff in “restorative practices ” used to build relationships with students.
- The district is building bridges with area colleges to bring in teachers and anticipates filling 30 positions in the near future. They are pleased that two contracts, CSEA and ADMIN, have already been settled.
- Bo announced to us today that the district has been awarded an Early College High School Grant which will partner the district with area colleges and industries, garnering college credit in high school and on the job skills. The long-term goal will be to earn an associates degree in high school.
- The district’s goal is to increase the graduation rate to 85% this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chester

Future Programs

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:

- **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!

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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