

Wednesday WRAP-UP

Rotary



Club of Geneva, New York

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**Wednesday,
April 17, 2024**

Next Week: - Evening
meeting with Interactors
running the meeting.

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

Guests

Rosalie Gabriele with Dr. Ken Steadman

Announcements

- There are several volunteer opportunities -
 - The Family Counseling Center needs help moving a client. On Tuesday several Club members helped with the move and more items will be moved on Thursday. Jim Dickson offered his trailer if needed.
 - Habitat for Humanity's Framing Frenzy is June 22 in the Palmyra-Macedon area. Two members from each club in the district can participate.
 - Saturday is clean up for our Welcome Center garden and canal trail. If working in the garden, bring gloves and trimmers. For the trail bring gloves and wear clothing you don't mind getting wet. A chainsaw is also needed for the canal trail clean-up.
 - Another notetaker is needed to help with the Weekly Wrap-up.
- The golf tournament for Camp Onseyawa is June 8 at Silver Creek. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Next Wednesday is the dinner meeting at Dana's at 6 pm and the Interactors will be running the meeting.
- This month's club social is trivia at the American Legion on April 25 at 6:30 pm.
- The Youth Exchange is in dire need of host families. Six students need host families and if hosts can't be found these exchanges will be canceled. The City has created a flyer for the Youth Exchange. Tamara Carter has shared it on social media and please share it.
- On April 23 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm the Club will be sharing a table with Interact at Ray Ciancaglini's Finger Lakes Career Day. The event is being held at the Recreation Complex.

- The Paul Harris Committee will be meeting today after lunch.
- One more person is needed to help with the Community Lunch next week. Contact Rich Kasulke if you are available.
- Rich also presented the Club with two banners he received during his trip to Spain. The banners are from the Port of Valencia and Central Valencia.
- The FLX Golf Tournament is on May 22.
- The Club is seeking applications for grants from local organizations and agencies. The deadline is May 10. Click [here](#) for more information or the grant application.

Happy Dollars

- President Diana is happy to see Bill McGowan.
- Kathy Fuchs tried to attend meetings while down South but one was at 7:30 am. She recently lost her mentor Vi Venuti and friend Bill Dwyer. In memory of Vi, Bill and Mary Lawthers she recited “Nothing Gold Can Stay” by Robert Frost.

*Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.*

She's also happy to be back.

- Dave Cook is headed to North Carolina and John Watson is riding with him.
- John Watson is happy to see his son in North Carolina but is sad he won't be in Geneva for a few days and for traveling with Dave.
- Jim DeVaney was honored by the Sons of Italy on Saturday with the Amici Award.
- Jason Haag had a condolence dollar for John Watson and another dollar for Dave Cook driving John to North Carolina. He also had a sad dollar for saying no to VIP tickets at a Yankee's game.
- Bruce Tuxill has been busy with his granddaughter who has been competing in gymnastics. It has been amazing watching her grow and excel.
- Paul Bleakley was last week's pie winner. The lemon meringue pie made his wife happier than on her wedding day and they devoured the pie in three days without any help.

50/50:

Jim DeVaney shared \$76 with the Foundation.

Guest Pie Maker and Auction

Linda Sutherland was the guest pie maker. She made Cherry Junk (a cherry cheesecake). It's her mother's recipe and Linda makes it for every major holiday. President Diana won the cheesecake. Proceeds benefit Rendell Belanger-Curran. To date \$575 has been raised to cover Rendell's side trips that Rotary is sponsoring for the youth exchange.

Program

Charlie Bauder shared information about the Student Loan Program

- Along with Charlie the committee includes Jerry Forcier, John Watson, Dave Cook, Susie Flick, and Bob McFadden
- The program is the Club's oldest community service program. It started in 1923.
- It was established to provide interest-free loans to seniors at Geneva and DeSales High Schools.
- In the 1980s a donation of \$70,000 came from the estate of Judge Nathan Laphman and in the 1990s Michael Michaels donated \$10,000. Both men received loans through the program. Mickey Peters also oversaw the program's investment portfolio. Through these gifts and investments, the loan fund has grown.
- Over the past 30 years 680 loans have been awarded (totaling \$726,400) and the investment portfolio has grown from \$94,170 to \$345,452. At the end of 2023 the outstanding loan balance was \$200,725.
- Currently there are 41 people in repayment and 26 borrowers still in school.
- Under the program Geneva High seniors can borrow up to \$1,500 per year interest free while working towards a two- or four-year degree. If the student attends graduate school the loan repayment is deferred until they finish graduate school.
- Repayment begins three months after graduation with a minimum payment of \$100 a month.
- The program also honors two outstanding Geneva High Seniors with a Service Above Self Award of \$1,000. This year the name of the award has changed to The Geneva Rotary Club Paul E. Kirsch Memorial Award for Service Above Self and The Geneva Rotary Club Mary Luckern Memorial Award for Service Above Self. Over thirty years 94 Geneva and De Sales High School students have been recognized with this award.
- Loan requirements – be a graduate of Geneva High School who is attending a 2 or 4 year college
- The check goes directly to the student not to the school. The committee found out that when the check went directly to the school the student's financial package was reduced.

- The busiest time for the committee is May to June.
- Over 101 years only a half a dozen loans have been written off.
- There is no limit to the number of loans that can be given.
- There has been a decline in applicants. Word needs to get out to the parents about the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Lippincott

Future Programs

4/24 – Evening Meeting – Conducted by Interactors

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!

Interact Notes

- Next week on Wednesday, Interact will be running the Rotary evening meeting. The meeting starts at 6 pm at Dana's Time Out. We will plan the meeting in depth at next Tuesday's after-school meeting. The Rotary meeting will go something like this; pledge, dinner prayer, introduce ourselves, collect fines and happy dollars, 50/50, and then speak about what the Interact has done.
- On June 14th we are having a fundraiser dinner for Rendall's study abroad program at the Sons of Italy. We will waitresses and people to collect raffle tickets, etc. We have already raised \$500 in pies.
- This Saturday 4/20 at 9:00 am is the canal clean-up, many hands make light work! Meet at the Welcome Center.
- We need more Interactors for next year. Most of our club is graduating this year so please spread the word and bring all your friends.

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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