

# Wednesday WRAP-UP

# Rotary



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**Wednesday,  
May 22, 2024**

Next Week: - TBA

President Diana opened the meeting today with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an appropriate invocation for Memorial Day

### Guests:

Dave and Brenda Rickey  
Rosalie Gabriele.  
Barb Warner Dean  
Linda Beckley

### Special Birthday Celebration

We celebrated Dr. Ken Steadman's 87<sup>th</sup> birthday in song and cake! Happy Birthday Ken – and wishing you many many more!!

### Announcements:

- Jim Dickson thanked everyone who participated in Adopt-a-Highway.
- Jim also received an e-mail from District Governor Julie Carney informing us that Rotarian Drew Kessler, his wife, Vicki and boys were on the Singapore Airlines flight that experienced severe turbulence traveling from London to Singapore. Both of them suffered significant injuries (broken back and broken neck) but are being hospitalized in Bangkok. Their boys were not seriously injured. We wish them well for a complete recovery!
- The next evening meeting is next week, May 29, 6:00 p.m. at Dana's.
- The Musselman event is coming up soon. If anyone is interested in participating let President Diana know.
- Rotarian Don Alhart's retirement party will be held on June 7, 6:00 p.m. \$50 per person. *(Sorry, I didn't get the location!)*
- Fundraiser (concession stand) at Muranda Cheese on June 29<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers!
- Geneva Reads also needs volunteers. Let Diana know if you can help
- Dave Cook: Friday, June 14, 5 PM: dinner at Sons of Italy to benefit Rendell to help her with expenditures for her Rotary Exchange year in Finland. \$10 children and \$15 adults. Entrée will be Pork Schnitzel with sides.
- Stephanie Hesler: Gaelic Storm performance at the Smith on June 7. They were the music group that performed in the movie, "Titanic".

- Linda Sutherland placed mulch in the gardens at the Welcome Center with help from Rich Kasulke and Bob McFadden.

### **Happy Dollars:**

- President Diana was happy for her daughter Nora's first dance recital. She also thanked Dave Cook for helping her dad put up a gazebo in their back yard.
- Susie Flick was happy the school budget passed for the library.
- Paul Bleakley is very proud of three grandchildren who graduated from college.
- Dave Cook was thankful to Jim DeVaney for giving him a ride to the meeting since his car broke down right after picking it up at the repair shop! Needless to say, the car is back in the repair shop!
- Rich Kasulke is proud of his three grandsons who all play hockey in Olympia, WA. They are on a select "All stars" team and the 8 year old won a tournament!
- In honor of Memorial Day, Jim Dickson recognized our three veterans who were present today – Paul Bleakley, Ken Steadman and himself. *(Thank you all for your Service!)*
- Mary Gearan welcomed Dave and Brenda Rickey and Susie Wertman on her return from Florida.
- Chris Lavin thanked the Rickeys for being here. He noted that since he received a degree from HWS a few years ago, he was proud to "walk" during this year's commencement ceremony with his former professor, Jack Harris.
- Chris also shared that his sister, Christine Lavin, who is a well-known musician, got a phone call to play at a birthday party for a wealthy individual in Rhodes, Greece – to the tune of \$10,000! Christine was happy to accept, but told the individual that she was planning a trip to Ireland, so he offered to pay for her trip there as well and for her "assistant" our own Chris Lavin!!
- Kathy Fuchs was happy for FLCC graduation and that she won at pickleball today!
- Susie Wertman is happy to be back from Florida.
- Stephanie Hesler had a great time visiting her son in New York City last week-end.
- After enduring seven seasons of lacrosse with his kids, Frank Capozzi's daughter suffered what they thought was a concussion for the first time. Turned out it was just dehydration and she's fine! He thanked Jason Haag for the "diagnosis" telling her to drink lots of water. Frank also noted how impressive it was that Jason coached seven lacrosse games in a row!
- Brenda Rickey had a happy dollar for our Rotary Club and what we contribute to the community.
- Ruth Leo is happy that she's doing well after her pacemaker implant and looking forward to her follow-up appointment tomorrow. *(Note: all went well – no restrictions!)*
- Ruthie is also proud of her niece, Charlie, who will be going to the Bahamas with her Romulus HS science club to do a research project. *(Much to my dismay I was told that no chaperones are needed!)*

### **50/50**

Jerry Forcier is today's winner sharing \$42/\$21 with the Foundation.

## **Baked Goods Auction**

Dave Cook auctioned off two more pies. President Diana was the “guest baker” this week, offering an apple pie with caramel topping. (won by Dave Cook) The other pie, baked by Dave, was a dark black chocolate cream pie with graham cracker crust. (Won by Jim DeVaney)

\$1,321 has been raised so far for Rendell. *(Not sure if this number is correct - other donations came in as well!)* We need a total of \$3,000 for her trip!

As an aside, Dave mentioned that Susie and Tamara had a good turnout for Interact recruitment. Mostly middle schoolers – which means they will be around for awhile (hopefully!)

## **Today's program**

**Frank Capozzi** (and **Ray Ciancaglini** in absentia!) gave us an update on Career Day

After sitting together at Rotary, Ray and Frank connected and began working on this event. Over 6 months of effort with a large team made this event a success.

Over 600 participants on Career Day, 20 Schools (Public Schools, Homeschool Cohort and Charter Schools from Rochester) sent students, Over 60 Careers and Colleges represented as well as service organizations and the Military. The Goal of Career day was to give students opportunities for meaningful connections to help guide their next steps in life. Career Day returns in 2025!

Following Career Day, Ray has been fundraising for the Brain Injury Association, will be participating in a CTE Research Study at Boston University (his fourth), he is serving as the Character Coach for the South Seneca/Romulus Football Team and will be presenting awards to 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and Seniors in Romulus and Geneva who are selected as Positive Role Model.

Frank shared that Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes is busy preparing for the Sharing the Light Dinner on June 17<sup>th</sup> honoring Mary Achilles, Brian Muldrow, Bob Shick, Sister Kay Schwenzer, Steve Venuti and Stacy and Christ Wyant.

The Community Lunch Program is preparing for the Summer and is anticipating the installation of new equipment.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Ruth Leo**

## **Future Programs**

5/29 – TBA

**Community Service Corner:**

- **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.
- **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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