

# Wednesday WRAP-UP

# Rotary



Club of Geneva, New York

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**Wednesday,  
August 28, 2024**

Next week  
John Kenny – Canalside  
Experiences.

President Jason Haag led the Pledge and gave an invocation.

### Guests:

Norm Lee, visiting Rotarian from Florida  
Emily DeBolt and Mark Gibson, presenters, Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association  
Scout, visitor from Interact  
Elizabeth Lincourt, Guest of Susie Flick

### August Birthdays:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY August Rotarians!!

Gary Eidlin  
Stephanie Hesler  
Bill McGowan  
Craig Talmage  
Charlie Wilson

### Announcements:

- Thanks to Mary Gearan for dropping by early with her very close to famous blond brownies!
- Jason Haag: Thanks to all who attended and helped with the annual picnic at Seneca Lake Yacht Club, especially to Diana Perry and Dave Cook; Golf Tourney is September 13<sup>th</sup>: 2 more teams are needed ASAP! Our September social will be marked at dinner following the golf tournament. If you would like to attend the dinner, it's \$25 a la carte
- Dave Cook: an important announcement that this will likely be the last year for Santa Train since Mike Smith has stepped down from his role as a managing partner at FLRW, being replaced by a partner from Connecticut who has extensive background in the insurance business. Dave strongly suggested a write-in campaign, via email, to [JoannArmstrong@FingerLakesRailways.com](mailto:JoannArmstrong@FingerLakesRailways.com) on behalf of what wonderful things have come to Geneva and the area because of

the money raised from sponsorships and donations to Santa Train. More than 15k dollars in grant money stays in the FLX to help kids and their families through various grant recipients. Make it quick!

- Tamara Carter: an email from Rendell, Rotary exchange student in Finland: she loves her host family and has been attending classes as well as hiking. She is very appreciative of our help to make this happen.
- Bob McFadden: The next opportunity for service for our club will be announced very soon: assembling picnic tables for camp Onseyawa. Stay tuned! \*\*A fund raiser opportunity for our club will soon be realized by parking cars in the CNB lot near the field house at HWS! Short, sweet, lucrative! Volunteers??
- Johnny O: presented Diana Perry with a President's citation for team effort.
- Susie Flick: Interact member Scout will soon leave for college. She received a Mary Luckern scholarship. \*\* The Geneva Library Santa Event will be December 14. See Susie to volunteer.
- Linda Sutherland: 15 freshmen and upper class members helped to weed and clean up the Rotary Garden at the lakefront. A new sign in memory of Mary Lawthers has been placed. \*\*The next opportunity for service will be October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Jim Dickson: Dr. Ken Steadman has been hospitalized in Buffalo and is on the mend, planning to attend a Geneva Rotary meeting soon!

### **Happy Dollars:**

- For the Annual Picnic: Diana Perry, Ted Baker, Linda Sutherland, and regrets from Mary Sue Dehn whose son was home from Italy last week.
- Ted Baker has started his 47<sup>th</sup> season announcing play by play. He recently interviewed Eric Bloom, Class of '67.
- Susie Flick: Her guest today is Elizabeth Lincourt, a new Geneva resident. They met at the BYOB Book Club which meets at Empire Coffee & Donuts. Susie expressed her regrets that the benches at the library had to be removed due to the increased drug activity and violence. She recently lost a friend but was soothed by the funeral which took place at the library.
- Diana Perry and her daughter, who "escaped" daycare a bit early, enjoyed a visit to Spotted Duck Creamery in Dresden. She has since found it necessary to just say no to President Jason's fitness journey. LOL
- Jim Dickson: Mary Gearan dropped by before the meeting with \$\$\$\$ happies in honor of Kathy Fuchs who has been named to a full-time position at FLCC! Congrats!
- Ruth Leo: offered a sad dollar for Russell Pullano, who passed away last week, but had a smile to receive a phone call from Russell's brother, Frank, who lives in Hawaii, saw her note of condolences on Facebook, and tracked her down. Ruth babysat for the Pullano kids back in the day and hadn't seen Frank since he was 8 years old! She reminded us that you never know how you can impact someone's life!
- Mary Due Dehn regretted missing the picnic but enjoyed a visit from her son and his girlfriend who has a connection to Rotary, having spent a year in Japan.

- Norm Lee recently lost a good friend...sad \$
- Stephanie Hesler has completed 4 weeks at her new job at the Boys and Girls Club and loves it! "wonderfully insane" is her description so far... She thanked Bob Mc Fadden and Finger Lakes Federal Credit Union for their part in a recent \$10k donation.
- Linda Sutherland "survived" ten days with her two grandkids, ages 2 and 4. She was happy to host her son and his girlfriend at the annual picnic too. They were visiting from Hawaii and will soon attend a wedding in Greece.
- Charlie Wilson recently returned from a 15-day trip to England, Scotland and Ireland, particularly liking Ireland. He was sad for the death of Russell Pullano, his former neighbor.
- Neil Sjoblom has signed on to play in the Rotary Golf Tournament! It's been 20 years but hey, bogies have memory. Practice your chip shot, Neil.
- Jason Haag's son will have his cast removed Friday! Jason and Jamie are celebrating their 14<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**50/50:** Ruth Leo is the winner today, sharing \$44 with the foundation.

**Program:**

Vice President Kerry Lippincott introduced **Emily DeBolt**, Director at **Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association** (as of December) and **Mark Gibson**, a member of the Board of Directors. Emily thanked Geneva Rotary for the recent grant they received and invited us to attend the 2024 annual meeting at Climbing Bines Hop Farm & Brewery, 511 Hanson Point, Penn Yan, September 12 from 5 pm-7:30 pm. Volunteers will be recognized at this meeting. Emily presented a lively and informative program, full of facts and figures as well as enthusiasm. One remarkable take away: it takes all of 20 years to flush out Seneca Lake! Recent storm events, proof of climate change, are high on the list of issues at SLPWA. Some of the threats to the lake, and its 42 trillion gallons, are algae blooms, invasive species, pollutants and sediments. She explained the significance of the Water Shed signs seen around the lake areas. Emily is in contact with the elementary schools in our area as well to start some programs introducing kids to the lake and all its issues and components. She distributed the 2024 Summer Guide and Business Directory from SLPWA.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Chester**

## Future Programs

9/ 4 – John Kenny with Canalside Experiences

9/11 – Donna Crouse and Liz Searle with Literacy Volunteers of Ontario Yates

9/18 – Matt Venuti – Musical Instrument Demonstrations

9/25 – Tom Millington with Abroadia (dinner meeting)

10/2 – Bryan Mueke with Camp Whitman

10/9 – DG Dave DeMers

## Important Upcoming Dates:

- **Fri. Sep 6<sup>th</sup>: (See details below) New Fundraising Opportunity**
- **Fri. Sep 13<sup>th</sup>:** Geneva Rotary Golf Tourney at Big Oak
- **Sat. Sep 21<sup>th</sup>: CNB Parking Lot (11:30 to 1:30) Fundraising Opportunity**
- **Sat. Sep 28<sup>th</sup>:** District Literacy Seminar 9am at Clifton Springs Hospital (see District 7120 Grapevine page 8 for more information)
- **Sat. Oct 5<sup>th</sup>: CNB Parking Lot (11:30 to 1:30) Fundraising Opportunity**

## Community Service Corner:

### **New Fundraising Project Alert: Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> (4:45-7:15 PM)**

Geneva Rotary will be selling parking spaces of Canandaigua National Bank's Geneva office during Hobart Football & Lacrosse events at Boswell Field. Money raised will help support at Geneva Rotary's projects and year end donations. Geneva Rotary volunteers will man the parking lot and sell parking spaces from the time the bank closes until shortly after the start of the football game. We are going to give this a try for 2024-2025 and see how we make out. We'll ask for volunteers as we get closer to that week and each following home game. 2-3 volunteers per game would be great.

### **Service Project Alert: Geneva Rotary Club Is Building Handicap-Accessible Picnic Tables for Camp ONSWYAWA.**

Geneva Rotary applied for a District Grant to buy materials and build up to 6 new picnic tables for Camp ONSWEYAWA.

*We need help with the assembly at Camp Whitman in Penn Yan. The wood is pre-cut and pre-drilled and will be delivered directly to Camp.*

**UPDATE: Delivery is expected between Sep 11<sup>th</sup> and Sep 18<sup>th</sup>.**

- **Could anyone lend a pickup truck on short notice to help unload the material from a tractor trailer and drive a short distance within camp to drop off everything? The tractor trailer can't get all the material down the narrow road inside camp.**
- **A separate assembly date is TBD.**

If you are interested in assembly, please reach out to Bob McFadden (315.719.4348 or [BMcFadden@FLFCU.org](mailto:BMcFadden@FLFCU.org) ).



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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