

Wednesday WRAP-UP

Rotary



Club of Geneva, New York

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**Wednesday,
Sept. 18, 2024**

Next week :
Tom Millington with
Abroadia (dinner meeting)

President Jason Haag opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation.

Guests:

Robin Moore, Elisabeth Lincourt, Nancy Bauder, and Matt Venuti, speaker

Announcements:

- Jason: Our Golf Tournament was successful and marked by an awesome turnout and great weather. Congrats to Diana and Linda for “putting” clean-up...smile...lots of fun and themed Friday the 13th tricks from Jason...lots of prizes, donations, raffle items appreciated. Profit estimate: \$2500-2600
- Chris Lavin: fined himself for a possibly offensive political comment at his last meeting; He related his current experience from City Council participation where the need to find a process to work out differences is quite evident and he alluded to a possible 20% tax increase in the city of Geneva
- Dave Cook: awarded Diana a framed certificate of the food service permit for Muranda Cheese
- Diana Perry: Saturday, September 21, Seneca Falls Rotary will “man” the concession booth at Muranda Cheese to benefit Safe Harbors of the FLX
- Stephanie Hesler: October 17 is the date for the annual Boys and Girls Club dinner at Club 86. Tickets are \$75. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

- Bob McFadden: Saturday, September 21: fundraising opportunity parking cars at CNB lot near HWS ...meet at 12:45 if you can help: also from Bob: reminder that Saturday, October 5th, meet to assemble picnic tables at Camp Onseyawa; 10am
- Bob McFadden: the family we helped move to temporary housing is now ready to move to permanent housing in Geneva on October 30 during the day. Much of their belongings are stored at the former BJ's facility in Geneva. **Note:** I will definitely help to move things but do not have access to a truck nor will I lift heavy or awkward items. Sounds like Bob might coordinate???

Happy Dollars:

- Jerry Forcier: his Yankees are “kicking butt” and he enjoyed playing in the golf tournament last week
- Diana Perry's first born turned 20 years old during our lunch meeting! Happy Birthday Owen!
- Jim DeVaney: score 66-7...Go IRISH! Jim shot an 85 at Seneca Falls CC and in the first BOCCE game of the season, the “Medagones” won! Jim will travel to Italy soon, along with Dave Cook and Mike Cutillo's group. Buon Viaggio!
- Charlie Wilson: Sorry to miss the golf tournament but enjoyed a 50-year reunion with his college buddies on a fishing trip in Alex Bay. Charlie even caught a sunfish!
- Jamie Matthews has returned to Rotary following a summer working in New Jersey where he accepted a promotion at his job. Welcome back! He will soon travel to Portugal on vacation.
- Dave Cook is happy to soon travel to Italy with Jim DeVaney and others with the Cutillo group.
- Jim Dickson is happy to have attended a successful fundraising event last weekend at Ventosa. The U of R Hospice Program benefitted from lots of generosity of the attendees as well as from the emcee skills of our own Rotarian Mike Rusinko. Jim also attended the races at the Glen last weekend.
- Mike Rusinko: implied that the Miami of Ohio might have been a girls team.... He offered up a sacrifice dollar for Dave and Jim DeVaney as they again travel to Italy. Mike is grateful that the FL Times published his weight

loss article as he has received several responses about his “personal journey.” Mike was honored to emcee the U of R event once again.

- John Watson: his \$2 donation quickly became \$5 as soon as he realized that Dave Cook will be away for a few weeks!
- Bob McFadden: FLF Credit Union recently awarded 50k in local community grants.
- Jason Haag honored the memory of fallen firefighters on 9/11 by finishing 2200 steps (110 stories) on a stair climber while wearing firefighting gear.

50/50

Jamie Matthews shared \$61 with the club. Welcome back!

Program:

Garey Adamson introduced **Matt Venuti**, a Geneva native, one of ten children in the Venuti family, all of whom played instruments as children. Matt has continued to grow and prosper in his musical talents, and will perform locally on Thursday, September 26, 7PM, at Cobblestone Arts Center in Farmington, NY. Cost \$20. His program is called AmeriCosmos.

Matt presented a brief recap of how he chose music as vocation as well as his career. He plays many instruments, had a band called the Venusians, worked with George Lucas who hired him and his Cantina band, has performed in film festivals, and been artist in residence in the Everglades. He showed us his America the Beautiful and his Go Niners! videos. Matt demonstrated his newest instrument: the Hang, a percussion instrument which produces a unique sound. Matt recognized one and the same Nancy Bauder who attended today’s meeting with her husband Rotarian Charlie. Nancy was Matt’s English Teacher in 8th grade!

To close the program, Matt played and sang “Rhythm of Life,” an original song, as a closer.

On a personal note, if you were unable to attend today’s meeting, you missed an awesome presentation! (*Ed.note: Great presentation – I am also a fan!!*)

**Respectfully submitted,
Carol Chester**

Future Programs

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

10/2 – Bryan Mueke with Camp Whitman

10/9 – DG Dave DeMers

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Sat. Sep 21st: **Hobart Football Parking Fundraiser at Canandaigua National Bank** – 3 volunteers are needed to sell \$10 parking spots at CNB from 12:40 to 1:20.
- Wed. Sep 25: **Rotary Evening Meeting**
- Sat. Sep 28th: District Literacy Seminar 9am at Clifton Springs Hospital (see District 7120 Grapevine page 8 for more information)
- Sat. Oct 5th: Assembly of Picnic Tables Service Project (see below for more info)
- Wed. Oct 23rd: **Rotary Evening Meeting**
- Wed. Nov 20th: **Rotary Evening Meeting**

Community Service Corner:

Service Project Alert: Geneva Rotary Club IsBuilding Handicap-Accessible Picnic Tables for Camp ONSWYAWA.

The picnic table assembly date is **Saturday, October 5th**. (Time will be confirmed/arrival 9-10am)

We have three volunteers confirmed so far (Linda & Art Equinozzi & Bob).

If you are interested in assembly, please reach out to Bob McFadden (315.719.4348 or 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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