

# Wednesday WRAP-UP

# Rotary



Club of Geneva, New York

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**Wednesday,  
Sept. 25, 2024**

Next week :  
Bryan Mueke with  
Camp Whitman

President Elect Kerry Lippincott opened the dinner meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation.

### **Guests:**

Sally Kasulke  
Joanne Bleakley  
Tom Millington - Speaker

### **Announcements:**

- Tamara Carter is looking for helpers for Neighbors Day at the Library, this Saturday 1:30-6:30 p.m.
- We still have several "shot glasses" available compliments of Pedulla's.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY September Rotarians!!

Charlie Bauder  
Barb Deane  
Barb Geary  
Linda Sutherland  
Susan Wertman

### **Happy/Sad Dollars:**

- Mary Gearan had a sad dollar for long time HWS staff member, Pat Heick, who passed away recently. On a happier note, she had a wonderful time at her 50<sup>th</sup> High School reunion in New Hampshire

- Johnny O's brother passed away this week. Condolences to Johnny and his family.
- Ruth Leo had a sad dollar for the loss of a classmate, Jasper Woody.
- Jerry Forcier and Jim Dickson worked the parking lot at HWS and earned a whopping \$10.00 for the club!!

## 50/50

Paul Bleakley was the winner of \$11.00 today. *(Ed. Note: We had a very small turnout for today's meeting, hence the low dollar amount!)*

## Program

**Thomas Millington, Executive Director of Abroadia** gave an excellent presentation on "Taking Study Abroad to New Frontiers in Cuba and South America". Tonight's focus was on Cuba and the hardships it is enduring.

- Over 30,000 Cubans immigrate to the U.S. every month!
- As of February 2024, the cost of fuel was up 500%
- Cuba remains on the State sponsored terrorism list.
- More than 850,000 Cubans have arrived in the U.S. since 2022. (Legally!)
- They are in extreme poverty and need financial assistance. We can have food delivered through the website Supermarket23.com
- Also monetary contributions are welcomed.

*(Ed. Note: I received this e-mail from Tom. Unfortunately, I could not open his power-point presentation but have included the e-mail for your reference.)*

Thank you for having me at tonight's Rotary Club meeting. I enjoyed talking with everyone. Attached is my PowerPoint presentation. You will find active links to an article that discusses the huge number of Cubans leaving their country for the US, as well as two links through which we can send food to Cubans.

For those who would like to learn more about Cuba and its relationship with the United States, I recommend two books:

[Cuba: An American History](#) by Ada Ferrer-this traces the role the US played in large parts of Cuban history.  
[That Infernal Little Cuban Republic](#), by Lars Schoutz-this thoroughly researched book analyzes US policy toward Cuba in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries.  
 Both books are available at the Geneva Public Library.

If you are interested, here is the link to the short video of our Austin Community College students playing music with Cuban students. It was a magical moment.

<https://youtu.be/UbkjU10NtB0>

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Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Leo

**Future Programs**

10/2 – Bryan Mueke with Camp Whitman

10/9 – DG Dave DeMers

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

- 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>: Assembly of Picnic Tables Service Project (see below for more info)
- Wed. Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>: **Rotary Evening Meeting**
- Wed. Nov 20<sup>th</sup>: **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 5<sup>th</sup>*.**(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](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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