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**Wednesday,
April 23, 2025**

Next week:
Bo Wright (School Superintendent)
on the 2025-26 Geneva School
Budget

President-elect Kerry Lippincott led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, gave an invocation and invited us to recite the Four Way Pledge.

Guests

- No guests or visitors

Announcements

- Sadly, Stephanie Hesler's Dad passed away.
- Last chance to join the May 2-4 District Web event in Corning.
- Rotary Image Committee will meet briefly today. (Phil Beckley)
- A reminder from Santa Abraham to support the GHS Alumni Scholarship on Laker Day, May 1. Every dollar given will be matched by the Abrahams—up to \$1000.
- Reminder to join fellow Rotarians at the annual MLK dinner, May 21 at Club 86. Kathy Fuchs is our contact person for Rotary table(s)
- Geneva Rotary Golf Tournament is Friday, June 13. Register by 5/16 and get a \$10 break on registration.
- Historic Geneva will be stationed at Glenora Winery on Route 14 south for the Seneca Seven race this Sunday from 9:30am to 1pm. ***Kerry asked for help to staff the route. Contact Kerry at Historic Geneva if you are available.

Happy/Sad Dollars:

- Jim DeVaney gave an excellent summary of the Lithuanian Dancers' visit to Geneva
 - Welcome Dinner at the Sons and Daughters of Italy
 - Performance at the Ohmann Theater in Lyons
 - Tour of the Visitors Center
 - Dinner and reception at Mary and Mark Gearan's house before the performance at Albright Auditorium

- Another visit to the Gearans' house after the performance with music and dance lessons
- A campus tour and a visit to Scandling Center
- Breakfast at Water Street Diner
- Palma Evans complimented
 - Jim DeVaney for his help in the kitchen
 - Diana Perry's parents (non Rotarians who hosted)
 - Those Rotarians who hosted dancers for two nights.
- Sad Dollar: Jerry Forcier for Pope Francis
- "Better now" dollar from Tamara Carter who had gallbladder surgery last week! Congrats on the grand reopening of the Fairfield, post renovations.
- Garey Adamson recently enjoyed a trip to the Naval Academy at Annapolis.
- Charlie Bartishevich enjoyed a trip to Italy where he mistook another tourist for Jim Gerling.
- Frank Capozzi and his family enjoyed a week in Miami and recently celebrated a Girls Modified Lacrosse Team win!
- Reminder that the Second Annual Career Day is this Friday at the Geneva Rec Center.
- Johnny O has been very busy representing Geneva with grants. The former Rotary International Citation has a new name: Club Excellence Award. We have earned this award again! This makes six years in a row! John attended "In the Zone Webinar" for Zones 28 and 32. Each has 20 districts in its zone. District 7120 Rotary Foundation Executive Committee meeting last week re: Global Grants.

50/50

Paul Bleakley shared \$70 dollars with the foundation.

Heart of Rotary:

Diana Perry had the winning ticket but did NOT choose the Queen of Hearts. Jackpot \$779!

Program

Kerry Lippincott enlightened us today to mark the 200th anniversary of the Marquis de Lafayette's farewell tour of the United States.

Lafayette was from one of France's oldest families. He inherited a fortune following his mother's death while his father was killed serving in the Seven Years War. He married at a very young age and lived in Versailles. During a dinner in 1775, he learned about the American Revolution and the next year, he enlisted in the Continental Army as a major general. He fought in several battles including Brandywine, Monmouth, and Rhode Island and was the commanding officer during the Siege of Yorktown. He became very close to George Washington, even naming his son George Washington Lafayette. Lafayette helped secure French support for the American cause with money and troops.

In 1824, President James Monroe and Congress invited Lafayette to visit the United States as part of the festivities marking the 50th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Between August 1824 and September 1825 Lafayette visited all 24 states. Geneva was among the fast-paced tour's unscheduled stops. Locals gathered in the Public Square (now Pulteney Park) to receive him. He was then escorted to Franklin House (One Franklin Square) where he was served breakfast along with two hundred others. Following his three hours in Geneva, his entourage left for Waterloo, Auburn, Syracuse, and Rome.

To mark the 200th anniversary of Lafayette's visit, there are several programs and events:

- May 10, 10am, Geneva Public Library. Becky Chapin: General Lafayette's Visit: Facts and Folklore
- May 27, 7pm: at Geneva History Museum: Author Christopher Carosa will share his book *History Unleashed: Lafayette's Remarkable Tour of the Greater Western New York Region*
- June 8, 10am to noon: re-enactment of Lafayette's visit in Pulteney Park

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Chester

Future Programs

- May 7 - District's Environmental Action Committee

Important Upcoming Dates: TBA

Community Service Corner: TBA

<p>Four way test: "Of the things we think, say or do:"</p> <p>1. <i>Is it The Truth?</i> 2. <i>Is it Fair to All Concerned?</i> 3. <i>Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?</i> 4. <i>Will it be beneficial for All Concerned?</i></p>				
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