

# Wednesday WRAP-UP

# Rotary

Club of Geneva, New York



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**Wednesday,  
May 21, 2025**

Next week:  
Caitlin Farnung – United  
Way

President Jason Haag led the Pledge of Allegiance, gave the invocation and led us in the 4-Way Test.

## Visiting Rotarian

Jim Gerling (Surprise!)

## Guests

Nicole Abraham – with Joe Hayes  
Joanne Bleakley – with Paul Bleakley  
Jerri Flood – with Bill Flood  
Alicia Matero – Chrissy Brennan's daughter  
Ron (?) – with Jerry Forcier  
Jane Gerling and Anne Dinan - speakers

## Announcements:

- President Jason: Geneva Rotary Golf Tournament: Friday, June 13: sign up to help with set up, sales, etc. We still need golfers!
- Bill Flood: please sign up for the spring highway clean-up: Saturday, May 31, Route 14, corner of Billsboro Road
- President Jason: Please sign up to work a two-hour shift at the Geneva Youth Lacrosse Tournament concession stand on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Morning shift is covered. Geneva Rotary shares in the proceeds if we volunteer.
- Dave Cook: Sadly, the Santa Train may be a thing of the past. Finger Lakes Railway is no longer willing to support and the RR cars have been sold. Mike Rusinko offered some words of encouragement to stay positive suggesting that parents whose kids rode the Santa Train every year should ask about it and promote interest!

## Happy/ Dollars:

- Jerry Forcier introduced his friend, Ron, who is a dentist at the 5 Points facility. He wanted to know about Rotary so Jerry invited him to the meeting.
- Jim DeVaney was glad to have Dave Cook back and was happy that the meetings have been quiet for the past two weeks.
- Dave Cook: He and Dianna made it back from their trip to Scotland, but with complications. They missed the flight from Glasgow to London and had to wait for 3 ½ hours to get a response from British Airways. They were finally able to leave the next day.

- Neil Sjoblom had a sad dollar for Ken Steadman who was his Rotary sponsor.
- Chrissy Brennan was happy to have her daughter home from college.
- President Jason: Was happy for the Yankees and Cornell Lacrosse for being in the NCAA Final Four. He has his wife to thank for educating him about lacrosse, since she is a Cornell graduate. Also, he will be driving to Lima, Ohio to be the keynote speaker at a health care system event. He will be running in the Memorial Day "Murph" run in downtown Geneva which he has done every year.
- Jason also reminded us of the St. Peter's Youth Choir Pulled Pork Dinner on June 6<sup>th</sup> - to benefit St. Peter's Academy Spring Sing and trip to England. Tickets are \$15.00
- Bill Flood has guaranteed good weather for the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup. There will be coffee and donuts!!
- Joe Hayes' parents are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary as well as their 70<sup>th</sup> birthdays!

### **50/50**

Jim DeVaney was the winner of \$24 this week!

### **Program:**

**Jane Gerling and Anne Dinan** presented an interesting program on **Geneva Reads**. They began by reading a story: "Caps for Sale" which emphasized the importance of reading to children which encourages:

- Learning vocabulary
- Reading aloud
- Parents reading to them (including reading at home)
- Reading at an early age

Geneva's literacy coalition works to provide books for all local children through book fairs, outreach, free book distributions, and our Ready to Read program. They offer one-on-one reading help, and annual Book Fest, Community Read and more.

Geneva Reads will be at the Farmers Market every Saturday beginning May 30<sup>th</sup>!

For more information: Facebook, [www.genevareads.org](http://www.genevareads.org) or email: [asgenevareads@gmail.com](mailto:asgenevareads@gmail.com)

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Ruth Leo**

### **Future Programs**

May 28 – Caitlin Farnung with the United Way and the program will be about ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)

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