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**Wednesday,  
May 28, 2025**

Next week:  
Ontario ARC

President Jason called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a brief invocation.

### **Guests:**

- Kari Buch (United Way), Caitlin Farnung (United Way), Linda Beckley, Dave & Brenda Rickey, Laine Pufnock, Joanne Bleakley, Peter Einset, Rima Arnold (Guest of Diana Perry)

### **Announcements:**

- Jason Haag reported that volunteer sign-ups for the golf tournament are almost full, although golfers are still needed. Please see the volunteer sign-up sheet if you can help with the remaining spots.
- The golf tournament is in two weeks (June 13, 2025). Dinner only tickets are available for \$25 per person.
- Bill Flood asked for volunteers this Saturday, May 31, 2025 to help with highway cleanup. The group will be meeting at 9:00am at the corner of Billsboro Rd and Rte 14.
- Jason received a call from Anne Dewey concerning the Geneva Live Opera. Performers will be in Geneva from July 10-27 and are seeking accommodations. Please contact Jason if you have a spare room in your home and can provide accommodation for a musician.
- There are still volunteer spots available for the Geneva Youth Lacrosse Tournament concession on June 7, 2025 at Geneva High School. Sign up online or contact Jason Haag.
- Linda Sutherland will be leading a garden cleanup day on June 21, 2025 at the Mary Lawthers memorial garden located behind the Welcome Center – volunteers are needed.
- Dave Cook asked that we support the American Legion's chicken barbeque this Saturday. Stop by for a delicious lunch and support a great organization.

- Stephanie Hesler notified members that Theatre 444 will be performing *In Pieces* at the Black Box Theatre located in the Carter Road Boys and Girls Club Community Center this weekend.

### **Officer and Board Election**

- Phil Beckley thanked outgoing board members who have completed their terms for their service: Jim DeVaney, John Oughterson, Phil Beckley
- Phil reminded the club members present that we are electing 4 members to serve 3-year board terms. The nominees are:
  - Kathy Fuchs
  - Ted Baker
  - Santa Abraham
  - Diana Perry
- The nominee for Vice President is Garey Adamson.
- Phil made a motion to approve the nominations, seconded by Jim Dickson, approved by all members in attendance.
- Phil also notified the club that we have a President Elect vacancy which needs to be filled and will have a future (hopefully far future) Secretary vacancy. Contact Phil if you are interested in either position. The Secretary position will initially entail mentoring with Ford to learn the role.
- Phil also notified the club of a change to the nominating committee. Going forwards, the nominating committee will be made up of the President, Vice President, President Elect, and Immediate Past President.

### **Happy Dollars**

- Phil Beckley was happy to have Dave and Brenda Rickey joining us again, and for the delicious cookies they provided for dessert.
- Susie Flick was happy to have enjoyed a vacation in Florida with her sisters. Susie was also sad because of *another* disaster at the library – this time a major plumbing backup causing extensive water damage.
- Diana Perry was happy to be back at Rotary after an enjoyable trip through the UK.
- Susie Wertman was happy to be back in Geneva and at Rotary after spending the winter in Florida.
- Garey Adamson was happy that Rotary had two tables at the recent MLK scholarship dinner, and that 9 students received \$4k scholarships! Garey also praised Susie Flick for facilitating a recent Zen Tangle workshop at the library led by his partner Linda. Zen Tangle is a form of meditative art. Garey and Linda may host a future workshop for Rotary.

- John Watson was happy that Diana survived a trip with Dave Cook.
- Dave Cook was happy to learn something new about Diana – she's a nerd (and proud of it)! If you don't know what TARDIS stands for, just ask Diana.
- Peter Einset was happy to have attended a recent trip to NYC where he saw three Broadway productions. He was not impressed with *Othello*, but highly recommends seeing *Dead Outlaw* and *Purpose*.
- Brenda and Dave Rickey were happy to be back among their friends in Geneva.
- Paul Bleakley was happy about Cornell's recent lacrosse championship win, and that Dave Cook made Joanne a homemade lemon meringue pie.
- Jamie Matthews was happy to have won a seat on the parish council, and honored that Steve Hesler nominated him. Jamie was also happy about his son Sean's recent graduation from Catholic University of America. Sean will be pursuing a one-year master's program starting this fall at RIT.
- Bob McFadden was happy to report that his daughter Emily recently graduated from Cornell (Magna Cum Laude and Presidential Scholar) and will be attending Penn State on a full scholarship.
- Jim DeVaney was happy that Cornell won the national lacrosse championship, and congratulated Jamie Mathews on winning a seat on the parish council.
- Jason Haag was happy that the Boy Scouts helped at the Community Lunch Program twice over the holiday weekend, and that he completed not one, but two Murphys in honor of Memorial Day. Jason was also happy for Cornell's lacrosse victory.
- Stephanie Hesler complimented the lovely memorial service held for Dr. Ken Steadman.
- Frank Capozzi was happy to report that the renovations at the Community Lunch Program are *finally* done. Frank also reminded members that Catholic Charities' Sharing the Light Dinner is coming up in three weeks, and honorees include Rotarians Charlie Bauder and Ray Ciancaglini. Tickets for dinner may be purchased from Frank or Rich Kasulke.
- Jason shared a second happy dollar for his team at Wayne County 911 who saved the life of a co-worker over the weekend by performing CPR and AED defibrillation.

### **50/50**

- Mary Sue Dehn won \$62 – congratulations!

### **Heart of Rotary**

- Rima Arnold had the lucky ticket, but didn't find the Queen. The fund is currently at \$897 and growing, to be split with whomever eventually finds her majesty, the Heart of Rotary.

## **Program: United Way of Greater Rochester and the Finger Lakes – A.L.I.C.E**

- **Caitlin Farnung** presented on **A.L.I.C.E.** – Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed
- A.L.I.C.E. is the group of people whose income exceeds the Federal poverty limit (currently \$15,060 for an individual) but falls short of an actual living wage. People in this range struggle as they do not qualify for any benefits, but do not earn enough to make ends meet.
- Caitlin presented Survival Budgets for various scenarios (basic needs only) and explained that the gap between “poverty” and survival is significant – in 2022 an individual in Ontario County needed an annual income of at least \$31,344 to afford their basic needs.
- United Way strives to support programs that bridge the gap for A.L.I.C.E., with the ultimate goal of supporting this population until they achieve upward economic mobility and earn a living wage.
- Statistics and information are available at [unitedforalice.org/household-budgets/new-york](https://unitedforalice.org/household-budgets/new-york)
- Resources for all non-emergency needs can be found by calling or texting 211.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Diana Perry**

### **Future Programs**

June	4	Ontario ARC
	11	TBA
	18	Jeff Pierce - NANCE (WINDOW CO) (Evening Meeting)
	25	Changeover meeting

**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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