

Wednesday WRAP-UP

Rotary

Club of Geneva, New York



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**Wednesday,
July 23, 2025**

Next week
Jackie Termini, FLCC's
Finger Lakes Mosaic
Collective

At this evening meeting for dinner, President Kerry led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, gave an invocation, and we recited the Four-Way Pledge in unison.

Guests:

Matt Abraham (Santa Abraham)
Katherine Price, Geneva BID
Peter Einset

Announcements:

- Kerry: Camp Onseyawa will reopen soon and on Saturday, August 9, 2-3 volunteers are needed to set up Camp Whitman between 1 and 4 PM.
- Dave Cook: Recently rode the wine train and remarked that it was "Packed" with tourists and guests. Much to our delight, he said that the 2025 Santa Train is looking good! A round of applause!!!!
- Garey Adamson welcomes suggestions and ideas for speakers to schedule for our meetings and programs.
- Linda Sutherland announced a service opportunity for Friday, August 29 at the Rotary Garden at the lakefront which is dedicated to Mary Lawthers. This coincides with a Day of Service for HWS students. Time is 1-4 PM
- Charlie Wilson announced that he and Carol have sold their Geneva house and will become full-time residents of Florida as of August 22. We hope to see them at the annual picnic which is August 20th.
- Diana Perry announced another service opportunity at Rose Hill Mansion, in partnership with Historic Geneva: selling hots and burgers, August 9th, 10:30 to 4
- Diana: the Fund-Raising committee will meet today following our regular meeting.
- Mary Sue Dehn invited all those interested to attend an organizational gathering for "Friends of Geneva General Hospital" Thursday, July 24 at 5:30PM. Location: Finger Lakes Welcome Center Meeting Room. Refreshments! Everyone welcome! Ideas and suggestions encouraged!
- Stephanie Hesler: The Garlic Festival will be held at the Lakefront August 2 and 3rd. The Boys and Girls Club will benefit from its success!
- Susie Flick: Friday, 7PM, Library: Folk Music Duo will perform. This is a free event.
- President Kerry was delighted to present a check for \$1000 to benefit the Geneva Public Library as a contribution from the Geneva Rotary Birthday Fund.

Happy/Sad Dollars

- Ruth Leo attended a funeral for her cousin Bill who passed away unexpectedly while walking the beach on vacation. .She said we should spend more time with our families, encouraging more family reunions, just not at funerals.
- Dave Cook announced that a new bakery, Naughty on the Weekends, has opened near Wrights Locksmith shop on RR place in Geneva. Pricey? But delicious. It is owned by Geneva HS grads.
- Dave also remarked that Ozzie Osbourne, who passed away yesterday, was not a hero.
- Santa Abraham and her husband Matt recently attended a Rotary Club meeting in Indiana. The Club is seven members strong! And they enjoyed the experience. They will soon begin a family vacation to Scotland, Ireland, and Sicily.
- Jim Dickson chipped in too and said that Rotary benefits today from Ozzie Osbourne's recent demise.
- Ted Baker is happy to be with his fellow Rotarians today while feeling the loss of his former co-worker, Greg Cotterill. Greg passed away unexpectedly.
- Diana Perry is sad to have missed the wine train experience but certainly enjoyed a hiking "date" with her son Owen Saturday in its place.

50/50: Carol Chester was lucky to share \$80 with the Club today!

Heart of Rotary: Jim DeVaney drew the lucky ticket number but failed to reveal the Queen of Hearts. The pot grows!

Program:

Katherine Price, current Director of the Business Improvement District spoke today, prior to her leaving this position soon to join the Gaffer District in Corning, New York, as their executive director.

- The Geneva BID was formed in 1986 to promote the 18.5 acreage in downtown Geneva. It was initially funded by downtown property owners who contribute to the BID assessment tax. The owners then pay an additional amount per \$1000 of their assessed property value. Churches and government-owned properties are exempt from the tax.
- The BID's charge is primarily maintenance, beautification, and events for their membership in Downtown Geneva. Recently, the staff has taken on the maintenance of 72 landscaping beds at the lakefront. They organize and sponsor a total of 35 events but as of two years ago, had to discontinue the popular Cruisin' Night due to a litany of issues, problems, and unwanted behaviors on the part of some visitors. They do, however, organize events which create more "foot traffic" such as Art Walks, First Fridays and music on Linden Street, as well as maintain a very popular Community Calendar of events. They also keep track of visitors to Geneva and their expenditures.
- The Geneva BID operates with a very small staff of two paid professionals and a part time maintenance "crew." Recently, their budget was cut by 30k dollars.
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**Respectfully submitted,
Carol Chester**

Future Programs

- 7/30 - Jackie Termini, FLCC's Finger Lakes Mosaic Collective
- 8/6 – TBD
- 8/13 – Amie Hendrix, Geneva City Manager
- 8/20 – Club Picnic at the Seneca Lake Yacht Club

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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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