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**Wednesday,  
Sept. 17, 2025**

Next week: TBA

President Kerry opened today's meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation and recitation of the Four-Way Pledge in unison

### No guests or visiting Rotarians

### Announcements

Kerri Lippincott:

- Volunteers needed:
  - Sat., 9/20 - Toddler Time @ Boys & Girls Club – Cook and serve breakfast, clean up
  - Sat., 10/11 – Weeding at Welcome Center Garden, HWS Volunteer Day – let Linda know if you can come
  - GCSD looking for guest readers - contact Bob McFadden if interested
- Upcoming Social Events
  - Sat., 9/20 – Mini Golf at Seneca Resorts!
  - Friday, 10/10 – Big Alice Brewing

Dave Cook: sent a get well card around for Ray Ciancaglini who was in the hospital with a systemic infection, but home now and recovering. Feel better, Ray!

- Stephanie Hessler: **Boys & Girls Club annual dinner** is Thursday, October 16 at 5:30 p.m. Rumor has it that Kathy Fuchs and Linda Equinozzi are putting together a Rotary table. Let them know if you want to join.
- Susie Flick: It's **Library Book Sale Weekend!** Books, DVDz, Puzzles – everything! Come and buy it!
- Mary Sue Dehn: **Pickleball for Health!** Fundraiser for Geneva General Hospital on Sat., October 18 on the courts at Geneva General Hospital. Play, donate items for the basket raffle or sponsor. Clinic for beginners and families starting at 9ish, tournament play in the afternoon. All welcome!
- Dr. Jim Dickson: many Rotary members haven't been attending meetings; please encourage those you have sponsored or know to come more often.
- Ruth Leo: The famous Ying Quartet will be at Seneca Falls Library on Fri., 9/26

## **Happy Dollars – Lots of Them!**

- Susie Flick – visited her sister in Utah, then drove through Wyoming to Colorado to see her nephew, who has had problems but is doing much better
- Santa Abraham – congratulations to Nancy Bauder, Charlie's wife, for being honored as an FLCC Alumni of Distinction, the award ceremony next Friday, 9/26, is open to the public
- Ruth Leo – Will be joining fellow GHS alumni at Bella's Steakhouse on Saturday to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion!
- Rich Kasulke – happy to be back at the meeting after having a busy few weeks visiting friends and families, and happy to be going to his 50<sup>th</sup> Medical School reunion this weekend!
- Mary Gearan – also happy to be back at Rotary after busy summer, but sad to have lost 2 friends recently, one just 23 years old. Encourages everyone to reach out to friends regularly.
- Stephanie Hesler – happy to be headed to Niagara on the Lake for a weekend away and to see Alison Krauss in concert
- Carol Chester – not exactly happy – her email was hacked, but it prompted several friends she hadn't heard from in a while to reach out
- Gary Adamson – is happy Susie is back, and happy Geneva has such a great library – as do other towns like Waterloo, Aurora, etc.
- Jim Devaney – Notre Dame lost this week, Also two Geneva coaches passed away recently – Bob Marr and Carol Daniels
- Dr. Jim – Michigan bounced back to beat Michigan Central
- Dave Cook – has missed a bunch of meetings because he slept through them! Said he was golfing at Big Oak and talking to the owner about Rotary who swears he has never been asked to join. Ask people to join Rotary!
- Diana Perry – happy her son is turning 21 tomorrow!
- Mary Sue – happy to be a part of Leadership Ontario's Cohort #4!
- Kerry – happy that Historic Geneva is finally fully staffed!

## **50/50**

\$27 won by Rich Kasulke

## **PROGRAM**

Robust discussion led by Kerry regarding how Geneva Rotary should use its funds.

The Club is committed to annual gifts that have an impact in the community: 3 scholarships, Camp Onseyawa, the Birthday Fund for the Library, the Student Loan program

In addition – the annual Grant Program.

This year, Club gave away \$17,000 in grants, with 19 of 23 applications funded.

Next year: \$25,000 is available.

Traditionally, applications can only be for up to \$1000. The same organizations more or less are given grants year over year. Should we change the process?

One of our members suggested Rotary contribute to a large community project – like a Pavilion in the park on Lake Street which Rotary could then put a sign or the seal on for visibility

Options:

- If it ain't broke, don't fix it
- Make larger gifts to fewer organizations
- Make a large single gift to a community partner or project

Comments varied:

- Rotary's \$1000 gifts to many organizations really does help, plus makes community more aware of Rotary
- Would a larger grant have more of an impact?
- Maybe try a hybrid giving model: one larger gift, then several smaller ones
- Nonprofit budgets are facing increased expenses all the time – maybe we should increase the level organizations can ask for to \$1500 or more?
- Maybe we could try a “Tiered program?” i.e. 1 large gift, 1 medium sized gift, and several smaller awards
- Maybe we could share a project with another club?

As a reminder, we can only give away money we raise – so give to Rotary!

- September Social: Mini Golf at Sampson State Park, 4pm Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, \$12pp, sign up necessary
- October Social: Big Alice Brewing: October 10<sup>th</sup>, 5pm

**Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Sue Dehn**

### **Future Programs**

- 24 – TBA

### **Community Service**

- Reading to children in Geneva Schools (Bob McFadden, contact person)
- Toddler Time at the Boys and Girls Club, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month is designated for Geneva Rotary Club volunteers, 8:30-12:30, three shifts
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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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