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**Wednesday,
January 7, 2026**

Next week:

Highlights from Historic
Geneva's Collection

President Kerry opened the first meeting of 2026 with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation and group recitation of the Four-Way Test.

Guests:

Eileen Halling, retired teacher, guest of Kathy Fuchs, potential Geneva Rotarian
Bill McGuire, guest of Diana Perry, former Rotarian, Paul Harris plus one
Joanne Bleakley, guest and favorite dinner partner of Paul Bleakely

Announcements:

- Charlie Bauder thanked the 35 Rotarians and 6 Interactors who were bell ringers for the Salvation Army on Christmas Eve. Seneca Street, aka Suicide Corner, was number one in contributions. Total on 12/24 \$2,702.95. **Today, Dave Cook added \$100 as he was too ill on 12/24 to participate. Additional totals: Pedulla's, \$537.46, Walmart Market, \$487.27, Walmart Grocery, \$450.03 and Five-Star Bank (which closed at noon), \$70.00.
- Jim Dickson called upon the Paul Harris committee to think about suggestions for nominees.
- Diana Perry: fund raising committee will meet at WeBe on Pre-Emption Road, 5:30 PM, Thurs., January 8

Community Service:

- Toddler Time at the Boys and Girls Club: January 17th (third Saturday) please sign up for set up, cooking, or clean-up. (starts at 8:30)
- Youth Baseball Pasta Dinner January 8, Tickets \$15: Dana's son Ryan is the connection.
- MLK March and Memorial service, Monday, January 19th: 9:30 AM: gather at Bicentennial Park, 10 AM Memorial March to St John's Chapel, HWS, 11 AM Service at St John's Chapel; music by Memorial Choir, 2026 MLK Art and Poetry Contest winners announced.

Happy Dollars:

- Dave Cook's \$100 to atone for missing the bell ringing on 12/24 (due to illness).
- The "Meddagones" Bocce team (Cook and DeVaney) had better results at the Sons and Daughters of Italy when one or the other was absent due to bad cases of the flu.
- Jerry Forcier was happy he did NOT have the flu!
- Susie Flick won the "Owlie" award at the Geneva Public Library. It was a surprise! Congrats! And she has marked one month of smoke free: congrats! Keep up the good work, Susie. We need you!
- Diana Perry enjoyed the Santa Train Cinema event and was glad it went well. However, she came down with the flu the very next day and again another case of it to add insult to injury. Welcome back, Diana.

- Ruth Leo had a \$100 list of happiness to celebrate, including celebrating her recent birthday and congratulating Mike Rusinko on his retirement. She also conveyed her condolences to Ted Baker after the recent passing of his wife, Dodie, but was happy that he was here with us today!
- Jim Dickson traveled to DC for the holidays...unfortunately, illness Santa brought him a case of Covid on Christmas morning.
- Mike Rusinko reminisced about the phone call he received 19 years ago which changed his life: Bob McFadden suggested that Mike apply to Five Star Bank as the new manager. Mike admitted that he felt "clueless" about all the rules and regs of banking but his assistant manager, one Diana Perry, was the person who helped Mike acclimate and learn as quickly as possible. Mike went on to work at Lyons National Bank seven years later, changing focus to commercial lending. He announced his retirement December 31st.
- Ted Baker expressed his heartfelt gratitude to members of this club as well to friends and neighbors for reaching out to remember his lovely wife of 38 years, Dodie, who succumbed to a second battle with cancer, on December 27.
- Garey Adamson is happy to be back at Rotary which is a "sign of stability" for him.
- Guest Bill McGuire thanked Diana Perry for inviting him today.
- Guest Eileen Halling will "steal" these good vibes from our club and hopefully, apply for membership soon!
- John Watson offered happy dollars for Mike Rusinko's retirement announcement.

50/50

Jerry Forcier shared \$90 with Rotary

Heart of Rotary

Carol Chester had the lucky ticket number and Neil Sjoblom was ready with his camera...but Carol did not choose the Queen of Hearts so the jackpot climbs!

Program:

Rotarian Santa Abraham presented a friendly "glimpse" into the world of AI and Chat GPT with a quick definition, and a few examples. As I learned while typing these notes, Co-Pilot is the Chat GPT of Microsoft. I got some prompts to "re-write" and did my best!

**Respectfully submitted,
Carol Chester**

Future Programs

- 1/14 - Highlights from Historic Geneva's Collection
- 1/21 (EVENING MEETING)- Michele Colegrove, FLACRA
- 1/28 - Traveling Rotarians: England and Scotland with Diana and Dave
- 2/4 - Traveling Rotarians: Sicily with Santa
- 2/11 - Valentine's Bingo
- 2/18 (EVENING MEETING) - Traveling Rotarians: Bulgaria and Romania with Peter
- 2/25 - Traveling Rotarians: France, Germany, and Switzerland with Dave and Rich
- 3/ 4 - Interactors

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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