

Wednesday WRAP-UP

Rotary
Club of Geneva, New York



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**Wednesday,
Feb. 4, 2026**

Next week:
Valentine's Bingo

President Kerry Lippincott led us in the pledge and invocation and 4 way test.

Visiting Rotarian

Stacy Wyant (District Asst. Gov. Penn Yan)

Guests

Joanne Bleakley (Paul), Bill McGuire and Eileen Halling (potential new members)

Announcements

- Gala Tickets are online or you may pay Bob at a meeting. The United for Good (Service Above Self) Gala is set for March 21, 2026 @ Ventosa Vinyards, 5:00 cocktails, 6:30 Dinner.
- Our Monthly Board meeting is 2/9/2026 @ noon at the Geneva Historical Society.
- Project 2030 is collecting Diapers and Baby Items. The Drive is collecting larger size diapers, wipes and formula all month. Drop off Locations: Centennial Center @ HWS, Toddler Time, Boys & Girls Club, Rochester Regional Geneva Medical Campus (833 Canandaigua Rd.), Ontario County Public Health Office (3019 County Complex Dr., Canandaigua)
- 2026 District Learning Assembly, hosted by Waterloo Rotary club on 4/11/2026 @ Waterloo High School. There is no fee but registration is required. They are also asking each club to register together and donate items for a basket to be raffled. There will be a 50/50 raffle and advertising opportunities for the program. Contact Renee Dombek @ rjdombek@gmail.com or 315-521-0077.

Happy Dollars

- Mary Gearan sent a thank you note with a "few" happy dollars for the thoughtfulness and kindness of everyone as she recovers and adjusts to her new diagnosis of Afib (atrial fibrillation).
- Susie Flick almost missed the dentist as she was on auto-pilot the other day. Thankful for her co-worker that reminded her.

- Garey Adamson had a stupid dollar for paying \$75 to have his driveway plowed only to have to go out and shovel himself.
- Eileen Halling was told by her doctor that pickleball is the fountain of youth. (*Ed. Note: I might have to take up pickle ball!*)
- Bill McGuire was grateful that Jim Dickson did his orientation on Sunday and the jazz concert he attended was amazing.
- Peter Einset announced that he is a student at HWS and is taking a course. (side note from Kathy Fuchs: all classes are free for 65 and older at FLCC. Approval is needed)
- Dave Cook had a “not-happy” dollar that Diana posted his picture (behind bars) on Facebook. Ray is recovering from knee replacement surgery and calls or visits are appreciated.
- Dave Cook also noted several upcoming trips abroad. 3/10: Peru, Lima and Monte Picchu, 5/31: Vietnam, North Vietnam and Maylasia, July Tanzania and a safari.

50/50: Stephanie Hesler won and shared \$35 with the Rotary Foundation.

Heart of Rotary: Palma had the winning ticket but did not pick the queen. The pot grows!!

Program

Today's program was presented by **Santa Abraham** and we took a family trip to Catania, Real Monte in Sicily. They have a very unique burial process for the deceased. Vans would come around with a bullhorn, selling household goods similar to an ice cream truck. There are street markets as well. She showed the ruins of the country house her mom grew up in. The climate is very dry but they do grow citrus, grapes and almonds. There are row houses similar to Main Street in Geneva where her dad grew up. His home had 3 floors all open rooms. Their water only comes every few days so they have to ration. We also saw the Temple of Hercules which was built in 600 BC. As well as the University of Catania. (*Ed. Note: sounds like a great program – sorry I missed it!*)

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Sutherland

Community Service Opportunities

- Toddler Time @ Boys & Girls Club needs help this Saturday as well as 2/21/26 from 8-12.

Future Programs

- 2/11 - Valentine's Bingo
- 2/18 (EVENING MEETING) - Traveling Rotarians: Bulgaria and Romania with Peter Einset
- 2/25 - Traveling Rotarians: France, Germany, and Switzerland with Dave Cook and Rich Kasulke
- 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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