

Wednesday WRAP-UP

Rotary



Club of Geneva, New York

Miss a meeting?
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**Wednesday,
May 6, 2026**

Next week: TBA

President Kerry Lippincott led us in the pledge, invocation and Four-Way test.

Visiting Rotarians - None

Guests

Joanne Bleakley

50/50: Linda Equinozzi won \$34 and donated it to the Boys & Girls Club

No Heart of Rotary

Community Service

- Lots happening on May 16:
 - Toddler Time at the Boys & Girls Club: 3rd Saturday of the month is Rotary day, please volunteer to help cook, serve and clean up breakfast. Contact Stephanie to sign up.
 - Rotary Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up Day –7:45 a.m. – early start so attendees can go to Bob Stenzel’s memorial service
 - Bob Stenzel’s Memorial Service, No. 9 Church at 10 a.m., with reception starting at 2 p.m. at Geneva Country Club.

Announcements:

- Rotary Board Meeting, Mon. 05/11 @ the Geneva History Museum
- May 20 – **EVENING meeting**
- Beginning May 20, Rotary will have to pay for a minimum of 15 lunches, regardless of whether 15 Rotarians buy lunch, so BUY LUNCH if you can
- Kath Fuchs – great turnout for the MLK Dinner, presented 14 scholarships to Geneva HS students from \$2,000 to \$4,000 each.
- Dave Cook said Mary Gearan sent in brownies. Emphasized that while we all love her brownies, we all wish she would come with them! (*We miss you, Mary!!*)

Happy/Sad Dollars:

- Rich K – happy dollars for Cosmic Bowl social
- Ruth – happy that Carol and Mike are back from Florida

- Bill McGuire – happy to have joined the Y and getting some exercise as he approaches his 80th birthday, which he will celebrate with his daughter and a trip to Machu Picchu and the Galapagos
- Jim Dickson – happy about Cosmic Bowl social and Rich K's "turkey award" for bowling three strikes in a row, and Steve Hesler's high game
- Carol Chester – happy to be back, while in FL checked in with DelRay Beach Rotary – didn't make a meeting but found out dues were \$400/year (Ours are a bargain!)
- Santa Abraham – happy to be promoting FLCC's Laker Day of Giving and asking for donations to FLCC's Geneva HS Scholarship
- Jerry Forcier – happy Yankees are winning
- Dave Cook – happy Diana found his lost ring after it fell from his pocket at Cosmic Bowl
- Peter Einset – happy about Cosmic Bowl, too
- Paul Blakeley – happy that he and Joanne are celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary next week. Congratulations!
- Garey Adamson – happy to tell a story about not being able to join the bowling team in college after injuring his thumb the first time out

PROGRAM

- **Rotarian Ethan Fogg** led a **brainstorming discussion** about what's good and what needs improving both in terms of Geneva Rotary, and about regional and national programs.
- Came out of conversations at the Board level about how to make weekly meetings more appealing, make being a part of Rotary something that more people would want to do.
- **What do we do well? What can we do better?**
- There were two-sided sheets at each table and members worked together to put down their thoughts to answer these questions.

RE: Geneva Rotary

What do we do well?

- Welcoming group, feeling of camaraderie
- Board Leadership – the organization is well-run
- Good at orienting new members to Rotary and its mission and role locally
- Have night meetings to accommodate members' different schedules

What could we do better?

- Find new ways to publicize everything Rotary does
- Have more presentations/Q&As with civic leaders when they are not running for office
- Reach out to other organizations, particularly those representing diverse populations, to talk about and recruit for Rotary in an effort to have membership that better represents the community
- Try to plan meeting topics more ahead of time to be able to share the topics in local media

- Send reminders of what the topic is to member email list the day before the meeting
- Maybe have a Rotary booth at the local farmers' market?

RE: Regional/National Rotary

- Need to encourage participation at conferences
- Find more ways to do interclub events

**Respectfully submitted,
Mary Sue Dehm**

Community Service Opportunities

- Adopt-a-Highway May 16th.
- May 16th – Toddler Time at Boys and Girls Club
- May 21: Lochland, Inc. United Way Day of Caring
- May 23 – Garden Clean Up at the Lakefront Welcome Center starting at 10 a.m. Contact Linda Sutherland. **(RESCHEDULED!)**

Future Programs

- May 13– TBA

<p>Four way test: "Of the things we think, say or do:"</p> <p><i>1. Is it The Truth?</i></p> <p><i>2. Is it Fair to All Concerned?</i></p> <p><i>3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?</i></p> <p><i>4. Will it be beneficial for All Concerned?</i></p>				
<p>Kerry Lippincott President</p>	<p>Ethan Fogg President-Elect</p>	<p>Vacant Vice President</p>	<p>Ford Weiskittel Secretary</p>	<p>Bob McFadden Treasurer</p>