

Wednesday WRAP-UP

Rotary
Club of Geneva, New York



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**Wednesday,
July 29, 2026**

Next week:

Bob Brennan, Travel &
Tourism Guide

President Ethan opened the meeting with recitations of the Pledge of Allegiance, the Four-Way test, and a moment of silent reflection.

Visiting Rotarian - Norm Lee, Bradenton, Florida

Guests: Matt Abraham, Linda Kidd, Charlie and Lisa Rouse (Program)

Announcements:

- Geneva is Part of Area 5, formerly Area 7, and that includes Dundee, Penn Yan, Seneca Falls and Waterloo Rotary clubs. The District is encouraging networking and having clubs work together
- Area 5 is holding a picnic on August 8 at Indian Pines Park in Penn Yan, 11 AM with picnic at noon. Bring your choice of protein and a dish to pass. Area 5 will fire up the grills for cooking, and there's a playground and family swimming.
- President Ethan mentioned that the days, times and locations of our fellow clubs are listed in the weekly meeting notes and encouraged everyone to try to attend other clubs' meetings.
- New club directories are ready. See Johnny O at the Greeter's Table.
- Our annual picnic will be August 26th at Seneca Lake Yacht Club – 5:00 p.m.
- Jim Dickson announced there will be a brief Paul Harris Fellow meeting after today's meeting.

50/50: Ethan Fogg won \$22

Heart of Rotary: Pot is now up to \$808! Mary Sue Dehn had the ticket and could have won \$404, but, alas, failed to find the queen.

Happy Birthday July Rotarians We celebrated in song to:

Phil Beckley
Bill Flood
Mary Gearan
Mickey Gilbert Schultz
Johnny O.

Happy/Sad Dollars

- Carol Chester - happy that world travelers, Matt and Santa Abraham are back!
- Phil Beckley is happy for another birthday.
- Diana Perry is just happy!
- Norm Lee's daughter-in-law had a skin graft today after her recent accident. She's at Strong.
- Santa Abraham – Matt got his Irish passport. Santa already had her Italian passport. Both of them have dual citizenship. They recently returned from the Bahamas and Bermuda. Next stop: Ireland and Scotland.
- Ford had a question regarding having two passports. Santa explained that while on US soil you use the US passport; on EU soil, use the EU passport.
- Also Santa reported that the Salvation Army National Night Out will be at the Rec Center honoring first responders. (*Sorry, Santa, I didn't get the date!*)
- Stephanie Hesler – happy birthday to Mary Gearan and Johnny O.
- Kathy Fuchs's niece is here from Brooklyn. She played pickleball for the first time and loved it!
- Dave Cook is meeting with FL Railroad for a possible Santa Train. Fingers crossed!
- Garey Adamson gave a brief lesson on how to speak into a microphone. Don't speak right into it – hold it back a few inches. He also attended a party where Neil Sjoblom was taking pictures of folks in a dance circle. Neil said he would give Garey \$10 if he joined the circle and of course he did!!
- Mike Rusinko and Carol went to a family wedding in Columbus, Ohio. It was an "all day affair"!

PROGRAM

Kathy Fuchs introduced our speakers, **Charlie and Lisa Rouse**. They gave a fascinating presentation **on Birds in Our Lives**. Charlie, a life-long Genevan, and Lisa have traveled all 50 states and the world. They met at a bird club twenty years ago. Some highlights:

- Birding (not "bird watching") is not just a hobby – it's a passion. What's your passion? Golf, fishing, gardening, collecting, pickleball??!!
- Started with backyard bird feeders. Keep track and check – saw 166 bird species in Geneva!
- Basic tools: a good pair of binoculars, Bird Book, Field guide
- Charlie handed out a checklist of birds from the Eaton Birding Society which covers Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties.
- Charlie and Lisa shared some gorgeous photos of birds and wildlife seen in their many travels.
- **Merlin Bird ID app**. by Cornell – identify birds and their song
- Where to go birding:
 - Montezuma Wildlife Center
 - Cornell Lab of Ornithology in Ithaca (best in the World!)
 - Hawk Mountain Sanctuary in Pennsylvania (Hawk migration)

Derby Hill – Oswego
Johnson Road right here in Geneva for owls!

**Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Leo**

Community Service Announcements

Future Programs

- 8/05 Bob Brennan, Travel & Tourism Guide
- 8/12 Rich Smith & Michelle Archibald, Habitat for Humanity
- 8/19 Kim Chinquee, Author & Muscleman Contender
- 8/26 Rotary Picnic, Seneca Lake Yacht Club 5:00 pm

Locations of other Local Rotary Meetings

- *Seneca Falls meets Tuesdays at noon at the Seneca Falls Country Club. Lunch is \$15. (They are not meeting on the 21st).*
- *Waterloo meets Monday evenings at 6:00, upstairs at Ciccino's Restaurant, 22 E. Main Street. Attendees order from the menu.*
- *Penn Yan meets Tuesdays at noon at Lakeside Country Club (145 Rte 54, PY). On the first Tuesday of the month they meet at 8:00 am at the Wagner Restaurant in the village.*
- *Dundee meets Wednesdays at noon at "Our Town Rocks" 12 Main St., downtown.*

**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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