

Wednesday WRAP-UP

Rotary
Club of Geneva, New York



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**Wednesday,
August 12, 2026**

Next week:
Kim Chinquee, *Author* &
Muscleman Contender

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

He thanked the Communications team for including the days, times and locations of our fellow Rotary Area 5 clubs weekly meetings in the weekly notes and encourages everyone to try to attend other clubs' meetings.

Visiting Rotarians - Norm Lee, Bradenton, FL

Announcements

- Thank you, Susie Wertman for providing the chocolate chip cookies!
- Waterloo Rotary – hosting Corn Hole and Mini-Golf Fundraiser at Sampson State Park on Sept. 2; \$100 registration for team of 4 (this is in place of their annual golf tournament.)
- Area 5 Gathering on Saturday at Indian Pines Park
- Reminder that the Early Bird pricing for the Rotary Regional Conference next spring, a \$25 savings, is approaching.
 - Will likely be a one-day rather than multi-day event.
- Camp Onseyawa – hoping for more Geneva Rotary participation
- Reminder: Geneva Rotary Picnic is coming up! August 26 at Seneca Lake Yacht Club.
THIS IS IN LIEU OF LUNCHEON MEETING!
 - We've invited neighboring Rotary clubs to join.
 - No dogs at the venue.
 - Spouses and guests welcome.
 - \$10 per person
 - Looking for some volunteers. Info forthcoming.

50/50: Dave Cook won \$32.

No Heart of Rotary this week.

Happy/Sad Dollars:

- Bill Maguire went to Northern NJ to visit his son and family for a weekend

- Dave Cook – happily growing out his beard in anticipation of Santa Train coming back this year, nearing a contract!
- Rich Kasulke – has had a busy few weeks on vacation up north with family and friends coming and going, back home for a bit to then go back up north for another busy weekend
- Phil Beckley – happy to see a photo of his granddaughter featured in the annual school calendar that was in his mailbox this week
- Mike Rusinko and Carol Chester – happy to have signed with a realtor to list their house, looking to downsize locally into a 55+ apartment somewhere
- Eileen Halling – happy to be retired and NOT getting ready for a new school year
- Garey Adamson – happy to be closing his BnB after what has been a great season, will reopen in the spring after getting cataract surgery
- Kath Fuchs – happy her husband completed his 2 weeks of radiation therapy and that her puppy is a step closer to becoming a “canine healer” with recent training certification
- Ethan Fogg– happy to be celebrating his 60th birthday with his “chosen family,” that includes the Club, and to have given a tour of his “key museum” that morning to close friends. The Club celebrated Ethan in song!

PROGRAM

Kathy Fuchs introduced

Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity:

Rick Smith, Housing Coordinator for Ontario and Wayne Counties, and
Michelle Archibald, Fundraising Manager

Rochester’s Habitat was formed in 1964, merged with Ontario and Wayne’s orgs in 2023
 Theme: “Homes, Communities and Hope”

Habitat has built 32 homes in Ontario County, and in a new program completed repairs on 25 additional homes.

The Home Repair program aims to help homeowners with repairs to make their homes safer and preserve the structure so they can remain in them. There are 20 additional homes in Ontario County in the queue for upcoming repair projects.

Greater Rochester Habitat is also a HUD-certified housing counselor. Coming up: 8-Hour Homebuying Class, open to all, on Sept. 28 @ the Bozzuto Center.

Habitat best known for its new homebuyer program. Prospective homeowners must meet certain requirements –have an income (level determined by location) and be able to take on a \$1500 down payment and 30 year low interest mortgage (capped at 30% of household income.) They also have to be willing to put in 200+ hours of sweat equity into the building of their future home.

Once house is done, owner is charged with maintaining it. Habitat offers guidance but there is no formal follow up. If they have to leave the home, there are some buy back rules, but most stay.

In Geneva, Habitat has 2 houses in progress – on Katherine and Jackson streets.

Upcoming – 9 NEW HOMES! 3 bed, 1.5 bath modular houses to be built on Crystal St, just off E. North St. Applications for the houses open on Sept. 1. Applicants must show \$50,000 household income to qualify, and applicants can come from surrounding towns as well as from Geneva.

Habitat is non-profit and relies on grants, donations and volunteers to sustain its programming. Ways to help: organizations and businesses can sponsor a house, donate, host fundraising events. Or, groups can volunteer to help build. Great team bonding activity!

Other activities: fall golf tournament at Ravenwood in Victor, Brewery/Winery passes for sale (offering buy 1 – get 1 free at local businesses.)

**Respectfully submitted,
Mary Sue Dehn**

Community Service Announcements

- The Boys and Girls Club Toddler Time will not be serving breakfast in August.
- Linda Sutherland: The Community Lunch Program party will be Sept. 3rd. 5-7 PM at Geneva on the Lake. Cost is \$40. Contact Rhonda @ Catholic Charities 315-789-2235 Ext: 104

Future Programs

- 8/19 Monthly Evening Meeting: Kim Chinquee, Author & Muscleman Contender
- 8/26 Rotary Picnic, Seneca Lake Yacht Club 5:00? **(No lunch meeting that day)**

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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