

Wednesday WRAP-UP

Rotary
Club of Geneva, New York



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**Wednesday,
August 19, 2026**

Next week:
Rotary Picnic
Seneca Lake Yacht Club,
5:30 pm

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

Visiting Rotarians - Norm Lee, Bradenton, FL

Guests: Joanne Bleakley (Paul Bleakley)
Jared Pierce, Prospective member
Kim Chinquee, Speaker

Announcements

- Waterloo Rotary – hosting Corn Hole and Mini-Golf Fundraiser at Sampson State Park on Sept. 2; \$100 registration per person. Dave Cook will try to put a team together.
- Reminder: Geneva Rotary Picnic is coming up! August 26 at Seneca Lake Yacht Club. **THIS IS IN LIEU OF LUNCHEON MEETING!** We still need volunteers for grocery shopping and grill duty!
 - We've invited neighboring Rotary clubs to join.
 - No dogs at the venue.
 - Spouses and guests welcome.
 - \$10 per person
 - Will be inducting new member, Jared Pierce and Paul Harris Fellow Tamara Carter – **PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS – WEAR YOUR MEDALLION!**
- Coffee table Thursday morning at the Visitors Center. Its been successful so far!

50/50: Bill Flood won \$25.

No Heart of Rotary this week.

Happy/Sad Dollars:

- Paul Bleakley recently returned from Cape Cod where he and Joanne celebrated her 90th birthday! (*Happy Birthday, Joanne!*)
- We also celebrated Stephanie Hesler's birthday and celebrated in song! (*Happy Birthday Stephanie!*)
- Steve Hesler thanked everyone for a creative dinner celebration for Stephanie. He offered to buy drinks for anyone interested after the meeting.

- Bill Maguire enjoyed the Josh Groban concert at CMAC. A young lady who received a young High School Performer award sang a duet with Josh. She was outstanding!
- Jim DeVaney also attended the concert at CMAC and enjoyed the Rochester Philharmonic.
- Jim Dickson had an “embarrassed” dollar for showing up at noon today for the meeting, as well as Norm Lee.
- Jerry Forcier had a happy dollar for Joanne and Stephanie’s birthdays.
- Dave Cook was happy that he took his trash to Seneca Meadows and saved a few bucks.
- Ethan Fogg was happy that his hot water, although malfunctioning, didn’t leak.
- Kath Fuchs went to the Boys and Girls Club and was impressed with their staff.

PROGRAM

Kathy Fuchs introduced our speaker, **Kim Chinquee**. Kim grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin, served in the medical field in the Air Force (Desert Storm) and is often referred to as the “queen” of “flash fiction” (750 words or less!). She is the author of eleven books and has published widely in journals and anthologies including *The Nation*, *Ploughshares*, *NOON*, *StoryQuarterly*, *Denver Quarterly*, *Fiction*, *Stoey*, *Notre Dame Review*, *Conjunctions*, and *others*. She is the recipient of three Pushcart Prizes and serves as Senior Editor of *New World Writing Quarterly* and prose editor of *Midwest Review*. She’s a competitive triathlete, a Certified USA Triathlon official, World Triathlon Official, and IRONMAN Referee. She is an associate professor of journalism at Buffalo State University. Kim lives with her three dogs in Western New York.

Kim shared her experiences in the military and her career.

- Participated in Musselman (first race was in Geneva!)
- Bought one of Kathy Fuchs’ puppies!
- After serving in the military went to school on the GI Bill and got her degree in creative writing.
- Kim read several excerpts from one of her books, which everyone enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Leo

Community Service Announcements

- The Boy’s and Girl’s 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

- 8/26 Rotary Picnic, Seneca Lake Yacht Club 5:3. **(No lunch meeting that day)**
- **September meetings TBA**

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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