

Wednesday WRAP-UP

Rotary
Club of Geneva, New York



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**Wednesday,
Sept. 23, 2026**

Next week:
Cheryl Toor from the Geneva
Center of Concern/Geneva Food
Pantry

Past President Kerry Lippincott opened today's meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, an inspirational message, and the Four-Way Test.

Visiting Rotarian: Norm Lee, who will soon return to his winter home in Florida. (*Safe travels, Norm!*)

Guests: Jane Gerling and Ruth Benedict from Geneva Reads (today's program)

Welcome back to our own well-loved and greatly missed, **Mary Gearan!** We thank her for the fabulous desserts...yum!

Welcome back to long-time Geneva Rotarian Jim Gerling!

Announcements:

- Prince Pasta Dinner at the Sons and Daughters of Italy, 4-7PM (last night)
- The 30th Anniversary Gala Dinner, The Boys and Girls Club, October 17 at Club 86 5PM, VIP Event with Andre Reed, Speaker, 5:45PM Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, 6:30 Dinner and Program Contact Susan Tolleson at 315-759-6060 for reservations/tickets. Contact **Linda Equinozzi** to join the Geneva Rotary table.
- Leadership (RLI Northeast America) opportunity: October 17, 8AM-3:30 PM at Victor Central School cost is \$70 but our club will cover expenses for those who register. **Registration:** www.rlinea.org events/more information Questions: vvorhauer@gmail.com or text 585-705-5232
- Kathy Fuchs circulated a sympathy card for Rotarian Neil Sjoblom whose mom Jeanne passed away. Her service is Friday, September 25 at 1PM at Glenwood Cemetery.
- Garey Adamson had a second eye surgery. He plans to return to Rotary in two weeks.

Happy/Sad Dollars:

- Jamie Matthews is happy to welcome back Mary Gearan and Dave Cook. Dave is recovering from bypass surgery.
- Gerry Forcier expressed sympathy to the Sjoblom family. Gerry is also of French-Canadian descent (as was Jeanne Sjoblom).
- Jim Dickson has \$20 happy dollars in honor of Mary Gearan's return and Dave Cook's successful surgery. Jim had been traveling for four weeks, first to the Indy Car Race and then to Norway with his daughter. Jim's late wife's (Joan) family is from Norway. Jim and his daughter enjoyed reindeer steaks and fresh cod. They had an armed escort while traveling since polar bears have squatters rights.
- Bill McGuire thanked Gerry Forcier for covering his happy dollar recently. He has also been traveling to Gettysburg, Annapolis, and Atlantic City.

- Jolene Steele enjoyed a vacation at Myrtle Beach. On returning, she was thankful that the recent tornado/storms in Seneca County just missed her house but sad that the house two doors down was damaged.
- Dave Cook's ambulance ride cost: \$22K! He was released from the hospital the Friday before Labor Day with no medication or home health care, even though an incision showed signs of infection. Btw, Phil Beckley's Mercy Flight six years ago was covered by health insurance.
- Mary Gearan is happy to be back at Rotary.
- Diana Perry is happy to see Mary G and Dave C back with us. Jim Devaney is pumped up for Notre Dame's 3-0 record!

50/50:

Jane Gerling had the winning ticket and donated her share back to the club.

Heart of Rotary:

Jim DeVaney drew the deuce of hearts. The "pot" stands at \$944!

Program:

Eileen Halling introduced **Jane and Jim Gerling** and **Ruth Benedict** to highlight a Geneva Rotary grant for **Geneva 2030/Geneva Reads**. They explained some history and gave an outline of **Smart Thinking**, "...a program that combines child savings accounts and financial literacy education for the children in the Geneva City School District." With this program, \$100 will be held in a fund for each child in kindergarten and \$50 will be added each year until the child graduates from high school. Financial education will be provided at every (grade)level. This program is necessary since "despite our best efforts, poverty continues to be the over arching issue" in Geneva. The poverty rate in Geneva is 2x higher than the rest of Ontario County.

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Respectfully submitted,
Carol Chester

Community Service Announcements

Saturday - Boys and Girls Club Toddler Time

Future Programs

- 9/30 Cheryl Toor from the Geneva Center of Concern/Geneva Food Pantry
- 10/7 Arlene Eddington, Breathe
- 10/14 Susie Flick -Geneva Library.
- 10/21 Nelson Ronvalle, local airplane pilot (great story) waiting for confirmation...looks good

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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