Wednesday **WRAP-UP**

Rotary Club of Geneva, New York

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Wednesday,
Sept. 30, 2026

Next week:

Arlene Eddington, Breathe

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

Kerry thanked Mary Gearan for bringing cookies to share.

September Birthdays

Kerry led the singing of "Happy Birthday," even though none were in attendance, to Charlie Bauder, Barb Geary, Linda Sutherland and Susie Wertman.

COMMUNITY SERVICE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Stephanie Hesler – no volunteers needed at Boys and Girls Club the third Saturday of October. Will resume next month.
- Kath Fuchs and Linda Equinozzi are hosting a table at the Boys and Girls Club gala on Saturday, Oct. 17. Let them know if you would like to join the table. Tickets are $125 each and deadline to register is Oct. 12. Guest speaker is NFL star Andre Reed.
- Mary Gearan -- HWS is hosting the Stern Forum at the Smith on Friday night, starting at 7 p.m. Panel features NYT opinion writer Maureen Dowd and Republican political strategist Karl Rove, moderated by HWS alum Bill Whitaker. Free and open to the public.
- Kerry --- Raffle tickets are available for items at the Camp ONSEYAWA Gala, which is on Nov. 6 at Club 86. Tickets are $5 each or 3 for $12.
- Mary Sue Dehn – reminder that Friends of Geneva General Hospital is hosting Pickleball for Health fundraiser on Saturday at the courts behind Geneva High School. The tournament is full but the beginner clinic and informal play are still open. All ages welcome. Register at Registration – October Family Learn to Play – Lyons Pickleball Club. You do not need to register to come and get tickets for the basket drawing – lots of great prizes available. Tickets sold from 9 – 2:30. You do not need to be present to win. Mary Sue thanked Kath Fuchs for helping to spread the word and get players to join in.
- Susie Flick thanked everyone who came to shop and donated to the Library Book Sale. It was the best sale yet, netting $7000, and had the highest grossing one day sale ever.
- Kerry reminded everyone to sign the get well card for Ford who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS

- Ruth Leo – sad because her 100 year old neighbor, a WWII vet, passed away. He will be buried at Sampson.
- Neil Sjoblom --- presented a $96 check to Rotary in honor of his mom, who passed away at 96 years old.
- Jim Dickson – happy because Rhonda is back at Rotary, and sad because of some football losses…
- Dave Cook – happy that Jerry Fourcier was able to argue his case in court to get his dogs out of the pound, and that his chauffeur (Jim DeVaney) will be out of a job because his doctor cleared him to drive
- Garey Adamson – happy to see better with his cool, glare-omitting glasses after having his cataracts removed. Should be fully recovered in a couple of weeks.
- Jim DeVaney – happy because the Yankees won

50/50: Bill McGuire won $31; $32 went to the Foundation.

No Heart of Rotary this week.

PROGRAM

Topic: GENEVA CENTER OF CONCERN (Geneva Rotary Community Grant awardee)
Speaker: **Cheryl Toor**, in her 24th year as Director – where she oversees all aspects of the organization, including the food pantry as well as special projects. Cheryl got the job after seeing an ad in the FL Times, after a career at Applied Graphic Technologies in Rochester.

- The Center staff consists of a store manager and part-time handy man – plus 50+ volunteers.
- It started in 1971 as a church outreach at Christmas time. It has NEVER received government funding. The Thrift Store funds the food pantry.
- Recently, the food pantry was remodeled and today looks similar to a small grocery store. Clients walk through and choose the foods they want or need.
- Annual projects: Operation Merry Christmas – full "North Pole Store" in the basement with toys, clothing, etc. Clients shop with a personal shopper and choose the gifts to bring home for themselves and their loved ones.
- Geneva focused and based, but don't turn away people in need from other places.
- They stock an Emergency Pantry, that provides 3 meals/person in the household for 3 days, including meats.
- They get food donations from individuals, Wegmans and work with Food Link. Can always use items not covered by food stamps – cleaning and paper supplies.
- The Baptist church does a monthly donation for diapers and formula – "Full Tummies and Dry Bottoms."

Center of Concern by the numbers (as of 3rd week of Sept.):
3904 client visits
9443 individuals served
85,987 meals provided so far
250 adults, 425 children regularly assisted
16,500 - $11,000 in student scholarships provided, $5000 in gift certificated provided for the annual Back to School Scholarships

The website for the Geneva Center of Concern is:https://genevacenterofconcern.org

Quick details (from their official site and regional listings)

- **Address:** 58 Avenue D, Geneva, NY 14456
- **Phone:** 315-789-1117
- **Email:** info@genevacenterofconcern.org

Hours

- **Food Pantry:**
  - Mon–Fri: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
  - Sat: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- **Thrift Store:**
  - **Mon–Fri: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**
  - **Sat: 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Sue Dehn

Community Service Announcements

- Saturday - Boys and Girls Club Toddler Time (no volunteers needed the third Saturday of October. Will resume next month.)

Future Programs

- 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?

Ethan Fogg	**Garey Adamson**	**Vacant**	**Ford Weiskittel**	**Bob McFadden**
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