

Wednesday WRAP-UP

Rotary
Club of Geneva, New York



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**Wednesday,
Oct. 28, 2026**

Next week:

Stephanie Hesler:
Geneva Boys & Girls Club

New President Garey Adamson opened the meeting, led the Pledge and Four Way Test. Offered something new as an invocation: Kath Fuchs read poem from Emily Bronte, Autumn Leaves.

Garey acknowledged with thanks the work of previous presidents. He spoke briefly about moving to Geneva 18 years ago and not knowing anyone, but said it was moving next door to Kath Fuchs that was a gift.

Announcements

- Jim Dickson - Adopt a Highway – Saturday morning, 10/31 @ 9 a.m. Sent around a sign-up sheet.
- Dave Cook had two announcements:
 - Ray Ciancaglini Shields of Honor dinner on Nov. 7 @ Ventosa Vinyards; he would like to have a Rotary table
 - **Nov. 11 Rotary Meeting**– lunch at Border City RR in the new train cars, speaker will be Bruce Haverfield, sign up for Box Lunch from Dana's ahead of time.
- Diana Perry – Santa Train tickets are on sale just a week, 60% sold already, has flyers to distribute
- Garey – thought of citing member each week who has contributed – Johnny O – wears many hats for Rotary, sets up every week and membership
- Linda Equinozzi – recruiting people for Boys and Girls Club Dinner, Nov. 19 @ Club 86

Happy Dollars

- Bob McFadden– thanking Kerry and Garey for filling in while he was away working – opening Webster office, and mentioned he made the RBJ Power Banking list
- Dave Cook – had a dollar left so put it in the kitty
- Diana Perry -- \$10 thankful that Garey stepped up to take his presidency early; happy that Dave and she had first Interact meeting at the HS, great start to the year; congratulations, Bob!
- Stephanie Hesler – for Garey and good luck to him
- Jim DeVaney – Notre Dame didn't play so couldn't lose, will play Navy next week in Foxboro
- Jerry Forcier – commending Garey for stepping up, too
- Jim Dickson – saluting Garey and looking forward to this year, Michigan losing and winning – OT to lose again last week
- John Watson –grandson has appt w/US Senator from NC for potential appt to Naval Academy
- Kath Fuchs – in thanks to Ford who created shared Google Doc to track potential speakers

50/50 Dave Cook won \$27

Heart of Rotary - \$1044 in the pot - \$522 up for grabs –Dave Cook picked a 3 of Diamonds – oh, well!
She's still alive!

Program

Kath Fuchs introduced [Geneva Mayor, Jim Cecere](#) .

She has known him and his family since he was a kid growing up in Geneva, 25 years in finance, went to Hobart and Duke Fuqua Biz School, Certificate in Int'l Business from NYU.
Restaurant owner and promoter of FLX wines
Partner Kevin San Jose.
Started with thanking Rotary for club's efforts to make Geneva great....

Told a story: Kath's dad, affectionately known as Big Daddy, ran for Town Supervisor, and was friends with Jim's dad. They loved to "fix" things, for instance a floor, much to the amusement of Jim's mom. Decades later when Jim removed a rug in the house he grew up in, underneath he found four "Big Daddy's" wooden campaign signs which had been cut up to use for the flooring! .

11 months in this role – asked, "What do you want me to address?"

- Mike Rusinko – talk about law enforcement and changes there and relationship
- Dave Cook. – electric scooters and bikes
- Jerry Forcier – town integration
- John Watson– likes the transparency on social media
- Peter Einset– how to call police without calling 911...

Weak mayor, strong city manager structure of government – city manager reports to City Council, runs day to day, appoints people to various leadership positions in the city
Proposes change to have more council oversight of the city manager and its agencies
Weirdest thing: call that there's a tree down, go get it – mayor can't call someone at DPW, so how do I get this done? I'm accountable to that person who called...

How do we do this differently?

Then I get the calls about "did you know this thing is going on?"

I can't call the police chief – not my job – I say to the city manager...come in and let's talk, and ask HER what the plan is. I give my opinion. She takes or leaves it – and is accountable to city council for what happens.

Filling 4 slots at PD; 3 hired, 1 pending; deputy chief role (leadership) will be created and filled in first quarter 2027

Force is young, # of arrests have gone up by a lot; may have more to do with more aggressive policing than actual crime – we will have the chief come in more frequently to ask those questions

Fire Department – so unique, so many volunteers. Celebrating 160th year. Volunteer numbers going down and aging. 18 paid firefighters. (Canandaigua has 20 paid, and zero volunteers.) My interest – selfishly – Dad was captain at Nester Hose, volunteers all who lived here – I want to see us spend more effort and energy on attracting and retaining the volunteers, because it builds the community.

Will speak at Ray Ciancaglini's benefit dinner – not about politics, rather about doing the right thing
Don't recognize the borders between the City and the town... people see a region we are happy to be a part of.

We've created too an institutionalized approach on how citizens access the city services.

Encouraging accessibility is at the forefront of what I'm doing.

We can't sustain how we operate today in 20 years without the Town of Geneva.

Let's get a plan for sustainability – meaning we do more with the town and the county and the surrounding counties... we are talking about this. Encourage thinking differently...

Where should we start? How do we get people on board? Town of 4000, City of 12,500... We have to be ready to have that conversation, willingly and openly.

Doing it with water and sewer – did a rate study – rates will go up Pay for service and infrastructure.

Accumulating debt for decades for water and sewer for years – infrastructure... Town's will go up, too..

E-bikes - There has been a decrease in the number on the streets, but there isn't any data on the number of tickets issued

Update on lead pipe removal - There is no start date for the project, but it's expected to start sometime in 2027. The total cost is \$14 million dollars. City staffers got grants to cover all the costs

Goals for 2027

5-year plan to have a budget surplus

Focus on community - housing, McDonough Park, and the Community Center

**Respectfully submitted,
Mary Sue Dehn**

Community Service Announcements

- Sat., Oct 31 Highway Clean Up in the morning, 9 a.m

Future Programs

- 11/4 Stephanie Hesler
- 11/11 Meet at Finger Lakes Railway for Santa Train information meeting

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?

Garey Adamson
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