

# Valley Courier

## Monthly Newsletter

The Rotary Club of Geneseo, N.Y.  
Club 4780 of District 7120 [www.GeneseoRotary.com](http://www.GeneseoRotary.com)



December 2018



Dorothy Welch...Dec. 9  
Tom Cox.....Dec. 15  
Diane Hamilton...Dec. 25

There will be no club meeting on  
December 10th, December 24th

or

December 31st

### Wedding Anniversaries

Laura Minor .....Dec. 19  
David Woods..... Dec. 20th  
Greg Ramsden.....Dec. 31

### Rotary Archive

Arthur Frederick Sheldon, who joined the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1908, articulated many of the guiding principles of Rotary, including his doctrine that "He profits most who serves best." The principle was adopted at the second Rotary Convention.

In 2004 the Rotary International Council on Legislation modified the wording to read: "They Profit Most Who Serve Best."

(Source: Rotary International)

*Geneseo Rotary  
Holiday Dinner*

*December 10*

*Yard of Ale*

Contact Darcy or Diane  
to sign up





**December is  
Rotary  
International's  
Disease  
Prevention and  
Treatment  
Month**

**Rotary RPO Christmas Concert**  
**With Canandaigua Academy Choir Groups**  
**December 7th, 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm**  
Canandaigua Academy Auditorium  
435 East Street  
Canandaigua, NY





Merry Christmas To All !  
December 25th



*First Day of Winter*  
December 21st



**Rotary Books for the World**  
**Packing Party**

December 1st

8:30 am to 11:00 am

At the

Rochester Business Center  
465 Paul Road  
Rochester, NY 14624

Sorting and packing gently used books to be shipped to Rotary Books for the World in Texas, where they will be redistributed to regions of the world lacking educational resources.

[www.rotarybooksfortheworld.org](http://www.rotarybooksfortheworld.org)

**Meeting Cancellation**  
**Policy**

For the winter season if school at Geneseo Central is cancelled there will be no Rotary meeting that day.



# Geneseo Rotary

## Holiday House Tour



December  
**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
1PM - 5PM

**\$12** in advance  
**\$15** at door

Tickets Available at  
Big Tree Inn  
Mann's Jewelers  
Market on Main

### Tour Stops

1. Saint Michael's Church - 23 Main Street \*
2. Big Tree Inn - 46 Main Street
3. Dr. Gerald Benjamin - 67 Center Street
4. The Willows at Cornerways - 85 Center Street
5. Temple Hill Bed & Breakfast - 114 Temple Hill Street
6. Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Natoli - 8 Crossett Road
7. Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bucci, Jr. - 35 Cavalry Road
8. Riviera Theatre - 4 Center Street \*\*

\*Music in Saint Michael's from 1pm - 2pm

\*\*Theatre open from 4PM - 5PM. Refreshments will be served.

### Annual Veterans' Luncheon Held on November 12th

Pres. Angela Ellis and Gary Anderson. Gary is a retired Marine Colonel, and was one of our guest speakers at our Veterans' Luncheon this year. (Photo by PP Tim Hayes)



### Geneseo-Groveland Food Pantry Coordinator Speaks at Club Meeting

Betsy Matthews (left) from the Geneseo-Groveland Food Pantry, was our Program Speaker on November 19th. The Pantry is located at the Central Presbyterian Church, 31 Center Street. (Photo by PP Tim Hayes)



### BINGO Fundraiser held at Morgan Estates on November 13

The event went well for our first try. We had only residents of Morgan Estates show up and several Rotarians.



Our bingo callers were PP Art, PP John Lanpher and Sally Fox. Also playing were PP Mary Kay, PP Howard, Mary Alice, Sharyn Duffy, Marge Wallin. Helping were Lizzy and Lexi Chichester, whose parents are planning to join the club.

The venue was ideal and everyone seemed to have a good time. We got some good ideas for the next time we do this. Thanks to all

(Submitted by PP Steve Wiener)



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of warm  
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**Red Kettle**  
**Campaign**

## Lucille Kane Honored with Ray C. Sherman Community Service Award

This special award, named in memory of Geneseo Rotary Past President Ray Sherman, former editor and publisher of the Livingston Republican weekly newspaper, recognizes individuals who have given extraordinary volunteer service to benefit our community. Recipients can be Rotarians or non-Rotarians who have exhibited the true spirit of Rotary's international motto – "Service Above Self". Along with the recognition, the Geneseo Rotary Club also makes a \$500 grant to an organization or cause chosen by the honoree, for which Kane has selected the Geneseo Parish Outreach Center.

Ida Lucille Johnson Kane grew up in Geneseo and met her husband Joe Kane while they were students at Geneseo State Teachers College, where she was awarded the first Gladys S. Rhodes Special Education Award, in honor of the longtime department chair.

Lucille and her family lived in the Panama Canal Zone for 25 years, where Joe established and served as the head librarian at the Balboa Junior College in Balboa. Their three children, Sean, Nona and Devin, were born in the Canal Zone. Once they were all in school, Lucille began to do some substitute teaching at St. Mary's Roman Catholic school in grades K-6. Before long, she was invited by the Catholic hierarchy to serve as the first lay principal for the school, regardless of her strong Methodist faith and only a bachelor's degree in Special Education. She served in that capacity for over ten years, growing the school to a K-12 academic facility. As guest speaker at the school's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2002, she was recognized for her work in creating a comprehensive educational program for all local students.

Upon their retirement, the Kanes returned to Geneseo, whereupon Lucille quickly invested her compassionate nature and willing spirit into the work of her *home* church, the Geneseo United Methodist Church. Before long, she became a staff member and served as pastoral assistant for 14 years, working with three different pastors over that period.

She was also one of the founding members of the Parish Outreach Center's medical mission for uninsured and underinsured at her church for people across a broad geographic area. She has served on its Board of Directors, volunteers at their weekly clinic, and is delighted to have the Center receive the Sherman Award's \$500 grant.

During that time, Lucille also began volunteering at the NYS prison system's Groveland Correctional Facility in Sonyea, as the *Welcome Lady* at the Visitors Center, to help smooth the way for folks coming by bus on weekends and holidays to visit inmates.

Lucille's work in and for her church includes teaching and visitation, a weekly praise and prayer service, and periodically leading worship services at Morgan Estates and the Livingston County Jail. At the jail she has been recognized for her "outstanding services and dedication" to its activities program for inmates.

She has been lauded by Catholic Charities for her dedication to the HOPE youth mentoring program for at-risk youth, offering guidance and friendship to help them deal with their life struggles. For her work there, she was honored by Triad, the Livingston County program that involves the Sheriff's department and area senior citizens. More recently, local Catholic Charities chapter bestowed on her the Father William Trott Memorial Community Services Award.

As a Geneseo Central School graduate, in 2009 she was included on the school's Alumni Wall of Fame, joining her brother Doug Johnson, a Sherman Award winner in 1998, and niece Rebecca Johnson LeClair. Three special traits highlighted on her plaque are community service, educator, and humanitarian.

As for hobbies and interests, Lucille considers herself a *craft person*, loves to read, and most of all, appreciates the many friendships she has cultivated since returning to Geneseo in 1988.

Ray Sherman Award Committee member and Geneseo Rotary Past President Carol Carey noted as she presented the award, "The theme for Rotary International this year is 'Be the Inspiration'. Lucille is a perfect example of this theme, both locally and internationally." This area is truly blessed to have such a compassionate, giving person inspiring us all through her service to others.

(Submitted by Sally Fox)

(Photos by PP Tim Hayes are on next page)



*Left to right  
President Angela Ellis,  
Lucille Kane, and Sherman  
Award Selection Committee  
members PP Carol Carey,  
PP Art Hatten (Chair) and  
Margie Wallin*



*President Angela Ellis, Lucille Kane, Parish Outreach Center Executive Director Donna  
Flaberty and Medical Director Dr. Paul Frame*





*9<sup>th</sup> Grade Service Above Self Award  
Renamed the Stephen Richard  
Wiener Service Above Self Award  
on November 5th*



A copy of Pres. Angela's speech that day  
is on the following page



Above: PP Steve and his grandson Hayden.

Photo by Pres. Angela Ellis, all others by PP Tim Hayes



*President Angela Ellis's Speech Honoring  
P.P. Steve Wiener on November 5th*

*Today, it is my great pleasure to join the membership in recognizing P.P. Steve by officially renaming the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Service Above Self Award to the Stephen Richard Wiener Service Above Self Award.*

*The 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Service Above Self Award is presented to a 9<sup>th</sup> grader at Genesee Central in the Spring and goes to a student who demonstrates Service Above Self through outstanding service to our community, region, or world-at-large. The student receives an award certificate recognizing their achievement.*

*The Club is very pleased to honor P.P. Steve in this fashion for his continued commitment to our community and his many years of service above self. P.P. Steve exemplifies what it means to be a Rotarian. His is a Person of Action -- Learning about Rotary and its many initiatives and using that knowledge to address the needs of others, locally and internationally.*

*This year is very timely for the recognition. This is the 25th anniversary of his being club president (1993), the 20th anniversary of his receiving the Rotarian of the Year Award (1998), and the 10th anniversary of his receiving the Ray Sherman Award (2008). He is also a long standing board member of the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp, which I know is one of his favorite organizations to support.*

*Steve we thank you for all that you do for the club and community. You serve as a constant reminder about the mission of Rotary to work collaboratively and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.*

*P.P. Steve. . . . . Please join me at the podium. We would like to present you with this Rotary photo frame and will hold a picture of you and the first recipient of the Stephen Richard Wiener Service Above Self Award.*



Student Dictionaries  
Distributed at  
Geneseo Central School  
On October 24th

*PP Howard Stewart and Third Grade Teacher David Tasber.*



Photos by PP Tim Hayes