

Valley Courier

Monthly Newsletter

The Rotary Club of Geneseo, N.Y.
Club 4780 of District 7120 www.GeneseoRotary.com



December 2016



Dorothy Welch...Dec. 9

Diane Hamilton...Dec. 25

Rotary Anniversary

Diane Hamilton

Wedding Anniversary

David Woods..... Dec. 20th

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 Buffet*

December 5th

at the

Yard of Ale

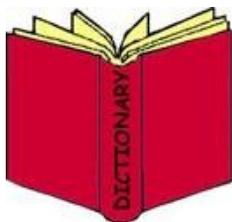
Cost is \$35 a person

2016 Dictionary Project



For the past 13 years, Geneseo Rotary has participated in the Dictionary Project.

This year, 130 dictionaries were presented to third graders at Geneseo and York CSD and Genesee Country Christian Schools





Dr. Nancy Lowmaster, Our Program Guest on November 21, Spoke About “Digging in the Holy Land”.



Photo by Mary Alice May, submitted by Pres. Tim Hayes



Kayla Truong drew the winning ticket and the Ace of Spades (Jackpot Card) for one of the veterans at the November 14 Veterans’ Luncheon.

He won \$140!!

Ray Sherman Award Update

According to Pres. Tim Hayes, Bob Kelsey has been selected to be the recipient of the Ray Sherman Award. He was nominated by Gretchen Crane. (see next page for her letter)

Bob will be presented with the award at the December 19th meeting.

Meeting Cancellation Policy

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

Dear Tim,

Thank you for your patience in waiting for my thoughts regarding my nomination of Mr. Robert Kelsey for the Ray Sherman Service Award that your organization awards to a deserving member of our community who exemplifies the service and citizenship worthy of this award. I feel very strongly that Bob Kelsey is an outstanding example of all of those qualities and more.

Robert A. Kelsey is a man of true character with an amazing commitment to being civically minded. He goes above and beyond for all that he is involved with. Bob is a man who has been involved in the Geneseo community for his entire life. A proud graduate of the Geneseo High School Class of 1949, Bob was involved in many clubs and activities in high school and after high school returned to his alma mater to teach industrial arts for 33 years and continue his civic minded personality while serving as the advisor to the student council that he had been a member. It was those years of teaching that found him sharing not only his teaching expertise but his character and love for our community and country to help young people see the importance of giving back and being helpful to others. I was one of those students who were lucky enough to have Bob Kelsey as an influence and a mentor in my young life. How proud I am that I continue as an adult to get to work with Bob.

Bob served in the National Guard for 20 years, achieving the rank of Major. He proudly participates in our Memorial Day festivities in town each year. He most recently presented a program for the Livingston County Historical Society on the history of the National Guard here in our community. Bob is a wonderful example of living history in our community and is happy to share with others and continue to help our community to grow. He was recently part of the Memories of Main Street project here in the village. He has served on the Geneseo Town Council and was an independent businessman for many years. He puts countless hours into the GCS alumni activities. He and his wife Donna served Main Street Geneseo well for over 20 years with their local business. They never say no when called upon to help with a community event or promote Geneseo and its residents. They advertise in everyone's programs, they give their financial or material support to every school group that asks, and they are a presence at events and activities to show their support. Bob was chosen as a member of the GCS Alumni Hall of Fame for many of the above mentioned reasons.

All of that being said should give you an idea why I feel Bob Kelsey is an outstanding candidate for this award; however I have one more example that I would like to share with you that makes me feel why Bob Kelsey stands apart from most. Many of you on this committee may already be well aware of what I am speaking of, Bob's service to the Temple Hill Cemetery Association, but I wanted to share my perspective of what I find so exceptional about Bob in this regard. Thank you for taking the time to listen to my thoughts. For the past 5 years Bob has worked diligently to help the Temple Hill Cemetery. He has restored the Board of Directors into an active group. He has worked tirelessly to bring the cemetery into a financially better state. He does so much behind the scenes to make sure things are up and running and that the cemetery is being moved into a position to be cared for and maintained going forward for those who already rest there and those who are still to come. What amazes me most about all that he does is that Bob is no longer a young man. (That is a quote from him ?) yet he works effortlessly like he is. He is always there to support every activity and participate in all that is happening. He visits with community organizations and promotes the good that he happening at the cemetery; he writes articles and letters to the newspaper and makes people aware of all that is happening. Cemeteries aren't always easy things to promote and many people don't see the importance or the need for all that Bob talks about. Bob Kelsey believes in our community, all aspects of it, and he makes it easily understood to others the importance of this cemetery. Bob has served as a wonderful contact and support for two scouts, one Girl Scout and one Boy Scout, who did their service projects at the cemetery to earn their highest rank in their scouting careers. Without Bob those projects would not have succeeded.

I truly could go on and on about why I think Bob Kelsey is so deserving of this award. I won't. I have taken up enough of your time, and I thank you for that. If the committee has any questions or you need anything more from me please do not hesitate to ask. I thank you very much for your time and for your consideration of Bob Kelsey for this award.

Gretchen Crane, Vice President, Temple Hill Cemetery Association



*Service
Above
Self*

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



*Brighton Rotary Club Holiday Auction
Locust Hill Country Club, Jefferson Road, Pittsford
December 15th
6:30 pm dinner*





Merry Christmas To All !
December 25th



November 13th E-Mail From Kayla Truong, Rotaract Club

We have a family that we are providing a meal for. We will be delivering the meal Saturday, November 19th. Also Thursday, November 17 we will be volunteering at the church that runs the food drive just to help set up for the deliveries Saturday!

11/20 Update. Kayla Truong, Mollie Gilmer and Rachel Lintz delivered the food they collected to a family on Nov. 19th.

Good Neighbor Committee News

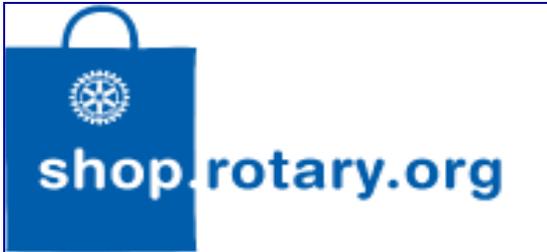
Keyboard
Kamp
Recital Will
Be Held on
Dec. 4, 3pm at
St. Timothy's
Church

Tentative Date for
Bowling Event Will
be Wednesday
Dec. 28th
At Livingston
Lanes





For your holiday gift giving....



Rotary merchandise since 1920. www.ruh.com

This Dictionary
presented to:

by the
Geneseo Rotary Club



THE FOUR-WAY TEST:

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 to all concerned?

The above book plate was put into each dictionary that was distributed by our Club members.

Christmas is holly
with berries of red,
and the



heavenly
fragrance
of warm
gingerbread.

Calling All Bell Ringers!!!

2016 Salvation
Army



Red Kettle

Campaign