

# SPOKES

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<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50098>

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<https://www.rotary.org/en>



## Meetings / Events

2/07 – Regular meeting  
2/14 – Board Meeting 8 AM, Location TBD  
2/14 – Club Assembly  
2/21 – Regular Meeting  
2/28 – Regular Meeting  
3/26 – Foundation Brunch, RSVP 3/1  
4/08 – District Assembly – RSVP by 3/10



## Birthdays coming up

(Friends and Rotarians)

Tom Mayt	2/2
Sona Dobronova	2/9
Chris Bergman	2/16
Teresa Vivier	2/25



## CLUB SERVICE DUTIES FOR FEBRUARY:

Song / pledge: John Socha  
Welcome / Attendance: Janelle Davidson  
Rotary minute: Stacy Wyant  
Happy dollars: Leon Fontier  
Prayer / Reflection: Evelyn Emerson

## Rotary Minute:

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. 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 to all concerned?

From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. The test was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (later RI president) when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. This 24-word code of ethics for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. Adopted by Rotary in 1943

## *Emily speaks on the 4-Way Test*



Emily Wunder is a tall drink of water, which serves her well as an elite Rochester volleyball travel team member. As well as having an active sports focus, she was also the winner of the Ms. Penn Yan contest, a host family sister to Sona, and now a competitor in the Rotary Oratorical Competition this spring.

She gave her 7 minute talk today to a rapt audience. She spoke about the 4-Way Test and her own personal view of integrity. In the fast paced talk she related the Rotary test to several dimensions of her current and prospective professional career goals in medicine.

Words and concepts that stuck were: Lead by Example, Follow me, Walk the Talk and Silence is Consent. Each was an image that described her approach to integrity, truth, finding that which is good for all concerned and building good will. We wish her the very best in her pursuit of first place in the oratorical contest.

## *Janelle Davidson is inducted*

The Club's newest member is no stranger to Rotary as she was president of the Keuka College Rotaract Club. Now, after Veterinary College at Purdue, Janelle has returned to the Finger Lakes as a vet at Eastview Veterinary Clinic. She is 75% small animal and 25% large animal. She has seen it all in her short time back. "It is a veritable zoo up there. We even treat snakes and hamsters, to say nothing of horses, cows, and goats."



**Janelle** is here with her significant other, Joe Taylor. "I imported him." Along with two dogs, they have a house that Janelle bought on Himrod Road. She enjoys bike riding, painting and is interested in keeping bees.

Janelle was raised in Cortland. Mom was a school teacher and dad was a landscaper. Her Rotary mentors for many years have been **Mary Ellen** and **Evelyn**.

## *Leon is selected President Elect*



When Carol W withdrew last year as President Elect to devote all of her Rotary time to making the Flights of Fancy more successful, a huge hole opened in the club's leadership succession. Finally the Board made a great decision in selecting Leon Fontier to be the incoming new president in July 2017.

Leon, a relatively new Rotarian of a couple years, has distinguished himself in several ways. At meetings he lends his great charm and hearty laugh. Several years ago he began a mission to bring clean water to the town where he was born in the Congo. Last year he ran that project to every grantor's satisfaction. He showed us how a little help could generate so many new adult friendships and hundreds of smiling faces. Since returning, he was one of the guiding voices in our vision retreat. With Singing Bob, he provided the wording and spirit for our mission statement.

The club looks forward to his leadership and installation next June. In the meanwhile he will attend the President Elect Training Seminar PETS in Syracuse, meet with the District Governor Elect when the DGE returns from San Diego, and will look for club volunteers to chair the many avenues of service and stand for election as Directors. When asked, please consider being part of his team. Volunteers should contact Leon or Tom M.

## *Happiness and Confessions:*

It was a small crowd but a good time this Tuesday at Top of the Lake...23 of our members and guests.

**Sue** got a big Rotary cheer when it was announced that she had arranged for an ATM for the Flights of Fancy. That will make it easier for patrons to have cash for buying food and wine by the glass.

**Sona** has moved to the Wunder family home on Main Street. She has been swimming five days a week and running nearly every day. She is starting to train for the NYC Central Park half-marathon that will be run in late February. She is also making plans to visit DC in March for a run, and Boston with Carol W to run a 5k, watch the Boston Marathon and sight see.

**Tom H** won \$4 from the 50/50 and then deposited in the sergeant's box because he'd managed to not get a ticket for overlooking the inspection on Sarah's car. Two months might have been outside the grace period.

**Photo Bob** brought his daughter "Photo Fannie" Deb to the meeting after their January 2<sup>nd</sup> return from Texas. Bob had spent the holidays there, and when Deb sold her house, she came back north. Deb says she's glad to be living on Keuka Lake again. She was a school music teacher after a 20 year tour as an Army musician. Seven

years in Heidelberg meant she was playing in the elite USAREUR band. She was given a rousing welcome.

**John S** had the audacity to express gladness for the arrival of winter; but worse...**Patrick** mentioned those dreaded (loveable) New England Patriots. Will a Giants fan stay loyal to the NFC by cheering on the Atlanta Falcons, or will they have to stoop to choose the Patriots as the last northeast team standing?

**Patrick** also paid in advance for a planned spring vacation trip to Orlando. Disney land????

Lots of members gave thanks for the fellowship and fun at **Jeff** and **Diane's** home before the Keuka College women's basketball game. A great game for families and friends, to which **Rob** showed for the last quarter and **Tom M** showed just as we were walking out at the end. It seems that for some a funeral and a christening took precedence and they had to miss great food and fun.

Guest George Wunder was applauded by **Stacy** for being the next host dad and for "dealing with a house full of women...even the dog." Now that raises a few questions about Stacy and his having paid attention during high school biology classes....what he calls a she really looks like a he....ah-hem...possible fine next week?

**Mary Ellen** was obviously proud of her former Rotaract member **Janelle**; and Emily, her former Ms. Penn Yan contestant. Girl Power!!!

Pardon **John S** if he is a little sad this week. His great Finnish family adopted daughter, Anna, leaves soon. As a 19 year old, she intends to matriculate in a Finnish teachers' college. As part of one of the world's best national education systems, Finnish teaching colleges are on a par with our medical colleges for prestige and difficulty for entry. Anna has been part of a multi-generational exchange program started with John's first Finnish Rotary Exchange student.

## *How will you serve this week?*

One writer stated that the greatest feeling s/he ever had was when s/he gave a gift or did something anonymously for another person.