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3/72017—Safe Harbors of Finger Lakes - Jo Cuson

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No Guests this week

50/50 - Linda/Bert

Safe Harbors provides free, immediate, confidential support for victims of all forms of sexual assault/abuse, domestic violence, and child and elder abuse in Ontario, Seneca and Yates Counties.

In October 2016 they opened space at Academy Square in Seneca Falls.

Their services include advocacy, referral to therapy, accompany clients to legal and medical appointments, plus crisis counseling at the moment. They assist folks to get into shelters - although the closest is Bath, NY.

Community education is a large part of their work - they facilitate Darkness to Light hands on for adults to help them handle children who have been abused.

? Take donations of furniture, etc. for helping people get set up in new home? They suggest give to House of Concern because they partner with HOC so their clients get everything free of charge from there.

One of their focus areas is to help develop safety plans, integrate back into the community as victims of violence have difficulty relating to others and forget how to interact because they feel afraid or not worthy. Safe Harbors offers small groups to help them connect, give skills (budgeting) and healthy relationship skills which isn't taught in school.

? Healthy relationship skills is taught in several schools now, prevention education presentations in all schools in Seneca County now. Children given an opportunity to have one on one chat with the advocate.

When opened the Seneca County office in Oct 2016, services grew over 200%. Three people from Seneca County have been referred out since October. This is an extreme-must leave immediately and be at a distance from the situation. They do help obtain orders of protection, child custody. 2015-2016 - served 130 to now almost 400 in different capacities.

? What about domestic arrests? Can be suggested but can't force to go to police. They are not allowed to notify unless self destructive or mental capacity issues- they are covered by confidentiality clause just like lawyers.

Court system-B order is be nice but gray, A order is very distinct and clear. They encourage clients to keep calling every time so they have proof.

? Referrals from children about adults? Yes

3rd grader came home and shared details of what they learned. State requires every school to provide and SC chooses to use Safe Harbor. They do have middle and high school presentations based on teacher's request.

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Service Above Self

District Dates-

**April 8—District
Assembly in Newark**

**May 19-21—District
Conf in Erie, PA**

**June 10-13—
RI Conference in
Atlanta, GA**

Upcoming Programs:

3/14—Hodge Podge

**3/21-Seneca Meadows,
Mark Benjamin**

3/28—Club Assembly

4/4—Neetu Chandak

**4/11—United Way,
Rhonda Jasper**

Club Dates of Note:

- April 1—Chocolate Extravaganza
- May Rotary Foundation Month

www.senecafallsrotary.org

AND

www.rotarymusicfest.com

Announcements/Happy \$:

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- ⇒ Chocolate Extravaganza—Liz is working hard in her fun for Chocolate Queen! Don't forget raffle tickets AND if you would like to see her in costume in private, she will do it for a fee!
- ⇒ Sell tickets!! Bring in chocolate!! Sign up for the chocolate contest! Sell tickets!!! Turn in ticket money to Linda.
- ⇒ Let Pres Stephen know if you will be attending District Assembly on April 8th in Newark. We have paid for six people and he has details of workshops for those who would like to look at it.
- ⇒ District Conference is May 19-21 in Erie, PA. Get your reservations in!
- ⇒ Thank you's were received from Romulus students for their Dictionaries, Red Cross, and SF Historical Society

Trips/Happy \$:

- ◇ Happy Birthday to Rich who paid a goodly amount for us NOT to sing and remind him.
- ◇ Wendy - trip to downstate to see aunt and cousins and clients
- ◇ Jim - confessed he had spent several weeks in Florida
- ◇ Linda, Dana, Lynne, Ted and Rich thanks to Liz for Prog Nog. Some put money into Liz's Pig for Chocolate Queen
- ◇ Dave S. - Trip to Punta Cana Recommends everyone take their kids and pay for it. He's also no longer homeless—60 Chapel St.
- ◇ Cal—Need subpoena of Kiwanis records -they have been wire tapping our Board meetings
- ◇ Dave M. Florida fishing tale—Silver catfish. Also caught 30 whit-ing and threw them back.
- ◇ Received letter from Rotary Club in Pasadena CA regarding the Rose Parade asking for donations to support the float celebrating the Centennial of the Foundation.

Prog Nog Crew

