

SENECA FALLS ROTARY

Club Officers (2020-2021)

President- Linda Knight

Pres Elect-Linda McKeveny/Jolene Steele

Vice President-

Secretary-Kathy Jans Duffy

Treasurer-Rich Fredenburg

Past President-Rhonda Jasper

Directors

Class of 2021 Tim Ryan

Class of 2022 Cindy Ody-Ortego

Dave Swenson

Fred Capozzi

Class of 2023 Liz Becht

Ted Novak

Club Committees & Chairs

Administration: Tim Ryan

Community Service: Kathy Jans-Duffy/Linda Knight

Foundation: Tim Ryan

Fundraising: Linda Knight/Wendy Freidman/Kolsin

International: Dave Markel

Literacy: Liz Becht

Membership: Linda & Bob McKeveny

New Generations/Youth-Liz Becht

Public Relations-Jolene Steele/Susan Backlund

Sunshine/Social-Jolene Steele



Weekly Spokes

03-16- 2021

Club Announcements:

In Person meetings-We would like to get back to in-person meetings 4/13 at the Seneca Falls Country Club. We will remain hybrid with Zoom available for those who are not able to attend.

Trips & Happy Dollars

JT-Sad \$, passing of a celebrity who had once been a guest at one of our meetings. April 1st will be 30 years that he has been in Seneca Falls.

Linda M-happy they made it back from Florida, it is good to be home

Bob M-they left some shells in Sanibel for Dave Markel

Audie-happy that SU Orangeman and women made it

Bill-Sad \$-for passing of a friend and happy \$ that his shoulder is feeling better

Recent & Upcoming Club Activities:

Indoor Yard Sale this Sunday at the SF Community Center!

Presentation- – Larry Driscoll (AKA, Gary Knox) Luxury liners

America United States Lines-Luxury Liner- clearly marked as a US ship as at the time we were neutral.



After war was declared the boat went from 200 passengers to around 8000 and it was equipped for war-2nd photo. The first smokestack was a dummy stack, that was used as a look out. It had an emergency generator in the bottom, that had to be tested weekly.



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Today's Guests & Visitors

Club Member's Rotary Anniversaries

March

Al Johnson-53 years
Susan Backlund-19 years
Jerry Macaluso-19 years

Club Member's Birthdays

March

Mike Mirras
Rich Fredenburg
Linda McKeveny

Important Dates & Reminders

3/21-Indoor Yard Sale

Upcoming Programs

3/23-Bert Serling



In 1948, ship was restored to her original splendor, and was now used again as a luxury transport liner. A very comfortable, beautiful ship.

In 1962, as air travel became more prevalent, the ship was sold to a Greek company, that used the ship to transport immigrants from Europe to Australia.

The boat was decommissioned 14 years later. It was later purchased by a businessman from Thailand who was going to use it as a floating hotel. However, there was a terrible storm during transport and the ship had to be cut loose from the towline, the boat suffered terrible damage and would never sail again. It was eventually lost to the sea.



The United States Ocean Liner from 1952, it was built long and slim and very light. It could travel at 48 mph and could travel across the Atlantic in a little over 3 days. Beating the Queen Mary and was awarded a blue ribbon. It was the fastest ocean liner ever built.

When you were on board these ships, it was like riding a rollercoaster! You could really feel the waves and you had to hang on to keep your table and chairs from flying across the dining room! Larry would often run around and slide across the floors in his socks!

The United States Conservancy now owns the ship, and it is located in Philadelphia, all of the interior furnishings had been sold, and there is damage to the interior as a result of asbestos removal. The plan is to some day restore the ship and turn it into a tourist destination with a hotel and conference center.

