



Weekly Spokes

January 12, 2021

Club Officers (2020-2021)

President- Linda Knight

Pres Elect- Wendy Freidman-Kolsin

Vice President-Jolene Steele

Secretary-Kathy Jans Duffy

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Past President-Rhonda Jasper

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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

Club Announcements:

Earth Day Grant-and schedule our shredding day around Earth Day we may be eligible for a grant. Linda & Wendy will look into it further.

Rotary Survey-Rotary is looking for ideas from club member-please take a few minutes to complete the survey

Jan 19th-free seminar, 7 pm, for about 1 hour. About inclusiveness and equality.

Possible Virtual Fundraiser-Comedy show-clubs would sell tickets to the virtual event, each ticket would be 1 link, so an entire household could use just 1 ticket. We would get a portion of ticket sales. Funraising Committee will meet next week after Rotary. Please consider joining the fundraising committee, and attending the meeting.

Linda M & Jolene will be Co-Presidents for next 2 years.

Remember to send in your donation to go to the House of Concern.

Trips & Happy Dollars

Dave S-heading to Punta Cana for 2 weeks to an all inclusive resort. Happy/Sad Dollar his mother-in-law has passed, his wife is cooking non-stop for the family in her grief, so they have had lots of family time.

Audi-Happy for the Bills win & heading to the Bills game, has to get a Covid test first, and hoping to come back with a smile on his face!

Linda-Saturday was her granddaughters birthday party at her daughter's house. The Bills game was on, she realized that she has never seen a Bill's game where they won, so she said this out loud to her family and they immediately banned her to the kitchen-and they won!

The McKeveny's took a trip to LI to see his mom who is turning 90 soon. They drove there and back in 1 day.

JT-happy for the bills win!

Liz-her son-in-law just sent her a text that the vaccine is available to ages 65 and older

Suzi-weather has been cool & windy, no snow, but no suntan yet!

Kathy-happy to hear the announcement about Linda & Jolene

Wendy-Happy to hear the announcement about Linda & Jolene too

Ted-School project is coming along really well and will be ready next year.

SENECA FALLS ROTARY

Today's Guests & Visitors

Jim Dickson

Club Member's Rotary Anniversaries

January

Herb Holden-51 years
Dave Markel-12 years
Linda Knight-9 years
Wendy Friedman-Kolsin-7 years with our club
19 years with Rotary
Rhonda Jasper-6 years

Club Member's Birthdays

January

Liz Becht
Ted Novak
Julie Bellone
Susan Backlund

Important Dates & Reminders

Upcoming Programs

Speaker –Kathy Jans Duffy-Bluetooth

The history of Blue Tooth Technology Hedwig Eva Maria Keisler

She was very interested in acting and became an extra in movies by the time she was 17. Her big break and disgrace came in the film Ecstasy. It was considered an artistic film in most of Europe, but in Germany and the US, it was considered scandalous as she had an “orgasm” in the film. She went back to Austria and became a stage actress. There she met Fredrick Fitz Mandl, an arms merchant and munitions dealer and one of the wealthiest men in Austria, he was friends with Hitler and Mussolini. She married in 1933, she was 18 and he was 33. She became a well-kept woman and stopped working. They lived in a castle where they often entertained and had large parties. Her husband once showed the movie to a group at a dinner party at his home, he was so upset with the content he attempted to buy up all copies of the film. Hedy would join Fritz when he had business meetings talking about munitions and arms. After 4 years of marriage, she took as much as she could in jewels and clothing and fled to France. She signed a \$500 week contract with producer Louis Mayer (MGM) and changed her name to Hedy Lemarr. She was often typecast as a glamorous seductress and starred in many films. She worked to raise money for war bonds, and she had a man Eddie Rhodes in the audience that she would pick to kiss if she was able to raise enough money.

Although she had no formal training and was primarily self-taught, she had many inventions, including a soft drink tab, ideas for changing airplanes that she shared with Howard Hughes. She started thinking about jammed radio signals for war planes. She met George Antheil, an American composer, first piece of music composed out of and for machines. He used player piano rolls. They figured out a way to miniaturize the player piano roles and sync it with receivers and transmitters, to make it harder to jam radio signals. The Navy didn't want to use it because it was not invented by the military and it was difficult to implement.

In 1962, an updated version was installed on Navy ships during the Cuban missile crisis.

In 1997, she and George were honored with an Electronic Frontier Pioneer Award and was the first woman to win the BULBIE Gnass Spirit of Achievement Award, known as the “Oscars of Inventing”.

In 2014, Hedy & George were posthumously inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

If you think about Blue Tooth, remember it was invented by Hedy Lemarr, once known as the most beautiful woman in America.