



Weekly Spokes

September 8, 2020

Club Officers (2019-2020)

President- Linda Knight

Pres Elect- Wendy Freidman-Kolsin

Vice President-Jolene Steele

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: Rhonda Jasper

New Generations/Youth-Liz Becht

Public Relations-Jolene Steele/Susan Backlund

Sunshine/Social-Jolene Steele

Club Announcements:

Even though we are not doing Music Fest, Xylem has sent Seneca Falls Rotary a \$5000 donation!

We received a thank you from MCV for our donations

Membership committee will be meeting on 9/15 at 4 pm

Park Clean Up needs to be scheduled, let Ted & Fred know

Anniversaries

Cindy 41 years!

Ted-49 years!

Mark-19 years!

Jolene -3 years

Trips & Happy Dollars:

Cindy-happy dollar-thanks to Bert for not running her over, sad dollar-deer had a labor day picnic in her backyard without her

Dave S-Happy 79th birthday to Herb Holden

Susie-happy to see her kids in Vermont

Jolene-took an awesome trip with the family to the Catskills

Dave M-son finished 9th in his shooting competition and he got to take a thrill ride in his friends Cobra

Linda M-granddaughter has started walking

Pete- happy his kids have all had a chance to visit this summer

JT-used the E-recycling at Seneca Meadows

Linda K-Husband turned 65!

Presentation:

Speaker-Mark Benjamin-Seneca Meadows

Seneca Meadows is centrally located in NYS and is the primary disposal businesses for communities throughout NYS. Created in 1983, they have 2600-acre campus, including a 400-acre waste management facility, a tire recycling facility, a gas to energy plant, a renewable resource park, an environmental education center, and 1100-acre wetlands preserve.

Seneca Meadows is regulated by nearly 50 State and Local permits, that require extensive daily monitoring by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Engineers. The liner system they use provides double the protection required by Federal Standards, incorporating 2 high density, polyethylene liners and 2 soil liners to protect ground water and uses recycled tires. Seneca Meadows has been recognized as an industry leader.

SENECA FALLS ROTARY

Today's Guests & Visitors

Club Member's Rotary Anniversaries

September
John Talbot-29 years
Duane Moore-18 years
Emil Bove-9 years
Emily Hillmire-3 years
Jason Klug-3 years

Club Member's Birthdays

September
Jamie Damouth

Important Dates & Reminders

Upcoming Programs

Kyle Black states that Seneca Meadows commitment to local environmental stewardship, economic development, and renewable resources are demonstrated by the company's investment of millions of dollars on environmentally focused projects. They are one of areas largest recyclers in NY.

The tire processing facility processes nearly 2 million tires per year, and the 3-inch chips are stacked in piles with sensors to monitor their temperature. 100% of tires processed at this facility are used as drainage material in the fill liner system.

In 1995, Seneca Meadows established the landfill gas to energy plant, which is adjacent to the landfill. In 2013, they launched the renewable methane gas plant, the methane is collected and piped to the gas plant where it is prepared and used to fuel internal combustion engines to produce electricity. They create enough renewable energy to power 15,000 homes. This renewable resource will be used for many years after the close of the landfill, reducing the need to use fossil fuels.

In 2007, Seneca Meadows started a special project, the creation of an 1100-acre wetlands preserve. The wetlands complex took 3 years to create. 200,000 plants, trees and shrubs were planted. The wetlands have over 7 miles of walking trails and is open year-round. Seneca Meadows has partnered with the Audubon Society to ensure that the preserve will be there for generations to come, as they will inherit the care and management of the preserve when Seneca Meadows is no longer operating. Adjacent to the wetlands preserve is the Seneca Meadows Environmental Education Center. This building was awarded the Leadership in Environmental Design Gold Status for its Green design, construction and operation. Through a partnership with Audubon, they are able to offer a wide variety of programming to the community, such as cooking classes and nature hikes. They also do customized programs for groups like scouts and 4H clubs.

Seneca Meadows is also committed to supporting the community and organizations that make our community a better place to live. Through financial contributions to 100's of local community organizations, they support youth activities and support organizations such as the backpack programs, local food pantries and United Way. They fund the purchase of equipment for Fire Departments, provide library books to schools, have college scholarships for graduating seniors who are majoring in Environmental Studies, support youth sports programs, and literacy volunteers. They support recycling programs in public schools, Community Beautification programs, and other activities that encourages the present generations to make an impact on the future.

Seneca Meadows has created a recycling drop off program, that allows residents who may have missed their regular recycling day or have accumulated extra recyclables, to place materials in drop off containers at the facility. They created the first regular E-collection site in the Finger Lakes, which is a free E-waste recycling service is provided to businesses and residents in the area, includes drive-thru unloading of acceptable electronics for secure processing. They also provide recycling Toters for and free recyclables drop off for large events.

Seneca Meadows welcomes the public to contact them regarding their program of environmental stewardship for the next generation.

To learn more, check out their website www.senecameadows.com