

### Calendar of Events

**Last Week:** 1/30 Club Assembly  
**This Week:** 2/6 Andrew Waite, Columnist, Daily Gazette  
**Next Week:** 2/13 Social – TBA (maybe the Charlton Tavern)  
**Coming Up:** 2/20 No meeting (Presidents Day)  
2/27 – Tuesday – Service Project TBA  
3/5 – Mary Brandt, Legacy Project  
2/13, 3/12 – Board Meetings

**Note: Regular Meetings are held Tuesdays at 6:00 pm at FoCastle Farms Lunch Thyme. Order dinner via email.**

Check your e-mail inbox the day of the meeting for the computer Zoom link and password, as well as the phone number you can use to phone in if using your cell phone to participate.

Note: Fewer meetings are hybrid or on Zoom going forward.

*Please give suggestions for future programs to Linda LeTendre*

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### Andrew Waite, Columnist at Daily Gazette

We welcomed Andrew Waite for an engaging talk on his work as a journalist and the future of news delivery. Andrew has had a varied career with community newspapers in Montana, Alaska, and suburban Washington. He was an editor at *Alaska Beyond*, the inflight magazine for Alaskan Airlines before COVID. He is an Albany native and returned to the Capital District to write for the Gazette. He has been a columnist for the *Daily Gazette* since October 2022.

Andrew shared the current state of local journalism. The economics of the print newspaper business has changed drastically with significant staff reductions. The loss of community news has an impact on readership which impacts advertisers and subscriptions.

The future of print journalism is in digital news delivery. The Gazette website has been revamped and the paper is working on its digital options for customers. An example is pod casts. Andrew has recently created a pod cast. *The New York Times* has been creating daily pod casts and a variety of other digital content. Many younger people are watching Tic Tock and other Social Media feeds for their news. This prompted a discussion about how people will know the information

they are using is trustworthy. This led to a discussion on Artificial Intelligence (AI). Artificial Intelligence will change how the news is delivered. The number of clicks on a site will influence the advertisers, which affects the ongoing economics of the business. Citizen journalism will remain important as a watch dog for what develops. (There was such a lively discussion that even Bill Lonergan had trouble getting to ask questions.)

Thank you, Andrew Waite, for the visit and Linda for bringing him to Rotary! (Pictured: Peter Sawyer, Andrew Waite, and Linda LeTendre)

### Important Club News:

- We are now meeting on Tuesday nights with a light dinner prepared by Lunch Thyme at FoCastle Farm in Burnt Hills. The menu for your dinner order is emailed to you from Loren Cunniff or Kate. Orders can be made up to 3pm on the day of the meeting. If you become unable to attend, cancelations must be made by 3pm. To cancel, call Kate Kile (518) 860-4293. You have received messages encouraging you to be present at meetings. The setting is good for discussion of ideas, speakers can be heard, fellowship encouraged and there are adult beverages available. This is a local business, which operates on a tight budget, and it is good for them and us.
- Remember our ongoing service project supporting the Galway Food Bank. Ray Callanan continues to lead this project and has been identifying items especially needed.
- We acknowledged the passing of Fred's wife Sheelaugh with a moment of silence at the start of the meeting. Thoughts and prayers to Fred.
- Gini has sent an email updating us on Rey's health. You are encouraged to send a card. Their address is 118 Circadian Way, Chapel Hill, NC 27516-4604.
- Linda distributed the candy ordered for the Valentines Day fundraiser. Pay for your order and contact Linda if you have questions,
- Dues are due! Send \$85 to Steve Geene.



*Reported by Mary Anderson*