



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Club Assembly and Approve Budget

Next Week: **NO MEETING** – Playground Build 7:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Meeting notes from August 12, 2021

Pledge: Immediate Past President, Lynn Holcomb

Invocation: Mark Vahey

Song: Ken Poole – Star Spangled Banner

Guests: We had several guests. They were **Barb Fuge's** husband Bill, **Dave White's** wife, Karen and Phil and Eileen whose last names were not given. **Marty Potter** introduced Tiffany Joubert from Bridges for Brain Injuries who is a prospective member! **Joe Delforte** introduced our Rotary Memorial Scholarship recipient, Sarah Dureus and her father Paul. Sarah will be attending Cornell University this fall.

Visiting Rotarians: **Millard Pray**, visiting Rotarian from Bonita Beach Sunset Club in Florida.

Announcements: **Ken Poole** asked for all the members with birthdays in July & August to stand so we could sing Happy Birthday to them. **Marty Potter** shared t-shirts will be ordered for our members for the upcoming Bumpers & Banjos Festival so we will be recognizable to festival goers and the t-shirts can be worn to advertise the event. **Bill Namestnik** reported the Bumpers & Banjos festival plans are moving along well and he also had posters available for everyone to take and hang up out in the community. **Don Raw** spoke on the raffle tickets for Camp Onseyawa. Everyone is asked to sell 3 tickets. The drawing will take place at the annual Camp Onseyawa golf tournament to be held in October. See Don for your tickets if you haven't received them yet. **Rick Hawks** reported 63 more jackpot tickets had been turned in Thursday. To-date, approximately 260 have been sold, so we're not quite halfway yet. Once we sell 300 tickets we will have met the minimum number we need in order to cover the cost of the prize money we will be handing out. The second ten early bird tickets were drawn. The next early bird drawing will take place on August 26th @ the Playground build @ 12:20 pm.

Environmental Tip of the Week: **Jodi Kaufman** suggested the idea that perhaps some of us might consider purchasing an old-fashioned rotary style mower to use in place of a gas or electric powered lawn mower. Her husband Rick now uses one and she said it works great for mowing their lawn.

Happy Dollars/Fines: **Bob Palumbo** was happy to share that his son Eric & daughter-in-law are expecting identical twin boys later this year. They already have 2 boys. **David Hutchings** was proud to announce his son Ryan is currently attending college in Indiana and I believe he stated Ryan is there working on is Doctorate. **George Herren** had a happy dollar for the great job

District Governor Janet Tenreiro did throwing a perfect first pitch across home plate at the recent Red Wings game. **Joe Delforte** was happy to announce the arrival of his new 'son', a 9 -week-old golden retriever. **Past President Lynn Holcomb** had five happy dollars for the Holcomb family fun week they just had. She also said she thought she may have to give Allison some lessons on baseball as Allison had many questions while attending the recent Red Wings game. Our guest, **Tiffany Joubert** was happy as she recently instituted a new reading program at Bridges for Brain Injuries that involves people with traumatic brain injuries reading books to audiences. **Ken Poole** found out from Bruce Kennedy that Bruce's wife, Anne, is related to the Suttons noted in the book Ken recently had published.

Program: Cannabis and the City of Canandaigua

Our guest panel was Mayor Bob Palumbo, City Manager John Goodwin, and Councilman Steve Uebbing. The panel discussed matters around the legalization of recreational use of cannabis in New York State and what it means locally to the City of Canandaigua. So much information was presented but here are some highlights. Bob said the State projects \$350 million in revenue from the sale of cannabis & cannabis products. The State has yet to create a Cannabis Board so there are still many unknowns around the use and sale of it, including what tax rate will be applied. Whatever the tax rate ends up being, the City would retain 3%, the County 1% and the remainder would go to the State. The current State plan is to have 40% of the tax revenue go to schools, 40% for grants and reinvestment funds and 20% to drug education and treatment. Under Local Law #2021-003, the City did opt-out of having on-site cannabis consumption establishments. The City did approve zoning areas where dispensaries would be allowed. Steve Uebbing said the BID asked to not have dispensaries located in the BID area of downtown and city council voted not to honor that request. City council has yet to vote on whether or not to allow the smoking and/or vaping of cannabis in public. Any cannabis sold in NYS dispensaries must be grown in NYS. The Town of Canandaigua has opted out of cannabis sales for now. It was highly recommended that if you have strong feelings one way or the other on this subject, you should contact a council representative.

Joker Draw: With 35 cards left in the deck, \$279 in the joker draw & \$11 available for the take, this was truly **Scott Kesel's** lucky day. Scott drew the 3 of Hearts, won the \$11 and took home one of the bouquets of gladiolus!! **Don Raw** took home the other bouquet and Barb Fuge, with assistance from Scott, led us in the 4-Way test.