



# “The Peal”

## Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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| This Meeting Thursday 5:30 pm.<br>American Legion Post #256<br>454 North Main Street | <b>"CREATE HOPE in the WORLD"</b><br>www.canandaiguarotary.org<br>Club 4765, District 7120, Organized Apr. 24, 1919 | Publication Date:<br><b>April 11, 2024</b><br>No. 35 Volume 104 |
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### Official Newsletter of the Canandaigua Rotary Service Foundation

**Today's Program: Rocco Pietropaolo M.C. – Joke Contest**

**Next Week: Dan Caster – World Events & U.S. Intelligence**

#### Meeting notes from April 4, 2024

**Pledge:** Nancy Stelnyk

**Inspiration:** Janet Tenreiro

**Song:** Gloria Dancause – God Bless America

**Guests:** Dan Bakowski and Dave Haskins guest of Janet Tenreiro (to be inducted as members on April 11)

**Visiting Rotarians:** Jim Crane – Victor-Farmington Rotary, Rich Deasis and Pat Coleman – Speakers from Rochester Rotary

**Announcements:** Jim Crane reminded us of the upcoming District Training Assembly (DTA) on 4/13, District Conference on 4/25-27, and the Victor-Farmington ‘Taste of the Finger Lakes’ event on 4/21. **President Nancy** reported on the monthly Board meeting that \$1000 was approved for the Ukraine ‘Color My World/Orphan City’ program, \$500 to the Canandaigua Chamberfest, and \$500 to Boy Scout Troops 29 & 6029. Also, **Gareth Evans** will be transferring to Another Rotary club more closely aligned with his current Habitat for Humanity initiatives. An exchange student host family for the Fall is still in need. **Jodi Kaufman** reminded all that Earth Day is 4/18 and she will be displaying a solar project at the DTA. **Mary Green** requested some help at the end of the 4/11 meeting to stuff bags for the DTA.

**Happy Dollars:** Dick McGavern contributed to honor his weeklong trip to London (curses to Facebook for outing him on this). George Herren reported he recently achieved the ‘5 Gallon Club’ with the Red Cross for his years of donating blood. Rick Lessard is happy to be back after a month in South Carolina. Judi Gorenflo announced she recently found out she is to be a grandma for the first time. Peter Mulvaney survived interrogation by the IRS and proved that he really is himself. Mike Wilcox contributed to honor of the club’s support of the ‘Color My World’ project mentioned above. Kathleen Draper informed us that fruit trees will be on sale in Geneva behind the Red Jacket Orchard building on Route 5/20.

#### Program: Pat Coleman & Rick de Asis – Water for Rural Ugandan Children

Rural Uganda is among the most vulnerable developing nations when it comes to safe water and sanitation. Only 32% of rural Ugandans have access to safe water and only 17% have access to basic sanitation facilities. The problem poses three major facets: reliability of water sources, access to water / transport, and water contamination at water sites. This grant / project will

focus on bringing safe water to 27 rural schools impacting up to 18,000 students and trickle down to their families. It will also eliminate the daily time expended in water retrieval from current sources so that more time for education is allowed. For every \$3,600 raised more than the budget figures, another school will be added to the project.

The project implementation will contain four strategies: local partnership with schools, technological innovation, innovative education around the technology and for basic sanitation and hygiene practices, and deliberate sustainability.

Their approach to solving the problem is multi-factorial. It involves engagement of the community to recruit volunteers, establish the most appropriate water-solution for each location, excite and educate the students and volunteers using an ‘edutainment’ methodology, utilizing ‘Pure Shores’ technology to eradicate water borne diseases via water purification and surface/hand sanitation, and ongoing monitoring and evaluation

A major component of the project involves the provision of a simple device to purify water. Assuming particulate filtration is step one, the device uses electricity from a car battery (or solar) to isolate chlorine from ordinary table salt. The chlorine is used to kill water-borne pathogens and to sanitize surfaces. Its designed to be easy to use, low cost (ordinary salt, which is plentiful and cheap, being the only consumable), modular in design so repairs can be made locally, and capable of decontaminating enough water for up to 2000 people daily per device.

The grant includes stakeholders in Uganda and the United States. The speakers have presented to 16 Rotary clubs in our district with several more to go. The Canandaigua Board has pre-approved a donation of \$1000. Rotarian **Marty Muehe** volunteered an additional \$1000 in support of the project. Well-done Marty!

**News of note: President Nancy, Marty Potter and Kim Tenreiro** met with Larry Gamba of the Legion after the regular meeting. Larry has extensive experience in food services primarily from working at the VA. Beginning in May, Larry will be providing lunches for our meetings with menus like prior Legion caterers. Lunch costs to members will remain \$15.

#### Polio Plus collection netted \$101.00

**Jackpot Draw and 50/50:**

**Ellen Polimeni** collected \$17 and **Jack Kellogg** drew the 5 of Spades



