



# “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><a href="http://www.canandaiguarotary.org">www.canandaiguarotary.org</a><br>Club 4765, District 7120, Organized Apr. 24, 1919 | Publication Date:<br><b>January 11, 2024</b><br>No. 20 Volume 104 |
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### Official Newsletter of the Canandaigua Rotary Service Foundation

#### Today's Program: Quail Summit

#### Next Week: Joint Rotary / Kiwanis Meeting – Pinewood Derby

##### Meeting notes from January 4, 2024

**Pledge:** Nancy Stelnyk

**Invocation:** Dick McCaughey

**Song:** Clark Kurtz – Auld Lang Syne

**Guests:** None

**Visiting Rotarians:** None

##### Board meeting items:

Our fifth/final pledge installment of \$5000 to Thompson Hospital was made and a thank you note received. **Tom Rogers** briefed us that our club will host the District Training Assembly on April 13. He has a task list and will soon be recruiting club members to assist in putting on a great event. The Joint Rotary/Kiwanis meeting is set for **6pm on Tuesday, January 16 to be held at the Elk's Club**. Dinner, if desired, is \$15. The Salvation Army will award the trophy to the club raising the most during bell-ringing season. Also, the Pinewood Derby competition will be held. **Gareth Evans** requested assistance to set up the track. Resignations/terminations for **Stephanie Kunes, Sim Covington, and Doug Finch** have been effected. **Paul Harvey** has been selected to position of Program Chair for the 2024-2025 Rotary Year. Thank you, Paul!

##### Announcements:

Congratulations were offered to **Donna Cator** and **Michael Mills** for winning seats on the Canandaigua City Council. **Ed O'Connor** announced the kickoff to the annual voluntary fund-raising meat raffle. 500 tickets at \$10 each to be sold. Prizes are meat packages, 2 at \$500 and 4 at \$250 to be awarded on the drawing date, March 14. Please pick up tickets from **Ed O'Connor, Bob Palumbo, or Sean Buck**. **Judi Ratcliffe** purchased a pit pass for \$40. The monthly **Polio Plus** jug brought in **\$204.60. Well Done, Rotarians!**

**Exchange Student:** **Stine** reported she went on a trip to Georgia that took 15 hours driving over two days (roughly the same distance from Copenhagen to Florence Italy). After the grueling ride she reported having a good time in Savannah and enjoyed the trolley and ghost tours. The return trip was done in one marathon driving session. The U.S. is a big country. Soon she will move on to her new host family.

##### Program: 1816 Farmington Quaker House Museum

**Dave Buinix** presented a wealth of information regarding the meeting house and the significance of its history.

Quakers began settling the area in 1789 and built the meetinghouse in 1816. At the time it was one of the largest buildings in western NY. For almost a century it was host to annual gatherings of Quakers from New York, Michigan, and Canada called the 'Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends'.

Famous people from history were drawn to these meetings including Lucretia Mott, Thomas McClintock, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amy Post, and Frederick Douglass. It is possible Susan B. Anthony may have spoken there too, though this is not expressly documented.

Quakers believe that every person can experience e God, the “Light Within” directly. They believe in living life in the spirit of love, truth, and peace. Their values focus on integrity, peace, simplicity, equality, community , and stewardship of the earth.

The meeting house was one focal point in the ‘Burned-Over District’ of Western NY that spawned revival of conservative reform movements promoting individual rights, abolition of slavery, and women’s rights.

Quakers were the earliest known religious body to condemn slavery and actively organized movements for the rights of free people of color. Austin Steward, a ‘resident’ of West Avenue Cemetery, was the first freedom seeker to settle in Farmington and, likely, aided in the construction of the meeting house.

Native American rights were also of concern. In 1838, the federal government introduced the Treaty of Buffalo Creek, hoping to send all Haudenosaunee people west of the Mississippi River. Seneca people refused to leave. At the request of Seneca leaders, Quakers worked as allies, meeting in councils with Seneca people at Farmington, achieving partial success.

The rights of women were also of concern. In 1848, Quakers affiliated with Farmington helped organize the Seneca Falls women’s rights convention. At least one-quarter of the signers of the Declaration of Sentiments Convention were Quakers. Lucretia Mott, a Philadelphia Quaker, spoke regularly in the 1816 Meetinghouse. Elizabeth Cady Stanton spoke on women’s suffrage at the Meetinghouse on October 6, 1848 – on the same day reformers organized a new Yearly Meeting of Congregational Friends. Stanton later wrote that she considered herself a member of the Congregational Friends.

The meetinghouse was physically moved 325 feet to its current location in 1927. Preservation and site improvements are currently in progress. More information can be found at:

**[www.farmingtonmeetinghouse.org](http://www.farmingtonmeetinghouse.org)**

##### Jackpot Draw and 50/50:

**Ellen Polimeni** collected \$22 and **Adeline Rudolph** connected through the ether to the Jackpot Gods and drew the Joker earning \$621

