



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays 12:15 p.m.
American Legion Post #256
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Today's Program: Jack Kellogg, Mediation

Next Week: To Be Announced

Meeting notes from December 3, 2020

Pledge: Lynn Holcomb

Invocation: Mark Vahey

Song: Rudolph Family

Guests: Kyle Rudolph

Visiting Rotarians: Tom Mees, Mary Lou Mees

Announcements:

Board meeting next Wednesday, 12/9. Send any items to Erin VanDamme.

Meeting led by President Lynn Holcomb

Nominations

Dan Kelly – Any? We have nominations for next year. Now we have 2 board openings. We have Kent Gilges, Nancy Stelnyk, and Ed O'Connor. Send any other nominations to Dan, asap.

Auction: Jodi Kaufman reported that the Letters have gone out & replies are trickling in. We have a great team following up. I thank my team for all their hard work. We are partnering with Red Jacket. If anyone is interested in making some calls to businesses let Jodi know.

Janet Tenreiro – read Zoe Fackleman's letter regarding her current business, health situation and status. Plans to resume her practice in a smaller location at a later date. Wishes all a happy holiday season!

Bell Ringing

Mark Vahey – Mentioned bell ringing and that it went very well this past weekend. Has 9 openings for December. Lynn encouraged people to sign up.

Dick McCaughey – Provided an update on his health situation and letters he received of support. Read a letter from a young lady he met that was very inspiring.

Holiday Cheer Fundraiser

Lynn – Please get checks for holiday to the PO box or give them to Donna Miller's at her business. The PO Box is 671. Money raised is for families at the school that are in need. We should do this.

District Committee Meetings

Janet Tererico – There have been district committee meetings lately. Public Image Committee. If anyone is interested in helping please let her know. We really have a lack of folks with an expertise in this area.

Fines: None

Zoom: Lynn – If anyone is having trouble getting on Zoom let me know and we will help them with the technical issues.

Program:

Doug Finch- Canandaigua Town Manager

Power Point Presentation

The Town has learned how to be remote. Shared town website and all information available to the public. Shared that communication was very important to the town leadership.

~Showed the Town Youtube channel.

~Monthly Town newsletter – people can sign up and get the electronic version.

~Showed and described the town's Facebook page and that is updated daily.

~Always looking to communicate better.

~Described the town's organizational chart.

~Described the town board and each member and their roles. The Town used the City of Canandaigua as a model.

~Town finances – We are very lucky to have 1.6 billion dollars of assessed value. Very fortunate...

Provided a financial overview of town finances. Made significant cuts back last April due to the pandemic.

Town is in a very strong financial position now.

Able to keep the tax rate flat for 2021. Town rate is \$1.03 per thousand.

Showed a chart describing where town tax dollars go.

~Shared details of the \$7.5 million dollar water project mandated by NYS and the benefits to residents.

~Provided a description of shared services with City and town of Bristol.

~Shared the town development plans.

~Described the town's partnership with Finger Lakes Land Trust. Studies being done on Middle Cheshire area and Uptown Development.

~Described future development options.

~Described each Town Park & Miller Park is gorgeous.

New playground coming in 2021 at Outhouse Park. Inclusive playground that all will be able to access.

Doug offered to take questions.

Doug answers several questions from members, including Jodi's question regarding solar applications now being considered by the town..

Marty Potter- Thanks to Doug Finch for presenting and a book will be donated in his name.

Lynn – No joker drawing today. Hopefully we'll be back to normal soon. Thank you everybody for attending.