



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Richard Amelius - Exec. Director Bristol Valley Theater

Next Week: Service Above Self Dinner

Meeting notes from May 4, 2023

Pledge: President Marty

Guests:

Doug Merrill welcomed **Lisa Moore**. Inductee **Kathleen Draper** introduced her sister, **Eileen Kennedy** and fellow inductee **Sam Viggiani** invited his grandparents **Joe & Rita Callahan**. Joe is also a proud member of the Avon Club..

Visiting Rotarians:

We were joined by our District leaders including **District Governor Ralph Brandt**, **DGE Julia Carney**, **DGN Dave Demers** and his wife **Ann** and our Assistant Governor and **DGND Jim Crane**. Safety in numbers, I guess.

Announcements:

- Our monthly Polio Plus jug collected \$107 for our signature project.
- **George Herren** has announced our spring highway cleanup of Routes 5 & 20 will be held on Saturday, May 20th. Meet at 7:30 AM at the Family Fun Center on Recreation Drive.
- Our Club has assisted on the Serenity Garden in the residential veteran area at the VA Medical Center. Rotary prepared the bed last fall and planting will need our help on May 8th and 9th from 2 until 5 PM. Meet at the VA.
- Our Club **Service Above Self Dinner** will be held at the Legion on May 18th. Please plan to attend as we will be honoring a number of persons from our community for their service. **PE Nancy Stelnyk** will be collecting your \$25 dinner cost.
- On May 27th at 8 AM we will mulch our garden at the Outhouse Park. Many hands and gardening gloves will make light work.
- **Greg Gullo** thanked the many who worked at bagging 900 trees that will once again be given to children in the schools for Arbor Day.
- **Gareth Evans** announced a joint fund raiser with the ROC City Club to be held May 30th at the 3 Head Brewery. The event will include the Puppy & Pints Trivia Contest.
- **Jodi Kaufman** reported that our Great Lakes Clean Up went off without a hitch though the threat of rain (and some drizzles) dampened the turnout.
- Our second annual Race for the Rest of Us will be held September 9th in conjunction with the ironman contest. Our major fundraiser, the jackpot drawing will culminate at the event. Sell, Sell, Sell.
- Every day, there are 22 American service members and veterans who commit suicide. Help us, Help them by participating in a 2.2 mile walk to raise funds on June

10th. Many donating options are available at mcl468.com.

Induction Ceremony: **Mark Sheppard** and **Donna Cator** led a momentous induction of five (count them) new members to the Rotary Club of Canandaigua. Added to our roster were **Michael Mills** sponsored by **Jodi Kaufman**. Michael is owner of a PR firm and lives in Canandaigua with wife and child. **Sam Viggiani** is the owner of Uber Landscaping and was sponsored by **Chris Hubler**. **Susan Martenson**, sponsored by **Doug Merrill**, is a Canandaigua native involved with the Lake Watershed Group. **Kathleen Draper** is also a Canandaigua native and involved with sustainability industries. **Judi Gorenflo** is **Kathleen's** sponsor. Finally, **Tom LaCrosse**, sponsored by **Curt Bailey**, grew up in Canandaigua, works at Morgan Stanley, lives here with wife and new born child
Be sure to warmly welcome all our new members.

Program: **Jamie Farr**, Canandaigua City School Superintendent addressed the Club by outlining the great successes of our schools amidst the societal, political and safety divides in our nation and community. Schools are the rock of our community and the diversity was shown in one weekend when the girl's basketball team competed in the state basketball final, the robotics team won the regional competition and qualified for the national contest and finally Stephen Chehata will travel to Washington DC for the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Jamie then introduced **Matt Fitch**, Assistant Superintendent for Business to present "the numbers". The current \$60 million capital project is underway with building updates and improvements as well as ADA compliance issues. In 2023-24, there will be an additional 5.4 full time equivalent teachers and employees at the district. The proposed budget calls for a large increase in state aid as well as a 2.4% increase in the tax levy. Matt stressed that the new reevaluations in Canandaigua may not mean an increase in individual taxes as the overall increase in assessment was 25 percent. The budget vote will also include a bond issue for nine new replacement school buses. By 2035, school busses in New York state will be required to be all electric and those busses currently cost twice as much as diesel busses. The school vote, as well as the Wood library budget vote, will be May 16th from 7 AM until 9 PM. Polling locations remain at the Elementary/Primary School and the Cheshire Fire Hall.

Joker Draw: **Jim Crane** won \$20 and our guest **Lisa Moore** drew the ace of diamonds. Good day to visit Canandaigua Rotary.