



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays 12:15 p.m.
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Today's Program: District Attorney, Jim Ritts

Next Week: Trivia Bowl

Meeting notes from December 7, 2023

Visiting Rotarians: None were present.

Guests: Curt Bailey's wife Molly joined us, as well as Jack Kellogg's wife, Ginny.

VOTE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS: The election of new Board members will be at our December 14th meeting and members must be present to vote. The following members have submitted their names for our Board elections: *Gloria Dancause, Judi Gorenflo, Tom LaCrosse, Mark Sheppard, and Sam Viggiani.*

2023 Holiday RPO Concert: Thank you to all committee members who made this happen, with a special thanks to committee chair, Steve Uebbing. President Nancy shared this event will net our club around \$16K. \$3500 will be donated to the CA music program for their part in selling tickets and helping to make the concert possible. The remaining funds will be used towards the many projects and organizations we support throughout the Rotary year. Ed O'Connor reported Rotarians sold \$10K in ticket sales, \$3K was sold by our retail outlets (CNB, Mobile Music, Renaissance), (up 30% from last year) and CA Music Dept. had \$3200 in ticket sales. Donated tickets were given to Canandaigua City School District students, VA outpatient Veterans and residents at 80 Parrish St. Chris Hubler thanked all the corporate sponsors, including our underwriting sponsor, The Sands Family Foundation. George Herren recognized the Rotarians and others who helped with parking the evening of the concert, including Sean Buck and Bill Namestnik.

December Board Meeting: At the Board meeting held on December 6th the Board voted to authorize the following expenditures –

\$500 to the Canandaigua Players for purchase/repair of microphones used during their performances

\$100 to Literacy Volunteers

\$300 to the Rotary Club of Montreal to support a water project they are doing in Ghana

\$500 (\$250/student) if we can secure two Canandaigua students to participate in the District vocal contest to be held early next year

\$1000 for the Salvation Army as part of the Red Kettle Campaign

Announcements: Marty Potter would like to thank Andrea Jones, Kathi Nevin, Kim & Janet Tenreiro, and Peter Mulvaney for helping with The Spot's food distribution in November. President Nancy & Kent

Gilges attended a Kiwanis meeting to share information on the pinewood derby race our clubs will be having at our joint meeting Jan. 16th. Both clubs will be chipping in \$250 each and the winning club will get to select to whom the money will be donated. Get your cars ready! Curt Bailey thanks everyone who rang the bell for the Salvation Army on November 24th. We will be ringing the bells again on 12/22 and there are still openings that need to be filled. Please see Curt if you can help.

Holiday Cheer: Our club will once again be passing the hat for Holiday Cheer at our December 14th meeting (to purchase gift cards which will be given to the Canandaigua School District to distribute to local families who may need a little extra help to provide a holiday meal for their children).

December's 1st Friday – was held at Feron's. Approximately 20 people attended including some non-Rotarian guests. Food, beverages, and conversations were enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Mark and Robin Sheppard for their latest addition – a Great Dane puppy named Bruce, who at 4 months already weighs over 50 pounds! It was nice to see Mike Wilcox, who has been unable to attend our weekly meetings because he is still driving school bus for the Red Jacket school district.

Happy Dollars/Fines: At the Board meeting, Donna Cator provided \$25 to President Nancy to pay for a trip she took to Amsterdam and a recent cruise.

Program: Tour of the new YMCA

Cheryl Monnier, Membership Director of the Canandaigua YMCA, spoke briefly about memberships the YMCA offers, including corporate memberships and memberships for people over 65 who may have a membership benefit from their health care provider. Kent Gilges mentioned that if you would be interested in perhaps looking to join with other Rotarians, the Y may be able to provide a reduced rate for Rotarians. Talk to Kent if you are interested. Cheryl shared the YMCA has been part of the Canandaigua community since 1905. Following Cheryl's brief introduction, we were given tours of the new facility. The Y has much to offer, from a variety of exercise equipment, indoor running track, gymnasium, pool, community room, teaching kitchen, areas specifically for children and so much more. If you haven't checked the facility out yet, it is worth taking the time to do so.

Joker Draw:

With our meeting at the YMCA – no joker draw was held.



Wishing everyone a joyous holiday season!

