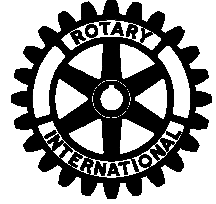


“The Peal”

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Today's Program: Stephanie Specchio, Potter's Hands Foundation – Human Trafficking
Next Week: CA Drama Club Teaser

Meeting notes from 13 February 2025

Pledge/4 Way Test: President Kim Tenreiro

Visiting Rotarians: None today.

Guests: Dave Hutchings hosted Ben Green who has expressed interest in joining Rotary. Greg Heiler introduced himself in his last few minutes as a guest.

Din's 'Winter' Minute: Our exchange student from Thailand updated us on a couple weeks of fun and frolic. His first time skiing was “excitedly terrifying” when he almost crashed into the magic carpet lift. The group stayed overnight at Trinity Federated Church in Naples playing board games. He also visited Eastview Mall. Of course, robotics is never far from his mind – the new robot is nearly complete with the remaining software “bugs” being “squashed.”

Induction: Greg Heiler was inducted by Janet Tenreiro and Mark Sheppard. Greg, a newly established chiropractor with a practice in Canandaigua, was educated at St Mary's and McQuaid Jesuit, followed by 7 ½ years of college. He has 3 siblings, a sister in L.A., a brother in Victor, and a second brother at Rutger's. Greg is excited to get involved with the good that Rotary does. That's the selling point his sponsor, Ken Poole, hooked him with. Welcome Greg!!

Announcements:

President Kim announced the US Air Force band will be playing at Canandaigua Academy on 22 March. The concert is free but RSVPs required. Contact Kim for details.

Kathi Nevin collected last orders for Light Hill flowers with delivery on 3 March.

Ed O'Connor reported Gas Raffle tickets are out for sale with the drawing on 17 April. 170 of 500 tickets in hands of Rotarians.

Fire 'n Ice will be weekend of 22/23 February in downtown Canandaigua.

President Kim highlighted the Flag program, with strong endorsements from Mark Sheppard, Paul Harvey, Janet Tenreiro, and Margie LaTourette. Two placements and two retrievals of flags make this an easy way to support the largest annual fund raiser for our Club.

Bob Palumbo detailed the Canandaigua City award of \$10M in state funds through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Plans are being made but may include public restrooms on both sides of Main St, façade improvements, and up to 21 apartments in 2nd and 3rd floors downtown. **Bob** slipped in a Happy Dollar for a trip to Denver to visit his daughter.

Board Update: Announced support for a District Grant for updates at Wood Library in the Teen Reading Room.

The Board selected **Mark Sheppard** as program chair for 2025-26.

President Elect **Kent Gilges** will chair a committee to recommend projects to be supported by an estate bequest from the late Past President **Jim Holden**.

Happy Dollars: President **Kim** won \$1K in a Super Bowl pool. **Ellen Polimeni** was thankful for **Mayor Bob, Doug Merrill** and others securing the DRI grant. **Scott Kesel** was thankful for Din and the hard work he puts in each week on his 'Minute,' and a plug for family sponsors next year. **Kent Gilges** recalled how rewarding it was to sponsor an Italian exchange student, who is now a policeman in Rome.

Program: **Paul Harvey** introduced Jillian Carter, the Associate Vice President for Development, from Heritage Christian Services. HCS serves those with intellectual and developmental disabilities with 24/7 care across 19 counties in western NY provided by over 4,000 employees.

In addition to residential services, they provide respite, self-directed services, employment aid, and community and day programs. The resale shop benefits the international program in Guatemala. Additionally, they provide 3 child care centers, a therapeutic riding stable, family life center, and Springdale Farm – a working demonstration farm and event center.

Heritage's ongoing \$9.1M capital campaign has already exceeded \$10M in pledges. It looks like the regional community is strongly supportive of the Heritage mission. Congratulations on a job well done!!

Joker Draw: With 30 cards in the deck, **Ellen Polimeni** drew the Jack of Clubs, and **President Kim** picked up \$14 in cash.