



# “The Peal”

## Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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### *Official Newsletter of the Canandaigua Rotary Service Foundation*

**Today's Program:** Walter Hughes – Ghana Water Project

**Next Week:** Jim Ritts – Ontario County DA

**Meeting notes from 29 February 2024**  
**Pledge:** President Nancy Stelnyk

**Visiting Rotarians:** None

**Guests:** **Dave Hutchings** introduced Becky Pollot, the new Sonnenberg Guest Services and Volunteer Coordinator.

**Interact:** Anna, Kelly and Holly from our CA Interact Club joined us with an update on recent and planned activities. Their member participation in the Pumpkin Walk, Salvation Army bell ringing, Kristkindle Market, a Hoody and Can & Bottle Drive for the Spot was highlighted. Upcoming events include a hygiene drive and a sports equipment drive, both benefiting CA students through the Spot.

**Announcements:**

**President Nancy** announced 52 years of Rotary membership for **George Herren**, which George clarified as completing 51 years of perfect attendance as of 30 June. Next milestone for George – 90 years in September – favorite cake and frosting??

**George** reported on the Oratorical Contest - participation was up significantly this year – with 14 semi-finalists, and 8 finalists at FLCC, with 70 in the audience to observe the great performances. Chloe Chen from Penfield was the winner.

**Sean Buck** reported that the Meat Raffle is entering the final stretch – 2 weeks left with about \$1,500 in tickets outstanding.

**Sam Viggiani**, a board member of the Spot, thanked the Interact members for all the support they provide.

Welcome Back to **Jeff Anthony** – looking good as usual!!

**Curt Bailey** said the Bowl-A-Thon is coming together well. Join a team or sponsor a bowler.

**President Nancy** noted a thank you letter from Literacy Volunteers for our \$100 donation.

**Jodi Kaufman** announced recycling news with a rigid plastics recycling event on 1 June. Items like outdoor furniture, storage totes, trash cans, 5 gallon

buckets, toys, etc. are what you can divert from the landfill to this event.

**Happy Dollars:**

**Paul Harvey:** Paid for a triple header – celebrating Uncle Bud's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, noting his lunch with Jack Fredericks in Naples, and the April 1<sup>st</sup> Rainbow Trout Derby sponsored by Naples Rotary.

**Ken Poole** noted the Community Band concert at Fort Hill.

**Roc Pietropaolo** celebrated his son's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday with a no electricity steak dinner.

**George Herren** added dollars for a great Oratorical Contest year.

**Program:**

Sonnenberg update by our own **Dave Hutchings** on volunteerism opportunities.

Most volunteer positions are public facing, but the most immediate needs are lawnmowing from May to October, waterers from May to September, and gardening from May to June. Special needs are carpentry to finish the Vinery, preparing the Children's Garden for Gleaner's Kitchen, and planting and prepping the Rose Garden.

Becky Pollot picked up the program by discussing regular ongoing volunteer needs. Some of the key positions are tour guides for the walking tours, tram drivers, housekeeping on Tuesdays, special events, mansion docents, admissions booth, and the wedding team. No matter your talent, time or interest, there is surely a place for you at Sonnenberg as a volunteer – the #1 tourist destination in Ontario County.

Dave finished up by highlighting several of the capital improvement project for 2024 and 2025. The Mansion roof needs attention, particularly the additions added by the VA during their ownership. Of more interest to the guests will be the rebuilding of the Temple of Diana (a \$200,000 project), and refurbishment and opening of the Roman Bath (where our late Rotarian John Spare donated \$25,000).

**Joker Draw:** **Jodi Kaufman** took the \$10 for the first ticket, and **Jodi** double dipped and drew the 3 of diamonds. We need to train the ticket puller to shake ‘em up!!