



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays 12:15 p.m.
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Today's Program: Club Assembly – Evening Meeting

Next Week: Police Chief Mathew Nielsen, Public Safety Update

Meeting notes from October 12, 2023

Pledge: President Nancy

Visiting Rotarians: IPDG Ralph Brandt from Bloomfield

Guests: Ralph Brandt introduced Jean Chrisman, the Town of Canandaigua Clerk. Kent Gilges was joined by Wade Sarkis.

Birthday: We serenaded Gloria Dancause on her birthday today.

Exchange Student: Steena has been very busy with swimming practices and meets. She had to leave early to make it back to school in time for a chemistry exam.

Announcements:

- Through the efforts of Ron Parrish, Bruce Kennedy will be on the October 20th Honor Flight to Washington D.C. All are encouraged to welcome our veterans home with the parade at the airport on the upper and lower levels beginning at 12:45 on Sunday, the 22nd. Please call Ron at 737-2717.
- Tara Rago has found it necessary to step down as a Board member and Past President Ellen Polimeni has been appointed to complete Tara's term.
- Ethan Fogg has transferred his membership to Seneca Falls Rotary. Best wishes to Ethan from all Canandaigua Rotarians.
- The RPO Holiday Concert plans are rolling along. Ads in the program are still available and Chair Steve Uebbing reminds us to Sell, Sell, Sell!
- Rick Hawks gave the final report on our successful jackpot drawing. \$15,000 was raised for community projects. Rick distributed winning checks to many in attendance.
- Kent Gilges announced the second annual pinewood derby to be held against Kiwanis at our joint meeting on January 16. A large pot of winnings will be available for charity.
- Marty Potter announced that help is needed on Saturday, the 28th for our Halloween pumpkin day at the Commons Park and Onanda Park. Interact will be sending 15 students to assist.
- Jack Kellogg announced a 35 hour Basic Mediation Training to be held at Notre Dame Retreat House 11/28;11/30;12/4 and 12/5. See Jack for more information.

Happy Dollars: Scott Kesel's kids turned 27 and a picture of his daughter on a high peak in the Adirondacks included her engagement. George Herren

contributed for a successful Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy graduation of 32 officers. Clark Kurtz was happy that Marty Potter announced that she will add announcements to our website. Gloria Dancause, in addition to her birthday, attended her Keuka College reunion as well as her high school gathering.

Program: Kent Gilges introduced Andy Zepp, executive director of the Finger Lakes Land Trust. The Finger Lakes Land Trust (FLLT) was founded in 1989 to protect forests, farmlands, gorges, and shorelines in the Finger Lakes region of New York.

- Over the years, 30,000 acres have been saved by creating 45 publically accessible nature preserves and helping landowners to conserve their beloved properties with 177 conservation easements. Over 200 volunteers help in managing these nature preserves. These easements guarantee that local farms can remain undeveloped in the future and many are in the area north of the City of Canandaigua. The easements can help in controlling floods and water in the future as some land is allowed to become fallow.
- FLLT is active in conserving and protecting the steep slopes along our Finger Lakes. These properties are ripe for development but their shallow soil means significant runoff during storms and floods.
- Andy spoke of the Land Trust's ability to protect public access to natural wonders such as Grimes Glen. Private landowners are hesitant to allow public access, the Land Trust purchases property and either operates themselves or transfers to government entities.
- FLLT works closely with the Canandaigua Lake Watershed group to recognize the problem of sediment and algae plumes in the lake. These problems will require the cooperation of many municipalities and landowners.
- Finger Lakes Land Trust recognized the Town of Canandaigua as Conservationist of the Year. The Town successfully acquired a key addition within a planned greenbelt that may ultimately connect to Onanda Park.

Joker Draw: Al Walker again won the cash, \$20. Kent Gilges, after accepting a jackpot check for \$5,000 lost on the Joker Draw. Queen of Clubs is gone.