



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays 12:15 p.m.
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Today's Program: Cancer Support Community Rochester – John Salter

Next Week: Sharon Gullo - Generations Connection Mentoring Program

Meeting notes from September 15, 2022

Pledge: President Marty Potter

Guests: Exchange Student **Maja Haltmeier** from Austria, and former Rotarian Steve Flamini.

Visiting Rotarians: None.

Lynn Holcomb was presented with a clock thanking her for her year as president – a little belatedly!

Announcements: At the board meeting, it was decided that the club would pay for any member to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute in Avon on October 1. This is a \$75.00 cost savings to anyone interested!

Dick McGavern reported that we had about 90 paid registrations for The Race for the Rest of Us, and thinks we made about \$5,000.00.

Ken Poole is staging an on-going book collection for Books For the World. Especially wanted are textbooks. No Bibles, smut, or encyclopedias. There is a book packing event on Saturday, September 24th. See Ken for details.

Steve Uebbing updated us on the RPO which is happening Thursday, December 1. Tickets will be \$20.00, and the search for sponsors and advertisers is on.

George Herren was noted for his 49 going on 50 years in Rotary!

Happy Dollars/Fines:

Gloria Dancause thanked everyone for the card that was sent to Steve on his recovery from sepsis.

Steve Uebbing went to Boston for the wedding of his youngest son!

Mike Wilcox didn't make it to the race on Saturday, but sent 2 co-workers in his place while he went to a football game.

Dick McCaughey completed his 24th and final season as pastor up at Big Moose in the Adirondaks.

Marty Muehe took most of the prizes at the District Golf Tournament – and a good time was had by all!

Program: Preston Pierce – The Ontario County Poorhouse

Three things to get out of today's program:

1. What it means to be “driven to the poor house.
2. Poorhouse cemeteries – what happened to them?
3. Family history – be careful what you research, because there will probably be someone in your family that you wish wasn't!

Preston presented quite an interesting history of our Ontario Country Poorhouse, created in 1824 when the state passed a law to get the poor and destitute off the

streets. The poor, mentally ill, and epileptics were kept in the Ontario County Jail until the poorhouse was built. It occupied the land on County Road 46 (formerly known as County House Road) where the Ontario County Complex is currently located. The original brick structure was built in 1824, and was added on to several times. It was condemned more than once, and finally was demolished in 1926. The poor and indigent who were housed there worked on the County Farm, which was adjacent to the poorhouse, and which provided food for the poorhouse and the jail until it closed in 1966. NYS also had a law which allowed officials to take the children of the poor and indigent and bond or indenture them out – even as young as 1 to 3 year old. Close by the farm land, the Ontario County Cemetery can be found (down Co. Rd. 48), a single row of marked headstones with only a letter and a number – no names. There are records indicating that about 306 people were buried there, but no gravestones indicating that. It backs up to the Sheriff's firing range, so if you visit, take care.

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, September 21st – Covid vaccine clinic at County Highway Building on Co. Rd. 48 – 3-7 p.m.

Monday, September 26th – Pop up pantry at Zion Church (Call 396-4554 to volunteer or email Tracey Dello Stritto at traceydellostritto@gmail.com.)

Saturday, October 1st – Rotary Leadership Institute in Avon. Register at RLINEA.org and look in the left column for the Rochester Class.

Thursday, October 6th – All Camp Onseyawa raffle tickets need to be turned in to Jeff Anthony.

Saturday, October 8th – Adopt a Highway, 7:30 a.m. at Roseland Fun Center.

Friday, October 14th – Camp Onseyawa Annual Dinner at Club 86 in Geneva, 6-9:30p.m. \$50.00/person

Saturday, October 29th – Pumpkin Painting at Fall Into Canandaigua, 11a.m. – 3 p.m. Downtown.

Saturday, October 29th – Halloween at Onanda Park, 2pm – 5 pm. Pumpkin handout!

Sunday, October 30th – District Foundation Brunch @ RIT Inn & Conference Center in Henrietta, Noon – 3 p.m.

Joker Draw, \$69.00 **Steve Flamini** drew the King of spades, **Kim Tenreiro** took home \$13.00, **Janet** got the flowers. (Last bouquet of the season – thanks Donna!)