



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays 12:15 p.m.
American Legion Post #256
454 North Main Street

"Serve to change lives"
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Today's Program: Gareth Evans – Colony Care Givers

Next Week: No Lunch Meeting – Service Above Self evening dinner

Meeting notes from May 24, 2022

Pledge: Elisha Everson

Invocation: Pam Rhodes

Song: David Rhodes – God Bless America

Visiting Rotarians & Guests: The entire Kiwanis club of Canandaigua.

Awarding of the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Challenge ‘Winner’:

Pam Rhodes presented the certificate to Kiwanis, the winning club for 2021. She acknowledged that the two clubs serve a vital role in the annual success of the Salvation Army fundraising efforts and that the true ‘winner’ is the community that benefits from the many volunteer hours contributed by both clubs.

Announcements/Fines/Happy Dollars:

Too numerous to list here. Suffice to say a significant amount (\$232) was collected and donated to the Women's veteran's outreach program servicing multiple counties in Western NY. However, it must be noted that President Mike did point out and pay a fine for having his eldest son joining Kiwanis and also taking a job at a 'rival' bank.

Program: Chet Starowitz – A History of Kiwanis / Rotary “Rivalry”

It was a treat to have a very extensive lookback at the parallel histories of the two service organizations presented as the program. Though the timeline for each isn't an exact match with Rotary being founded in 1919 and Kiwanis in 1915, there has been a friendly competition and numerous instances of joint cooperation of the two all for the betterment of our local community. It was noted that both began as men only organizations and both began admitting women in the late 1980's much to the improvement of our respective clubs.

With two organizations in close proximity, it was natural for competitions to arise all to raise funds for community projects. Several examples were presented including Donkey basketball, volleyball matches, Bridge tournaments and even trap shooting competitions. Of note, the trophies awarded for most of these competitions have mysteriously vanished.

Additionally, both clubs have had many food related fundraisers over the years as well. Pancake dinners, chicken & biscuit meals, Festa Italiana to name a few. Kiwanis instituted an annual spaghetti dinner on election day in 1977.

On a side note, for the inaugural Kiwanis spaghetti dinner it was noted that a member of their club lost his wallet with \$45 therein. A few days later he received his wallet by mail and found it contained \$15 in cash and 29 tickets to the Rotary pancake dinner. In addition to fundraisers and competitions the two organizations have a long history of cooperative ventures. These have included picnics, testimonial dinners, movie ‘premieres’, institution of AFS exchange program at Canandaigua Academy, Halloween parties, scholastic achievement banquets, tourist information booths, and prayer breakfasts.

With a long and sustained history of mutual participation and commitment to serving our community one can only conclude there is no ‘Spirit of Rivalry’ evident. Rather, the characterization is more accurately a ‘Spirit of Friendship’.

50/50: (\$125) – won by **Ellen Polimeni** a large portion of which was donated to the Women Veterans Outreach program.

First Friday, June 3 starting at 4:30

Location: Star Cider
3365 East Lake Road

Joint Rotary/Kiwanis service project at First Friday

Everyone who comes to Star Cider for First Friday, please bring a children's book that we can donate to Wood Library or Literacy Volunteers. It could be new books or gently used books and would cover both Kiwanis's goal "To Serve the Children of the World" and Rotary's focus on Education and Literacy.

Members who aren't planning on coming to First Friday could bring their books to the first meeting before or after and we'll collect them for donation.

