



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays 12:15 p.m. American Legion Post #256 454 North Main Street	"SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES" www.canandaiguarotary.org Club 4765, District 7120, Organized Apr. 24, 1919	Publication Date: May 19, 2022 No. 40 Volume 102
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Today's Program: Interact Club

Next Week: Meeting with Kiwanis on Tuesday, May 24th

Meeting notes from May 12, 2022

Pledge: President Mike Schiller

Invocation: Dick McCaughey

Song: Gloria Dancause – America the Beautiful

Guests & Visiting Rotarians: None were present

Announcements:

President Mike reminded everyone about the Camp Onseyawa Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, June 11th at Silver Creek Golf Course in Waterloo. A few members are still looking for someone to team up with so if you want to play be sure to sign up. A link to the registration form can be found on our website's home page.

Donna Miller is looking for nominations for Businessperson of the Year. She printed the forms and forgot to bring them with her so she will be sending the form out to all of us via email. Nominations will be due back to her by Monday, May 23rd. **Jenny Goodemote** asked for support of Proposition #3 on the school budget vote which is a vote for Wood Library Community-Based Funding.

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Dates To Remember

- 5/19 – United Way Day of Caring
 - We'll be working @ the Legion starting at 8:30 am, weather permitting. We will be doing gardening so wear appropriate clothing. An email will be sent out to the club on 5/18 to confirm if the project is a go for the 19th.
- 5/23 – Youth exchange meeting with Nancy Loughlin, District 7120 Youth Exchange Director, at 6:00 pm at Lyons National Bank. Anyone interested in Youth Exchange is welcome to attend the meeting.
- 6/4 - Perks of the Parks @ Outhouse Park
 - 10AM – 2PM, Marty Potter will be looking for members to help with this event.
- 6/9 – Service Above Self Dinner @ Legion
 - (No lunch meeting this Thursday)
 - Mary Green is collecting nominations for Rotarian of the Year and Rookie Rotarian of the Year. Nominations are due to Mary by May 19th.
- 6/11 – Camp Onseyawa Golf Tournament
- 6/16 – Past President's Day

Environmental Tip of the Week by Jodi Kaufman – When ordering meals to go let the restaurant know you

do not need any plastic utensils; instead, use your own utensils from home. Jodi also mentioned the Town of Canandaigua has proposed a community choice aggregation to procure energy supply services. The idea is to aggregate services to reduce costs and to offer residents the option to procure utilities from alternative renewable energy sources such as wind and solar. The comment period for residents on this matter ends on Monday the 16th so let your Town Board members know if you support this plan.

Program:

Presented by: *Jamie Farr, Canandaigua City Schools Superintendent and Matt Fitch, Assistant Superintendent for Business*

Jamie started by sharing many of the projects and activities that have been taking place in the schools during the past year and the challenges faced by the continuation of Covid. Collaborating with a team from the school and the community, Jamie shared they have updated the school's vision, which now is **One Community, Transforming Lives**. The school's mission is **Empower, Enrich & Explore**. Through the hard work of staff and students they found a way to accomplish much despite Covid. Jamie commented on how outstanding school staff has been, including the nurses who have truly been heroes throughout Covid. He shared information about all the upgrades to the Primary and Elementary schools, which is part of the \$60 million capital improvement project voters approved last year. The district did receive federal stimulus money which must be used within 3 years. Seventeen teachers are retiring at the end of the school year and those positions will be filled. Health care expenses for the district will be rising by 21.9%, adding \$1.8 million to their expenses. Proposition #2 on the budget vote is to purchase 8 new buses. New York State has stated that by 2035 all school buses will need to be electric, but its doubtful that goal can be met in part because manufacturers cannot produce enough buses in time to meet the deadline. The projected local tax rate is estimated to increase 3.19% for 2022-2023. There are two candidates running to fill two open positions on the school board: Dr. Jennifer Schneider and Ms. Jennifer Tessoroff. For more details on the school budget see the Digest which is mailed out to each home in the district. Don't forget to VOTE!

Joker Draw:

Clark Kurtz hoped to win the jackpot of \$350+ dollars so he could donate to Polio Plus, but unfortunately drew the 5 of spades instead.

Tom Rogers had the second ticket worth \$13 and felt the best thing was to follow Clark's lead so he donated the money to Polio Plus. Thanks Tom!