



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



This Meeting Thursday 5:30 pm. American Legion Post #256 454 North Main Street	"CREATE HOPE in the WORLD" www.canandaiguarotary.org Club 4765, District 7120, Organized Apr. 24, 1919	Publication Date: September 28, 2023 No. 11 Volume 104
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Today's Program: Miss Julie's School of Beauty – Julie Chapus

Next Week: City Update - John Goodwin and Chief Nielson

Meeting notes from September 21, 2023

Pledge: Nancy Stelnky

Guests: Rick Lessard, a guest of Ken Poole

Visiting Rotarians: Jim Crane, AG and DGN

Remembrances: Anniversaries – **Curtis Bailey, Ethan Fogg, Jodi Kaufman, Doug Merrill.** Birthdays – **Sim Covington, Kathi Nevin, Kim Sorel**

Announcements:

Volunteers needed for upcoming events. October 28 on Main Street and at Onanda from 2-5. Contact **Marty Potter**. RPO Concert November 30 and District Training Assembly April 13, 2024. Contact **Andrea Jones** or **Nancy Stelnky**. Club Assembly with committee reports will be October 26. Sri Lanka Rotary club happy to link up and share ideas. **Doug Merrill** – this year's forum theme is "Under the Umbrella of Democracy" (more info at <https://gmeforum.org/>). Gloria Dancause announced OCHS moderation of talk based on book "Eminent Riparians". See her for details. **Andrea Jones** – The RPO ad committee is looking for sponsors.

Happy \$: **Ken Poole** in honor of **Steve Flamini** and **Mark Sheppard** delivering a truckload of books. Ken is also collecting coats and sweaters. **Gloria Dancause** on occasion of 33rd Keuka College reunion. **Marty Potter** for closing on property on Keuka Lake. **Mike Wilcox** for his 50th Class reunion and for NY State Wrestling Hall of Fame Banquet. **Dave Hutchings** in celebration of Daughter **Merideth's** Engagement. **Ellen Polimeni** for nephew **Dick Herman** named a Graduate of Distinction, **Kathi Nevin** to welcome new granddaughter **Julia Rose**, **Lynn Holcomb** for coaching post season baseball with both sons on team and for son **Noah** becoming starting Quarterback on football team, **Janet Tenreiro** to recognize **Joe DelForte** as a Graduate of Distinction, **Nancy Stelnky** on her upcoming trip to Vancouver (Pit-pass purchased for \$21)

Program: Sue Underhill for Light Hill

Ellen Polimeni introduced our speaker and provided a brief timeline introduction for the Light Hill home. First conceived in 2012 it took four years to organize, fund-raise, purchase and rehabilitate a property, hire staff, and gather/train volunteers before the first family occupied one of the two available spaces at the home.

Initial and ongoing fund-raising builds on an endowment from the Erdle family and enables the facility to provide a loving, compassionate, peaceful home for the terminally ill and support for their families and visitors.

Our purpose at Light Hill is to provide loving, compassionate, specialized care for those who are

terminally ill and for their families and loved ones. Our open and welcoming home is full of light, hope and positive energy, and is an alternative to nursing home, hospital or home care. Our primary focus is to ensure the richest possible experience for residents and their loved ones as they approach the final stages of life. The comfort care we provide focuses on pain control, symptom management and safety. We also seek to support our resident guests and their families as they adjust to the emotional and spiritual challenges they may experience.

Our goal is to affirm and support life, hope, and meaning for all who enter. We believe it's where families and friends can find light through the trees and hope through the shadows.

Sue said their purpose is to help families and residents navigate end of life; to realize dying is a natural part of living. In the celebration of life several touching anecdotes were shared whereby a grandchild of a resident modeled her wedding dress, a couple were reunited through the transition for each of them, and several residents experienced a peaceful passing while outdoors in nature.

As Light Hill operates in a Hospice mentality but receives no insurance income like a hospice does they provide service at no cost through donations and fund-raising. Considerations for admission include assessment of disease process & trajectory, family dynamics, physical abilities or limitations, volunteer capabilities, provision of "what's needed" for symptom management and they receive referrals from a variety of traditional methods and by word-of-mouth.

At present they have assisted 115 individuals since opening in 2016. They hope to create a hard-scaped labyrinth in their garden for the enjoyment of their residents and their families. Their upcoming fund-raiser is their "Luminaria" tribute night at Kershaw Park On November 4 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

Their website is www.lighthillhome.org

Jackpot Draw and 50/50:

Ellen Polimeni collected \$17 and **Mary Green** drew the ten of Hearts

