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Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays 12:15 p.m. American Legion Post #256 454 North Main Street	"IMAGINE ROTARY" www.canandaiguarotary.org Club 4765, District 7120, Organized Apr. 24, 1919	Publication Date: April 13, 2023 No. 34 Volume 103
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Today's Program: Canandaigua Academy Interact Club
Next Week: Dale Hemminger – Hemdale Farms & Greenhouses

Meeting notes from April 6, 2023

Pledge: Marty Potter

Invocation & Song: Mark Sheppard – Star Spangled Banner

Visiting Rotarians: DGND/AG Jim Crane – V/F

Guests of Rotarians: Sam Viggiani - Uber Lawn & Landscape, guest of Chris Hubler, and Susan Martenson, CLWA, guest of Doug Merrill – both prospective Rotarians!

Announcements:

The Race for the Rest of Us will occur on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 11-12, starting at the new Hilton and ending at the NY Kitchen.

Nominations for **Rotarian and Rookie Rotarian** of the Year (submit nominations by 4/20 to **Nancy Stelnyk**).

Presentation to \$186.00 check to **Gareth Evans** for the scouting program – money raised from the **Pinewood Derby**.

PolioPlus Jug: \$126.00

Fines/Happy Dollars:

Steve Uebbing – 2 ½ months in Florida and a new Mustang.

Jack Moran – great tan, and a great winter in Bonita Springs, FL golfing, sailing, & went to a ballgame.

Doug Merrill – happy Steve Uebbing is back!

Dave Lucchesi – spent a few weeks in St. Martin!

Judy Gorenflo – she and Doug took a 3 week cruise starting in Aruba, ending in Miami, with a trip through the Panama Canal in the middle.

Gareth Evans – 10 days in Israel, back w/Covid!

Curt Bailey – First ever trip to Europe – England.

Ellen Polimeni – Springsteen concert in Buffalo, and a few days in Aruba.

Today's Program: Sueann Townsend – Executive Director of FHPAC (Fort Hill Performing Arts Center – Your Place for the Arts)

Sueann shared some basic history of the Fort Hill Performing Arts Center: Built in 1928 as the Academy Annex - thanks to a bill designating performance venues in landmark buildings safe, it

couldn't be used for anything else, so when Conifer Realty purchased the building complex in 1995 for senior housing, it remained untouched. In 2015, a group of community members conceived the idea of restoring the theater as a much-needed mid-size venue for the performing arts in the Finger Lakes. Renovations were completed in early 2020, and they celebrated the grand opening with a Gala on January 10, 2020 to rave reviews. Then COVID struck, and the theater was shut down in March of 2020, and not opened again until September of 2021. The old swimming pool was preserved, then backfilled and now serves as the Green Room for performing artists.

Their mission: to enrich and entertain the Finger Lakes region by presenting a variety of exceptional visual and performing arts in a beloved historic landmark. Their partner organizations include The Rochester City Ballet, Rochester Oratorio Society, the Ontario Arts Council, Finger Lakes Opera, and Fanatics in Lima. Their Programming Community Partners are The George Ewing Forum, Bloomfield Rotary, and the Finger Lakes Community Band, as well as others. They host a great number of tribute bands, as well as international performing artists. This coming August, the US Air Force Rhythm in Blue Jazz Band will be presenting a free concert! We are very lucky to have this kind of venue in Canandaigua!

Dates to Remember:

~ First Friday – April 7 – **Irish Mafia**

~ **Board meeting** on April 12, 7:30 am at Lyons National Bank Conference Room.

~**District Training Assembly at Bath Central School**, April 22 – especially for new Rotarians – and it's free!

~Tree bagging at **Greg Gullo's** house on April 27 at 6 p.m.

~**Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup Initiative** April 29 – meet at Kershaw Gazebo and Outhouse Park.

~**District Conference** – One Day Only! May 6th in Bloomfield at Veteran's Park.

~**Service Above Self Dinner** – May 18, evening meeting here at the Legion.

Joker Draw - \$132 – with 45 cards: **Al Walker** drew the Ace of Spades, and **Kim Tenreiro** walked off with \$15.00.