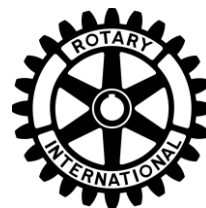




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Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Anastasia Tomashevskia; LifeVac

Next Week: Mary Eberstadt-Cultural History of Upstate New York

Meeting Notes from September 11th Meeting

Pledge: President Kent Gilges

Moment of Silence and the playing of TAPS in memory of 911 & Those that lost their lives.

Visiting Rotarians: none

Visitors: none

Announcements:

The Board approved \$500 grant to the Ontario County Historical Society. Kent also announced that **Judy Ratcliffe** will be going on our board; as **Gloria Dancause** has resigned from the board due to teaching obligations. It was also Judy's birthday today so we celebrated in singing to her. Also the board approved to be part of a Venison Donation program where hunters can donate their deer meat to local Food Banks. Expenses for this program will be paid out of funds we received from the Jim & Jane Holden fund.

Monte Carlo Night – November 1st at Hotel Canandaigua. Members received postcards to pass out to friends encouraging them to attend this event that will benefit Family Promise of Ontario Co.

RPO Concert – Steve Uebbing reminded members of the upcoming Holiday Concert. This event is a major fundraiser for our club and we are still looking for advertisers and friends. See the informational brochures on the lunch tables and get your ad or sponsorship in before October 1st.

Ken Poole will be doing a presentation on September 18th at the South Bristol Grange on Route 64 regarding the life of Ira Randall, who was a local artist and educator.

Woodlawn Cemetery is doing a History Walking Tour on Sunday, September 21st from 2-4 p.m. Several of our members will be presenters at the event. \$20 in advance & \$25 day of event.

Happy Dollars: Ed O'Connor went on a camping trip to Black Rock City in Nevada to attend the Burning Man event. Ed produced the Pit Pass. **Marty Muehe**

almost got hit by **Kent's Gilge's** golf ball and paid for another golf tourney. **Kent** paid for a trip to the Great Bear Rain Forest that's north of Vancouver. The water was 48 degrees for their morning swim and they saw 23 humpback whales. **Kat Barnum's** son is the "Teammate of the Week" for Cdg. Football. **Ben Green** was happy to get pictures from his boss's trip to Cape Cod and Ben's doing work at his sister's house. **Judi Gorenflo** is going on a trip so she paid for the Pit Pass.

Jackpot Drawing – Rick Hawks reported that 371 tickets have been sold – leaving 229 left to sell. SELL!! SELL!! SELL!! The next Early Bird drawing is Sept. 18th. Turn in your sold (or unsold) tickets to Rick and his committee – as there are members needing more tickets who have potential buyers.

Program:

Heidi Ostertag from Worldwide Documentaries who lives in Bloomfield showed the movie "Running to Stand Still" – regarding "Migrants Search for Hope in the Promised Land" of USA. The movie focuses on the fraught and divisive issue of forced migrants seeking safety and asylum at the US/Mexico border. The movie had current & retired US border agents, migrants & refugees from various countries and volunteers that work to help the refugees. Many of the refugees try to apply legally for asylum in the USA. They are people fleeing their home countries for many reasons. They are asking for help, protection & compassion. Heidi's company Worldwide Documentaries are trying to educate the general public on global issues and to also advocate for fundamental rights. She stressed that immigration reform is needed; but that "due process" is not being given to many of the refugees or immigrants that ICE is picking up and deporting.

50/50 & Joker: Dick McGavern got the \$20 cash and **Ellen Polimeni** drew the 2 of diamonds. **Janet Tenreiro** took home a bouquet of gladiolus flowers.