



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: David Hutchings – Volunteerism @ Sonnenberg Gardens

Next Week: Walter Hughes – Ghana Water Project

Meeting notes from February 22, 2024

Pledge: President Nancy

Visiting Rotarians: None were present.

Guests: Mayor, Bob Palumbo was joined by two of his grandsons, Andrew, and Ari.

Announcements: Ed O'Connor thanked Sean Buck, Andrea Jones, Bob Palumbo, Tom Rogers, and President Nancy Stelnyk for helping him sell meat raffle tickets during the BID's Fire & Ice event. They sold 45 tickets at the event! We still have approximately 50 tickets to sell in addition to the 75 tickets still in the hands of our members for which money has yet to be turned in. With the drawing fast approaching on March 14th, SELL, SELL, SELL! Curt Bailey reminded us of the upcoming Scholarship Bowl-a-Thon taking place on Sunday, March 24th. Get your teams organized. Jodi Kaufman reported news from our Green Team. She recently met with a team from Habitat for Humanity concerning the Habitat solar project being worked on. Additionally, she received info from Ontario County Recycling letting us know plastic clam shells can now be recycled. Donna Miller reported our members have purchased a total of 42 bouquets of flowers in support of Light Hill. Flowers will be delivered to our club on March 7th. She also reminded everyone the Oratorical Contest finals will be held on Saturday, February 24th at FLCC beginning at 11:30AM.

As reported by Jodi Kaufman - Maya Fantauzzi, (the student our club sponsored for the District's vocal contest), competed in the contest which was held at SUNY Geneseo. Because there were only 7 students who participated, the District said there would be no final competition. Each contestant was given a monetary prize from the District and SUNY Geneseo was going to be offering each student a scholarship in some form.

Happy Dollars and Fines:

Kent Gilges – Paid in advance for a trip he is taking.

Donna Cator – Is headed to Vegas.

Adeline Rudolph – Happy to have attended the Association of Towns Training in New York City.

Clark Kurtz – Was just plain happy.

Bob Palumbo – Happy to have his grandsons with him, gave a shout out to Denise Chaapel for all she did for the BID in making Fire & Ice such a success. Bob was also happy to see Jeff Anthony back at work in his store after having back surgery recently.

Dr. Paul Harvey – Wanted to give a shout out to a couple of 'tough guys' (Roc Pietropaolo & Jeff Anthony) for recovering so quickly after their surgeries.

Kathleen Draper - For getting a job with Carbon Standard International after working for herself for several years.

Gloria Harrington - Was happy to be able to join us. She works for Lifespan on Thursdays and usually can't attend our meetings but had the day off this week.

Program: Dan Bowman and the Canandaigua Academy Robotics Team Demonstration

Canandaigua's First Robotics – Team 3003 Tan(X) is comprised of over 25 high school students. They participate in FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), a worldwide robotics competition with thousands of teams and thousands of students from all over the world. The competition strives to inspire young people to be leaders in the technological and scientific world. The robotics program encourages innovation and fosters well-rounded life skills, including self-confidence, communication, and leadership. Each January the year's game in which the teams will be competing is announced. Every team in the world receives the announcement at the same time. Following the announcement, over six weeks, students design, manufacture, assemble, program, and test a 120 lb. robot to perform prescribed tasks against a field of competitors. They cannot use an old robot; a new one must be built each year. (They keep the old robots for demonstration purposes and for their own playing fun.) It is as close to 'real world' engineering as a high school student can get. The program could not happen if it were not for the mentors who help the students.

Canandaigua's team won the regionals last year and went on to the world competition in Houston. **You can see Tan(X) in competition at RIT's Gordon Field House March 14th through March 16th. The event is free to attend.**

Joker Draw:

Adeline Rudolph had the first ticket and went for the jackpot, but instead of the Joker, she drew the Jack of Clubs. Roc Pietropaolo won \$14 and donated the winnings to the school's robotic team.

