



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays 12:15 p.m.
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Today's Program: Ginny Ryan – CNB Community Affair

Next Week: Gareth Evans – Habitat for Humanity

Meeting notes from April 25, 2024

Pledge: President Nancy

Visiting Rotarians: None today

Guests: Sammi Kennedy, the granddaughter of **Bruce Kennedy**. Sammi is working for the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association

Remembrance: Tricia Carey is home after knee replacement surgery that has involved some complications.

- **George Herren** is at Strong Memorial at the neuro level below ICU. Reports are that he is doing well, talking, chatting and running laps with his walker.
- **Dick Sayers** reports that he took **Doug Lowden** out for lunch. **Doug** is doing well and left his walker in the car.

Announcements:

- **Mark Sheppard** made the final announcement for the Day of Prayer Breakfast to be held May 2nd at 7:00 AM. The venue is Sonnenberg Gardens Greenhouse and **Dave Hutchings** will be the speaker.
- **Jodi Kaufman** asked for volunteers to tend the Gleaners' Kitchen vegetable garden on May 18th. Shifts run from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Happy Dollars:

- **Kim Tenreiro** offered up \$1.05 to commemorate our Club's 105th anniversary. Others matched the donation.
- **Jodi Kaufman** is back from Huntington Beach CA. Weather was sunny but cool.
- **Clark Kurtz** paid for his “final” car (not a hearse though). His contribution also paid for his garage story and mechanical ability.
- **Doug Merrill** and **Debra** are celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary.
- And finally, **Kathleen Draper** purchased the Pit Pass to cover her upcoming trip to Switzerland.

Program: Sue Raymond the President of ONYA presented a program on the Ontario Yates Fund for Women and Girls and their commitment to help women and girls become independent and self-sufficient.

- The mission of ONYA is to inspire and advance philanthropy that funds non-profit programs to foster personal growth and economic self-sufficiency among women and girls throughout Ontario and Yates Counties.
- After the founding in 2000, current endowment stands over \$780,000 and 123 grants have been awarded totaling \$440,500.
- Grant organizations in 2024 include Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Boys & Girls Club; Cornell Cooperative Extension and Family Counseling.
- **Sue** stressed that our community has great needs. In Ontario County it is estimated that 12.6% of all female heads of household are living at or below the poverty threshold. 25.5% of these women are living between the poverty threshold (\$15,000) and the self-sufficiency standard of \$30,000 per year based on one adult and one child in the family. As one can clearly see, there is a great need to assist in helping these women achieve economic self-sufficiency and ONYA hopes to help by providing grants to worthy programs.
- We can help by donating both our dollars and our time. Mentoring is a potential volunteer effort. Participating in a fund raiser such as the June 1st Bud to Bloom Luncheon at the lakefront hotel in Geneva will assist in the mission of ONYA.

50/50 Raffle: Ed O'Connor took the cash – twelve bucks. He then won again and asked our speaker to draw the joker. Sorry...but an unlucky card appeared.