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Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Dan Caster – World Events & US National Intelligence, Part 2

Next Week: Jessica Alinaitwe & Kent Gilges – Uganda District Water Grant

Meeting Notes from: March 13, 2025

Pledge/4-Way Test/Rotary Vision: President Kim
Inspiration: Janet Tenreiro

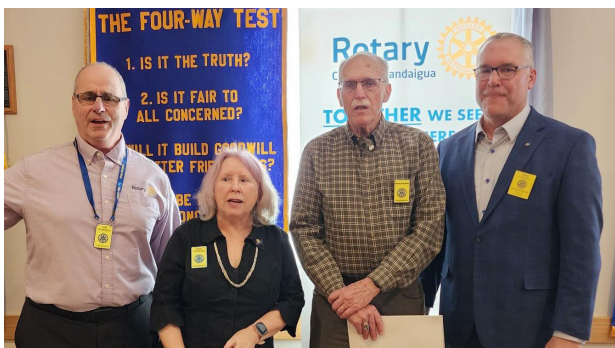
Guests: Our guest today was **Michael Bay-Borelli**, who was being inducted into our club.

Visiting Rotarians: None were present.

Happy Birthday to Doug Merrill: March 13th was Doug's birthday so we all joined in singing Happy Birthday to him.

Din's Weekly Report: Din was not present at the meeting as he was attending a robotics competition in Rochester. He will also not be with us the following week as he is going to Hawaii!

Induction Ceremony: **Michael Bay-Borelli** was inducted into our club. Michael was a Rotarian when he lived in Custer, South Dakota. He and his wife recently moved back here to the Canandaigua area after retiring. Michael is a retired math teacher and school administrator. He looks forward to being an active member of our club and becoming involved in our community. Welcome Michael!!



Announcements: President Kim reported the following from the March Board meeting:

- Don O'Neill's request to become an honorary member was approved.
- The following donations were approved:
 - \$250 Sonnenberg Civil War History Presentation
 - \$1100 to sponsor two children to attend 4-H Camp Bristol Hills
 - \$400 to the Budding Readers Initiative
 - \$1200 to sponsor two children to attend Canandaigua City Summer Camp
- Jim & Jane Holden Charitable Trust allocation committee selected these two initiatives to support using the \$15K donation the Holdens' provided:
 - \$10K to Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association for sampling/testing equipment, education and for their summer camp program.
 - \$5K to develop a venison donation program to benefit local food banks.

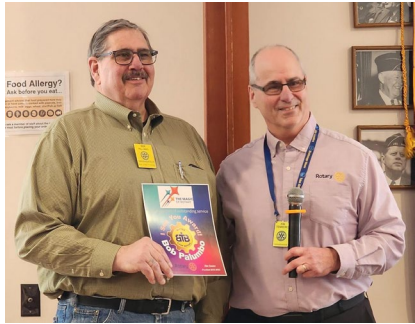
President Kim also shared information on a Zoom meeting taking place on March 27th @ 8:00 pm about 'Water for South Sudan'. If you are interested, Kim has information about the meeting (which he provided for us on the lunch tables). Kim also provided information on this year's Camp Onseyawa Golf Tournament being held on Saturday, June 14th. Here is a link for more information – <https://www.onseyawa.org/fund-raising>.

Bob Palumbo reported gas raffle tickets are still available for sale so see him if you need more to sell.

Kathleen Draper will be hosting a class on how to make your own biochar on Saturday, April 26th from 2 - 4pm. Space is limited so registration is required. To register, send your name and contact information to biocharro2@gmail.com. **Curt Bailey** reminded all about our upcoming Bowl-a-Thon on March 23rd. If you'd like to bowl, see Curt for a registration form.

Marty Potter reminded everyone to make sure to get your Blue Sheet turned into her before the end of the month. If you haven't received yours yet, she will get it to you shortly.

I See You Award: President **Kim** awarded this week's 'I See You Award' to **Bob Palumbo**, recognizing Bob for all he's done for Rotary and his community, including currently serving as the City's Mayor.



Happy Dollars / Fines:

Larry Robinson for being a transplant recipient. Three years ago, he received a donated kidney.

Marty Muehe for returning home after spending time in Florida & the Carolinas and for having a second hole-in-one!!

Doug Merrill for celebrating another birthday.

Donna Lacourse for finding Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn where she could eat all the buckwheat pancakes she wanted and for visiting Letchworth State Park.

Jack Kellogg for not being at the War Memorial when a fight broke out after an HS basketball game. He was there earlier when his grandsons' team won their game.

Rick Hawks paid for the recent days he has been away.

Cat Barnum moved her daughter back here from NYC. On the way home Cat had to place a full-size mannequin her daughter had on the roof of her car in a plastic bag. Needless to say, they got a few looks.

Program: *Elizabeth Moreland & Richard Perez from the Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network*

Finger Lakes Donor Recover Network (FLDRN) is the link between individuals or families who chose to Donate Life and those who are in need of life-saving organ transplants, or life-improving tissue and cornea transplants. FLDRN donate service area covers 20 counties in New York State. There is a critical need for organ donations. Currently at Strong Hospital, 440 people are waiting for kidneys and 526 are awaiting donations of other organs. One person donating their organs, eyes & tissue (when they pass) can save up to 8 lives, restore sight to 2 people and heal the lives of more than 75 people. Anyone 16 years of age or older can register to be an organ, eye, or tissue donor. There

is no upper age limit for registering. If you choose to become a life donor, be sure to share your wish with your family. Enrolling in the New York State Donate Life Registry is the best place to document your end-of-life decisions regarding donation. Although there are other options available for registering, the NYS Donate Life Registry is checked by donation professionals at the time of death, whereas other documents may not be located easily.

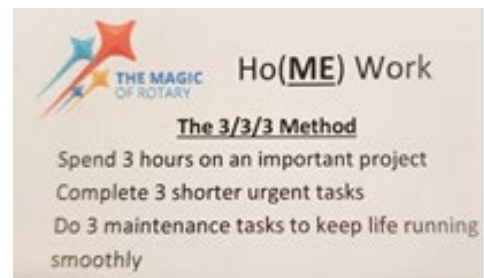


QR Code for the New York State Donate Life Registry Enrollment

Richard Perez shared his story about being the recipient of a liver transplant 21 years ago after suffering from Hepatitis C, which they believe he contracted while serving in the Army. He has since dedicated his life to promoting organ donations.

Joker Draw:

With 26 cards remaining, **Kathleen Draper** had the first winning ticket and collected \$16. **Kyle Sheppard** had the second ticket and with 26 cards remaining in the deck and a chance to win approximately \$430, he unfortunately drew the two of spades.



Upcoming Rotary Events:

Rotary Scholarship Bowl-a-Thon: March 23rd
District Learning Assembly/ Clifton Springs – April 5th
Arbor Day Tree Bagging @ Gullo's House – April 24th
District Conference: May 2-4, 2025, Corning
2025 Flag Project Begins – Week of Memorial Day
Camp Onseyawa Golf Tournament – June 14th
International Convention – June 21-25, 2025, Calgary
Arts in the Gardens @ Sonnenberg – June 29th

