



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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TODAY'S PROGRAM: Boy Scouts, Gareth Evans
NEXT WEEK: Uganda Sewing Project - Deacon Ray Defendorf

NOTES FROM NOVEMBER 2nd MEETING



Pledge:
President **Nancy Stelnyk**

Prayer: Sean Buck



The meeting opened with a quick Trivia Contest led by **Kent Gilges**. It led to thinking, fun conversations and interaction among members.

Guests: Proposed member Rick Lessard, guest of **Mark Sheppard**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Polio Plus jug collected \$116 this month.

Monthly Board Meeting Results:

- Tax forms completed and ready to file
- Luncheons will be provided by Pudgies during November. Other catering options can be suggested.
- We hopefully have a candidate for the District 7120 Vocal Contest.
- We will be participating in the Making Spirits Bright again this year by providing Christmas gifts for a Veteran's family.
- We need at least 5 nominations for the upcoming board elections. All members are encouraged to think about helping to move our club forward by joining our board. See **Marty Potter** if interested.

Exchange Student Stine reported that the swim team season is over. She's had lots of homework and she attended a Halloween party. We are in need of locating a host family for January through June. If you know of someone who would make a great family for Stine, give your suggestion to **Scott Kesel**.

RPO Concert: only \$4000 in ticket funds has been turned in, which is less than half of the total for tickets for the event. Get your tickets sold and monies turned in to **Ed O'Connor** by November 16th, as we have no lunch meetings on November 23rd or November 30th.

Halloween Events: **Marty Potter** thanked the members who helped downtown and at Onanda Park on October 28th. The weather cooperated and both events were well attended.

Fines



Happy Dollars

Nancy Stelnyk for celebrating her granddaughter's 23rd birthday.

Mike Schiller is proud of his son who scored 3 touchdowns in his final football game of the season.

Bob Palumbo for 42nd wedding anniversary – their anniversary dinner had to be postponed as their daughter was in labor. Their newest grandson, Sawyer Patrick Phillips, was born 45 minutes after the day ended.

Kathleen Draper for trip to Ireland where she caught Covid.

George Herren was happy to attend the CA Year End Soccer Banquet where he presented an award in memory of his son.

Jodi Kaufman is happy for the Newark Rotary Service Above Self Award that was presented to **Judi Gorenflo** and Doug.

Paul Harvey reported on a recent trip to France where they enjoyed a personalized tour of Normandy.

Kathi Nevin for spending Halloween at Ft. Drum.

Program

Canandaigua Police Chief Mathew Nielsen, who has 25 years of experience in law enforcement, spoke about our police department. He is now in his third year as chief. Due to two police-involved shootings in 2022, the department is working on further training and also alternatives to prevent having to shoot at individuals who refuse to drop their weapons. He spoke of organized theft by individuals or teams of criminals working together. In downtown Canandaigua there are many cameras, which makes it easier to trace criminals as they enter and exit downtown. Updated technology is very important, as that's how they many times solve crimes. The bail reform laws have made it difficult to keep criminals in jail; they're released after processing and are back out on the streets to commit another crime.

He reports that drugs are prevalent in Canandaigua as they are seeing fentanyl and crack cocaine. If suspects are committing crimes to feed their drug addictions, they can be offered drug court and rehab to hopefully lead a better life. However, the offer of drug court and mental health counseling is no longer an incentive to get out of jail, as most are released shortly after being processed due to bail reform. Mathew reports that car thefts are not as prevalent here as they are in nearby Monroe County. He also reports that DWI arrests are trending down, but that driving under the influence of Cannabis arrests are increasing.

During November the \$25 speakers' donation will be going to Friendship House in Middlesex.

50/50: **Mary Green** got the \$23 and **Heather Rickett** drew the ace of hearts.

