



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Uganda Sewing Project – Deacon Ray Defendorf

Next Week: Thanksgiving – No Meeting

Meeting notes from November 9, 2023

Pledge: President Nancy Stelnyk

Followed by 10 minutes of conversation with fellow Rotarians and guests at our tables.

Visiting Rotarians:

Jim Crane, DG Nominee; Ralph Brandt PDG, and Julie Carney, DG.

Guests: Gareth Evans introduced his guests Hannah Feeley and Rich Serapilio. Stine our exchange student was in attendance and mentioned her recent 148/150 test result, in her usual modest way.

Announcements:

President Nancy reported on the First Friday social results where 25+ Rotarians and friends met at Frequentem.

Julie Carney called **Marty Potter** forward to accept 3 recognitions in Foundation giving for the last Rotary year. Out of 37,000+ clubs worldwide, Canandaigua was one of 3,800 to receive “Every Rotarian Every Year,” one of 4,500 to receive “100% Foundation Giving,” and 1 of 11 in our district of 69 clubs to contribute at least \$1,500 to Polio Plus. Great job to all involved individually and as part of Club contributions.

Marty Potter announced we have 4 nominees for the Board election, with nominees announced on the 16th.

Ed O'Connor said RPO ticket sales are at \$5,000, a little over halfway. Let's get those tickets sold.

Curt Bailey is looking for more Salvation Army bell ringers – with sign up online, or see Curt for a shift.

Jeff Anthony mentioned the ONSEYAWA dinner on 10 November, looking for a report from him today.

Happy Dollars:

Mary Green: Thank you to **Mark Sheppard** for hosting First Friday, and to **Sam Viggiani** for moving his truck so she could depart.

Kent Gilges: For **Mary** talking and **Roc Pietropaolo** being tough on his appendix recovery.

Roc Pietropaolo: Thanks to Thompson Hospital and staff.

Tom Rogers: Provided the real story of **Roc** complaining about the food and restricted laptop access at Thompson.

George Herren: For his first eMeeting with the new eClub.

Donna Miller: For **Jack Moran** making it to Florida, and **Martha Herbig** recovering from appendix surgery.

Clark Kurtz: A humorous story about his granddaughter, and his failure to reach “BFF” status in her eyes.

Adeline Rudolph: For the Rotarians who ran for office on Tuesday.

Phil Esce: A thank you for his ongoing recovery from a stroke – looking great Phil!

Jack Kellogg: New car insurance for 2025 – prepaid or wishful thinking?!?

Program: Gareth Evans introduced Rich Serapilio as his replacement as the Scouting District Executive for the Seneca Waterways Council, Glacier Lakes District.

Rich is a former educator, sales rep, and non-profit executive who is now embarking on a new career to bolster Scouting in the western Finger Lakes. He detailed 879 current youth members in 47 units. Of particular note 7 girl troops compared to 4 last year. A series of questions followed about the differences between Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, now that Scouts BSA is now open for girl enrollment. His main difference, which is a matter of degree – is that the outdoor emphasis of Boy Scouts is much easier to accomplish compared to Girl Scouts.

Mark Sheppard filled the Club in on his recent volunteer activity with Scouting as the new District Chairman, a 3 year commitment. He is also hosting tables for the 5 December Friends of Scouting Kick-Off dinner at Woodcliff - see Mark if you would like to be his guest.

Rich responded to questions from members on whether local Scouts would be able to support the ONSEYAWA Carnival, refurbishment of Finger Lakes hiking trails, or assisting with other Rotary functions. In each case – a yes from Rich. (Editors comment: maybe include several Cub Scouts as expert judges for our upcoming Pinewood Derby.)

Who is going to sponsor Rich for Rotary membership?!?

Joker Draw: With over \$480 at stake, **Kim Tenreiro** drew the King of Clubs, then also took home \$22 in cash. Shake those tickets!!