



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: President Nancy Stelnyk – Club Assembly

Next Week: Rich de Asis – WASH Global Grant

Meeting notes from March 21, 2024

Pledge: President Nancy

Visiting Rotarians: None were present

Guests: **Kathleen Draper's** guests were her mom and dad, Anne & Justin Martin, and her sisters, Eileen Kennedy & Patty Carlson. **Adeline Rudolph's** guests were Margie LaTourette and Dan Bakowski. Dan works for Senator Helming's office.

Member Induction Ceremony: **Margie LaTourette** was inducted as a member of our club in a ceremony conducted by the membership committee, led by PDG Janet Tenreiro. In the past, Margie belonged to the Pittsford Rotary Club. Rather than speak about herself, Margie stated she prefers to sit one-on-one with each of us to share her story. What Margie did share was that when her husband passed away unexpectedly in his sleep, she was grateful at the time to be a member of the Pittsford Rotary Club. Rotary gave her a purpose and kept her busy during her time of loss. She looks forward to being a part of our club. WELCOME MARGIE!! We look forward to getting to know you.

Remembrances: A card was available to sign for **Dick McCaughey** who is home recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.

Announcements: **President Elect, Kim Tenreiro**, shared information on an event being planned for late September in downtown Canandaigua. The event will be a collaboration with our Rotary Club, Canandaigua Kiwanis Club, the BID and the Chamber of Commerce. The initial planning will start on Tuesday, March 26th, at 8:30am at the BID Office on Main Street. If you would like to be a part of the planning team, please let Kim know. Kim also talked about the many subjects covered at President Elect Training (PETS) held in Syracuse.

Please, turn your blue sheets into Kim as soon as possible so he can begin work on putting together committees for next Rotary year and gather all current info for the club's directory. **Curt Bailey** reminded all the scholarship bowl-a-thon is Sunday, March 24th starting at 4:30pm @ Roseland Bowl. **Jodi Kaufman's** environmental tip was to look for ways to repurpose items we tend to throw away. As an example, she was wearing a dress given to her by Andrea Jones. Jodi also shared info about our Earth Day Project to plant the vegetable garden at Sonnenberg Gardens. The planting will take place on Saturday, May 18th. The first shift will be 9-11 am and the second shift will be 11am -1pm. Let Jodi know your preferred time. **Tom Rogers** is heading the operations team for our District Assembly on Saturday, April 13th. We are the host club, and the assembly is being held at the Canandaigua Academy high school. If you can help, please let Tom know. If you are attending the assembly, be sure to register on the District web site.

Happy Dollars/Fines:

Rick Hawks – paid a fine for a recent trip to Boseman, MT to spend time with his son's family and to do some snowmobiling.

Jodi Kaufman – thankful for a gift from Ellen Polimeni, a picture of the earth with the saying 'Go Green'.

Kim & Janet Tenreiro – for meeting the 2025-2026 Rotary International President Nominee, Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo from Brazil.

Bob Palumbo will be participating with Team Arina Hose on March 23rd in the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. You can donate to Bob's efforts on-line (Polar Plunge Canandaigua).

Donna Miller has tickets to the Home & Garden Show (March 23rd & 25th). Let her know if you would like them.

Gareth Evans – Attended the International Habitat for Humanity Conference in Atlanta.

Al Walker was happy to be back after breaking his knee cap. Thanked Marty Potter for being his courier during his absence.

Paul Havey paid a fine for a recent trip with his wife, Barb, for a trip to Lake Placid, where there was no snow.

Jack Kellogg tried to make room in his freezer after winning one of the meat raffle prizes. When all the meat would not fit in his freezer, he took the surplus to the Salvation Army.

Scott Kesel recently sold a truck with the stipulation he had to deliver it to the new owner, who happens to live in Tucson, Arizona! Scott, along with his daughter, delivered the truck and then drove on to northern LA to visit someone Scott had previously sold a vehicle to. Scott was thrilled to be able to spend this time with his daughter before her wedding this summer.

President Nancy was happy Bob Palumbo was available on the weekend to fix her toilet. Like Jack Kellogg, she also won one of the meat raffle packages, which she gave to her granddaughter, who promptly cooked the prime rib. Yum!

Program: Our very own, Kathleen Draper – Biochar and Straw Bale Houses

Kathleen is an expert on biochar. She has traveled the world learning about and speaking on the topic. She has even presented to the United Nations. According to Wikipedia, Biochar is defined by the International Biochar Initiative as "the solid material obtained from the thermochemical conversion of biomass in an oxygen-limited environment". Biochar is a stable solid that is rich in pyrogenic carbon and can endure in soil for thousands of years. Biochar can be made from wood waste, crop waste, sewage sludge/manures, invasive (plant) species and food waste. Biochar is used in packaging materials, 3D printing, fuel cells, agriculture, remediation, cosmetics, storm water management, just to name a few applications. Kathleen shared info on biochar & climate change, different ways biochar is made, and how she incorporated biochar into the home she built out of straw bales. Kathleen is always willing to speak on the subject if you would like to know more. She will be participating in a biochar workshop at Hunt Country Winery, Saturday, June 1st, 11am-4pm. Here is the link to register. <https://www.huntwines.com/Events/Workshops/BIOCHAR-Workshop-2024>

Joker Draw: With a new deck of cards, (because Ellen drew the Joker on March 14th), Don O'Neill had the first ticket and drew the 3 of Spades. Kim Tenreiro walked away with \$14.

