



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Kim Tenreiro - LifeVac
Next Week: Paula Belemjian - The Margaret Home

Meeting notes from January 19, 2023
Pledge: President Marty

Guests: **Dick McGavern** introduced **Peter Bruu**, the new owner of German Bros. Marina.

Visiting Rotarians: We were joined by three members of the Rochester North West Rotary Club, **Nick Coulter**, **Paul Minor** and **Judy Bennett**. Of, course, **Paul** and **Judy** were members of our Club in the past. **Judy** even sported her Canandaigua name tag.

Exchange Student: **Maja** has been quite busy. She travelled to Philadelphia with another international exchange student, moved to a new host family, plans a trip to Florida with her new hosts and continues to run track for the Academy.

Announcements:

- Our Club received thank you notes from the Department of Veteran Affairs, Challenge 22, Sonnenberg Gardens and FF Thompson Hospital for our contributions and continued support.
- After our successful District Conference last year in Oswego came in under budget, we were able to make the following contributions: \$2,000 to the Malawi Children's Village Scholarship Fund, \$3,560 to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund and finally put \$19.22 in the Polio Plus jug. Thanks to all who assisted in this terrific conference!
- Our second annual Meat Raffle is back! Ten dollars tickets are now available at our regular meetings or from **Ed O'Connor**, **Sean Buck** and **Tom Rogers**. Drawing for the six prizes will be at our meeting on March 23rd.
- **Bob Metzger** sent a nice note as well as **Andy Platou's** son.
- The District Oratorical Contest currently has 13 applicants including a young man from Canandaigua Academy. The finals will be held at the Fort Hill Performing Arts Center on Saturday, February 25th.
- **Dave Hutchings** announced that supplies for the 2023 Serenity Garden will arrive March 1 and 2. Volunteers are needed.
- **Jodi Kaufman** gave a green minute urging a switch to using forest friendly toilet paper. **Ditch the Charmin!**

Foundation Presentation: **PDG Tom Rogers** gave a short program on the Rotary Foundation Endowment Fund and the opportunities to contribute in our estate plans. One method is becoming a Foundation Benefactor. **Joseph DeForte Jr.** was honored for having made the decision to contribute \$1,000 to the Rotary Endowment Fund upon his death. A Benefactor Certificate and Benefactor Wings was presented to **Joe**.

Please congratulate **Joe** in his commitment to the Rotary Foundation.

Fines & Happy Dollars: **Ed O'Connor** turned in the Pit Pass after a 30 day trip with Sue through the Caribbean and the Panama Canal. The Pit Pass was then purchased by **Wanda Martinez-Johncox**.

Tom Rogers and Sandie spent 5 days in Quebec City. **Jack Kellogg** was happy and proud that his children made a contribution to the Rotary Foundation in **Jack's** honor in lieu of Christmas presents.

George Herren gave happy dollars in honor of the work that **Don Collins** has done in promoting the District Oratorical Contest.

Ken Poole announce that the 1,000th box of books was filled and delivered. Kudos to **Ken** on this fine project.

Nancy Stelnyk is happy that her knee surgery was a terrific success.

Gareth Evans visited the Pal-Mac Rotary Club and **Gloria Dancause** will present a Canandaigua Rotary Flag to the Naples Florida Club.

Program: **Nick Coulter** is the founder and Chief of Development of Person Centered Housing Options Inc., a non-profit formed to address, prevent, and alleviate homelessness using the Housing First model as an evidence based practice, because the only answer to homelessness is a home. **Nick** was joined by **Paul Minor** who spearheads the sourcing and construction of tiny shelters for the homeless. PCHO, Inc. performs outreach to the homeless to discover what they need, not simply force a solution upon people. They have been working on the Peace Village Community in Rochester. The property is owned by the City of Rochester and leased to PCHO. Paul Minor researched and found a simple shelter that costs approximately \$2,500 and can be built in under 10 hours. PCHO has used Afghan refugees for construction help. The City has begun to get involved in providing a community center and space. **Paul** is exploring using a discarded shipping container as space for electricity, heat and water.

PCHO serves over 300 persons in Monroe County. About 70% will be placed in permanent housing and 40% of those will find gainful employment. The others will continue to live as homeless or require government social services. It was estimated that there were 25 homeless families or over 140 persons without permanent housing in Canandaigua. FLACRA is responsible for the implementation of programs in Ontario County.

Joker Draw: **Joe Del40** drew the four of spades. **Dave Lucchesi** pocketed the \$13 in cash.