



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Goodwill – JT Squires & Loni Wellman

Next Week: Light Hill – Ellen Polimeni & Liz Gilges

Meeting notes from September 7, 2023

Pledge: President Nancy Stelnyk

Invocation: Janet Tenreiro

Song: Clark Kurtz

Guests: None

Visiting Rotarians: No Visiting Rotarians, and no Exchange Student (first day of school!)

Announcements:

Dick McGavern reminded everyone that **The Race for the Rest of Us** is this Saturday, and that registrations have been very low. Our Jackpot Drawing will take place that day, and **Scott Kesel's Finger Lakes Alpine Band** will be entertaining us. The link to register is:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Canandaigua/TheRaceFortheRestofUs>

The Board met yesterday and has decided to contract with **Pepper's** for the next 2 months. Members with outstanding dues were discussed and will be contacted.

Corning Rotary is asking for support for a sewing project in Uganda, and we committed \$300.00. Also, **Rotary Club Kolonnawa**, Sri Lanka has requested that we participate with them in an international friendship affiliation.

Doug Merrill has been tapped to serve on the City Council – **Yay Doug!**

A reminder that the **RPO Concert** is coming up on November 30, so please get your ads in ASAP!

Dave Lucchesi noted that **Benji Carr** is ready to install the base of the sculpture of Roseland, and needs help to assemble it. 6-8 people are needed out in front of Hotel Canandaigua at 9 a.m. Sunday.

George Herren announced that we are beginning our 30th year of **Adopt-A-Highway**, and that he has two very capable assistants in **Greg Gullo and Paul Harvey**. That will take place on September 23 at 7:30 at the far end of **Roseland Family Fun Center** – **thank you Jack Moran!**

Fines/Happy Dollars:

Janet Tenreiro had a great trip to Alaska. Spent time with **Terri Hall**, RI President **Gordon McInally** and wife **Heather**, Zone Director **Drew Kessler** and wife **Vicky**. Symposium had many terrific speakers and a lot of information was imparted! Also, **new invitational banners** were on display, and will be at all community events.

Jodi Kaufman was back from California and noted that she had a flood alert, a hurricane alert, and an earthquake all the same day. She mentioned that

Rotary Magazine mentioned our solar project with **Habitat for Humanity** but didn't name our club specifically.

Program: Sam Viggiani introduced Amy Scibelli, VP of the board for The Spot. She began by saying that founder Sara Chilson has moved out of the area, and that the new executive director is Jessica Evangelista-Balduzzi. Their mission is to serve students with dignity and compassion. They are 100% volunteers. Started with socks and underwear, and now have resource rooms in every school building in Victor and Canandaigua that have food, clothing, school supplies, and other items for students to take or borrow with no questions. They have over 100 volunteers, serving over 1,000 students in Victor and 1,500 in Canandaigua. They had requests for 700 backpacks plus an additional 150 after registration closed! The Spot tries to fill in the gaps with shoes, boots, food, and tools. Their philosophy is: The child that does not feel the warmth of the village will burn down the village to feel the heat. Their primary items are school supplies, clothes/shoes, personal care items, and food support, and they work with social workers, interventionists, and teachers to fulfill those needs. They have just started a new partnership with Foodlink and CCIA to switch from a backpack food support program to the SpotMart – a school pantry opening this year. Schools have provided the space, the volunteers have taken all the courses required to provide this service. The most useful thing that Rotary can do is Funding or providing things on their Amazon Wish List (found on their website: thespotny.org). For instance, a Middle School calculator costs \$25.00, and a High School calculator runs \$118.00! They spend about \$15,000 on the back to school backpacks, and \$30,000 on the food support meals and snacks. And that's not covering all the students that are actually in need.

Jackpot Drawing Update: 41 tickets still outstanding – **Sell! Sell! Sell!** Drawing this Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

Joker Draw: **Adeline Rudolph** drew the 3 of hearts, **Janet Tenreiro** took home \$18.00, and **Jack Kellogg** and **Al Walker** took home flowers, courtesy of **Donna Miller**.