



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Meghan Davis & Scott Schaumann – Academy Players

Next Week: Pinewood Derby & Club Assembly

Meeting notes from 23 February 2023

Pledge: President Marty Potter

Guests: Fritz and Judy Cermack, Benji Carr and Eli guests of **Ellen Polimeni**.

Visiting Rotarians: Tom Mees

Remembrance: Former Rotarian County Clerk Matt Hoose, past Board member and Chair for many years of our scholarship committee, passed on 21 February.

118th Birthday of Founding of Rotary!!!

Announcements:

Thank you to **Tom Rogers**, **Ed O'Connor** and **Mary Green** for selling meat raffle tickets at the Fire & Ice event, and for **Kim Tenreiro** for being there to promote our American Flag project.

A thank you to **Wanda Martinez-Johncox** for helping the Rochester Rotary Northwest Club build a tiny house last weekend.

Doug Merrill is still taking orders for the LifeVac project.

Donna Miller “pitched,” or maybe she “rolled” out, or maybe tried to “strike” the right tone, with her promotion of the Scholarship Bowl-a-Thon. Coming on 26 March. See Donna at a meeting or at her business on Coy St – now more a one-way “alley” – to sign up.

Pinewood Derby Race on 9 March during our meeting. **Gareth Evans** is looking for 4 people to help set up and take down the track that day.

Kent Gilges is our new Program Chair starting 1 July. If you have program ideas see Kent.

In community business news –

- Five Guys restaurant being built on site of former Ponderosa.
- Popeye's building on former Morgan Stanley site at Roseland Center Plaza
- Goodwill going in to former Bed Bath & Beyond location.

District Assembly on 22 April at Bath (Haverling) Central School.

District Conference on 6 May in Bloomfield at Veteran's Park.

Ken Poole wanted to commemorate 70 years since the 1st Polio shots were administered.

Happy Dollars & Fines:

Judi Gorenflo announced her sponsored Haitian couple has arrived.

Dour Merrill for **Kim Tenreiro** bringing us LifeVac.

Dave Hutchings for his trip to Dallas as President of the Finger Lakes Visitors Connection.

Clark Kurtz offered \$10 if anyone can beat his son's Pinewood Derby car.

George Herren for **Bill Hallett** enjoying Florida.

Dick McCaughey recovering from back surgery.

Program:

Kim Tenreiro introduced **Ellen Polimeni** who introduced Judy Cermack who introduced the real star of the show – Cohocton based artist and sculptor Benji Carr.

It was noted that Ellen and Judy have been working for many years to promote and bring to life public art in Canandaigua – the Seneca sculpture at South Main and 5&20, Mary Clark Thompson statue at the former Thompson Hospital on North Main, and several murals around town, amongst others.

The newest project in early gestation is to promote, fund raise and have installed on the waterfront, a ‘kinetic’ metal sculpture celebrating the heritage of the former Roseland Amusement Center – our very own amusement park that was shuttered in 1985.

Benji visited Roseland once in his youth, and brought away vivid memories of 5 star attractions. The sculpture will feature moving or kinetic representations of the ferris wheel, tilt-a-whirl, merry go round, tea cups, and roller coaster. All in stainless steel, with either electric, hydraulic or screw auger drive.

The sculpture will be lighted with very quiet carnival music wafting out from 6:00am to 10:00pm. With rough dimensions of 13 feet high and 8 feet wide, this stainless steel device will be built on a platform with skirting reaching almost down to water level. The whole sculpture will be placed on the existing concrete pilon or stanchion that was one of the bases for the over the water sky ride.

Built at his studio in Cohocton, Benji plans on running it for about a month to test durability and work out any design or operating bugs. Then, disassembly with reassembly on site.

During the presentation, small lapel pins with a photo representation of the sculpture were passed out to members in attendance.

In order to fund this project, an account has been established at the Finger Lakes Area Community Endowment (FLACE).

As a “kinetic” sculpture, this will be unique in our area.

Congrats to Ellen and Judy for moving their concept along, and for bringing Benji and his obvious talents to the table. Good luck.

Joker Draw:

With a deck of 51 cards and \$44 in the Pot – **Janet Tenreiro** snagged the \$17 in cash, with **Judi Gorenflo** drawing the 4 of diamonds.