



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today’s Program: Jamie Farr, CA School Budget Vote

Next Week: Service Above Self Awards

Meeting notes from May 9, 2024

Pledge: President Nancy Stelnyk

Guests: None

Visiting Rotarians: Jim Crane, Area 6 AG and DGN from Victor-Farmington Rotary.

Remembrance: **Bill Hallett** is recovering from knee replacement surgery at home. **George Herren** is currently at the Highlands in Pittsford for rehab; but is hoping to go to his granddaughter’s graduation. Get well wishes go out to both Bill and George.

Happy 90th birthday to **Bruce Kennedy!!**

Exchange Students: We hopefully have one family interested in hosting our incoming student. Stine had a great time at the District Conference. She says they got very little sleep! She is participating in Discus (74) and Shotput (25) at the Track Invitational. Her current numbers in both events are listed after the event. We have certainly enjoyed having Stine this year and will miss her when she returns home this summer.

Announcements:

Flag Project: Have 193 people subscribed. Flags will be placed in lawns before Memorial Day. The flags will stay in place thru the July 4th holiday and then be removed. We will re-install them before Labor Day.

Adopt A Highway: May 18th at 7:30 a.m. Meet at Roseland Bowl if you can help on this yearly project. The more volunteers the shorter the time required! See **Greg Gullo** or **Paul Harvey** if you have questions.

Earth Day: May 18th at Sonnenberg Gardens to help plant the vegetables, etc. for Gleaner’s Kitchen. There are two shifts: 9 – 11 a.m. & 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. See **Jodi Kaufman** to sign up or ask questions.

Fines & Happy Dollars:

Gloria Dancause is happy to be celebrating her 37th wedding anniversary with Steve.

Mike Schiller did a quick trip to Orlando, as his wife had a business trip there. Mike’s also proud that his son’s JV Lacrosse team is currently 15-1!

Gareth Evans is happy to be doing his 3rd Habitat Presentation this week!

Peter Mulvaney happy to announce that there is an adult Eagle and new “chick” residing on Smith Road near Hopewell.

Jim Crane reported that the recent District Conference in Saratoga Springs was a great one!

Ken Poole has been doing research on the Sutton family from Naples. Ann Kennedy, who was a Sutton, was able to provide family history. Ken found the Sutton family headstone and plot. Ken and David Bloom have been cleaning the tombstones and getting them back in place. Ken says they’ll be having a group meeting soon to teach people how to clean headstones. See Ken if you are interested in attending the meeting.

Program: Gareth Evans from the Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity talked about the 3 county (Monroe, Wayne & Ontario) not-for-profit organization. They like to say that they are a “Hand Up; Not Hand Out” organization. Jimmy Carter helped Habitat to grow, but did not start it. There are 50 staff members in the 3 counties. 97% of Habitat kids graduate from college, which is a higher percentage than that of the general population. They will be building 12 houses this year – 1 in Honeoye, 1 in Newark, and 10 in Monroe County. For 2025-26 fiscal year they hope to build 22 houses. The homeowner’s mortgage payment will be less than 30% of their income. The process involves: securing the land, accepting applications for the house, building the house with the homeowner helping, and dedicating the house when the new homeowner moves in. Habitat works with BOCES students each year to build one home. The average home they build is 1200 square feet and is valued around \$250,000.

Applicants have to be income eligible and have to have a good credit score. Homeowners will receive a 30 year mortgage. Habitat raises \$100,000 for every house they build. Income and labor for the houses come from: Framing Frenzies, Corporate Build Days, Restore facilities, and Special Events/Fundraisers. This year Habitat hopes to raise \$1.3 million. Habitat works to help families qualify for the program; and they also work with families to remediate any problems (layoff from work, illness, etc.) The next Framing Frenzy is June 22nd with the Newark Rotary providing the labor. Habitat is always looking for volunteers – working at their Restore shops, Women Build crews, and volunteers for the actual building. They have a new fundraiser – Craft Brew for Builds (\$40) gets you a pass for 18 breweries in the area – where you buy one Draft and get 2nd one free. Pass is valid thru 9/30/24.

50/50 & Joker Draw: **Marty Muehe** walked away with \$10 and **Al Walker** did not find the joker.