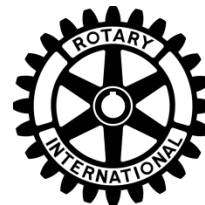




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Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: President Kent Gilges; Year in Review

Next Week: New Rotary Year – Speaker TBD

Notes from June 18th Meeting

Pledge: President Kent Gilges

Prayer: Nancy Stelnyk

Song Leader: SeanBuck "It's a Grand Old Flag"

Visiting Rotarians: Peter from Geneva club

Visitors: Steve, Debra & Ben Chrysler and Maria Bucci – host families for our Exchange student this year.

Announcements:

July 4th Parade – members are asked to meet at The Commons (next to Dick Anthony Ltd) at 9:45 a.m. Our band will be part of the parade and when the band arrives at the Judge's stand, members will become part of the performance. Instructions will be given that morning. Be sure to wear red, white & blue for the nations 250th Birthday.

President Kent announced that the tent for his daughter's wedding is up and that this morning a tree fell about 20 yards from the tent. He was happy that it didn't land on the tent. Hoping for sunshine on Saturday.

Sonnenberg Arts in the Garden – this Saturday, June 27th is our club's day to work. **Paul Harvey** is looking for volunteers to work at the concession stand. See Paul if you can help out.

Happy Dollars:

Marty Potter and Chuck celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary over the weekend. She was also proud that her 3rd grade grandson received the Virginia Graham reading award that includes his showing respect for others and responsibility.

Paul Harvey was happy that the city of Boston needed an emergency supply of Sam Adams Lager for their celebrations.

Doug Merrill chipped in for his phone going off.

Program: President Gilges noted that our exchange student Maria Clara Polese has had a great year and our club loves her. He also noted that the CA School administration say that she's the best foreign student that they've had attend the high school. He then called Maria up to start her presentation.



Maria is from Brazil, which is the 5th largest country in the world. Their official language is Portuguese and their population is 213 million in the 26 states in the country. Their weather seasons are just the opposite of ours. She says that San Paulo is similar to New York City and that the countries economy is determined by what's happening in San Paulo. The countries traditions include: New Years Celebration, Carnival – big festival for whole country, Festa Junina – dancing & fun, Soccer, and Barbecue – a Sunday tradition. Brazil became independent in 1822. Maria mentioned the many foods that the country enjoys – pao de queijo, feijoade, coxinha, pastel, acai & ala minuta. Maria lives in the state of Rio Grande do Sul (RS) which is the 5th most populous state in Brazil and there are 16.4 million residents. Their state has the 4th largest economy in Brazil and temperatures range from 32 to 95 degrees Fahrenheit. She notes that her area is

mostly white population tracing back to the European arrival. Favorite foods in her state include: chimarrao, pinhao, polenta & saga.

Maria attends private school from 7 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. They wear uniforms and the teachers move from room to room while the students stay in one room. Some important information about Maria:

- ~she is 17 years old
- ~her favorite color is green
- ~her favorite holiday is Christmas
- ~ her favorite hobby is reading
- ~ her future plans are to become a pediatrician
- ~ she lives with her parents and 12 year old brother, who misses her a lot
- ~ she is returning home on July 16th; a month earlier than her family is expecting her
- ~ she has many close friends who also miss her. They call & text her a lot both here and at home

Things she'll remember from her time here include:
~the senior trip to New York City and visiting Central Park

- ~the Mock Car Crash at school
- ~trip to Washington, DC
- ~visiting Niagara Falls
- ~seeing a musical on Broadway
- ~baseball

She has enjoyed her year here in Canandaigua and thanked our club for the support that she's received.

After her presentation, President Kent presented our club flag to Maria along with a Canandaigua Rotary hat & shirt. He also presented her with a miniature Peace Pole. Kent also presented the two host families with Rotary coffee mugs.

Rotary Stage at Central on Main: The Canandaigua Business Improvement District has released their schedule of events at the Rotary stage. Be sure to check their website for the updated schedule and times of each performance. This past weekend there were a few of our club members and standing room only community members attending the Claudia Hoyser concert. Food can be ordered from several downtown restaurants and delivered directly to your table. Upcoming downtown events include:

- June 25th – Greater FLX Jazz Orchestra
- June 26-27 Peacemaker FL Fest featuring Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers
- July 4th – Parade at 10 a.m.
- July 9th – Neil Diamond Tribute Band
- July 11th – Breakfast Club Group

July 17-19th – Art & Music Festival

July 25th – Me and the Boyz band

August 1 – Begging Angels Band

August 8th – Singing Bowl World Record Attempt & Live Music

August 15th – Claudia Hoyser

August 22nd – Blues & Brews Festival

August 28th – Boogie Shoes

August 29th – Ruby Shooz Band



50/50- Ellen Polimeni took home the cash and **Marty Muehe** drew the king of diamonds as the joker draw jackpot continues to grow.