



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Dave Hutchings on Sonnenberg Gardens

Next Week: Happy Thanksgiving – No meeting

Meeting notes from 10 November 2022

Pledge: President Marty Potter

Guests: Heather Rickett guest of **Mike Stapleton**, John Roberts and former Rotarian Steve Flamini.

Visiting Rotarians: DG Ralph Brandt

Announcements:

At the November Board Meeting:

Approved sending termination letters to those who have not yet paid their dues.

Approved matching funds to our Holiday Cheer collections. Also, approved raising gift card amounts for Holiday Cheer to \$30-50, at **Preston Pierce's** discretion.

Approved **Nancy Stelnyk's** request to have **Kent Gilges** as 1st Vice President and program chair for the 2023-24 Rotary year.

Joe Kardesh is becoming an Honorary Member.

Mike Schiller will chair the nominating committee for prospective Board members. Election on 14 December at weekly meeting. Contact Mike if you would like to seek a Board seat – 3 seats available.

Tom Rogers reported the Audit Committee reviewed the Operation and Foundation accounts for the period 1 Jul 2021 to 30 June 2022, and found the records to be in order with no exceptions noted.

Wanda presented an update on a Global Grant she is pursuing for installing solar power to homes in Puerto Rico.

In other news:

The Canandaigua downtown Illuminate Light Parade is on 26 November. Line up at 5:30 with a parade start of 6:00.

Curt Bailey rang out with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing still has 6 slots available on 26 Nov, and 10 slots available in December.

Ed O'Connor reports the RPO concert coming up quickly – and requests all ticket monies by the 17 Nov meeting.

Special Presentations:

DG Ralph Brandt presented **Sim Covington** with a plaque from the Montana League of Women Voters, thanking him for his presentation to their state association.

President **Marty** played a video honoring veterans, and then recognized Rotarian veterans – **Jay Dutcher** Navy, **Phil Esce** Army, **George Herren** Army, **Bruce Kennedy** Air Force, **Clark Kurtz** Army, **Peter Mulvaney** USMC, **Don O'Neill** Air Force, **Preston Pierce** Army, **Al Walker** Air Force, **Dick McGavern** Army, **Kathy Crelot** Navy, **Rob Nye** Army, **Don Raw, Jr** Army, **Ben Gullo** Navy, **Jim Hollabaugh** Coast Guard, and **Tom Mees** Navy.

Dates to Remember:

November 17th – Holiday Cheer collection for Thanksgiving Holiday.

Program: James Wicker local Chair of Challenge 22 and USMC veteran gave a spirited accounting of military branches, Honor Flight and then fund-raising activities benefiting Challenge 22. Challenge 22 was founded and named to draw attention to the sad statistic that at the time, 22 veterans were committing suicide each day.

James recounted how while originally known as Armistice Day recognizing the end of WWI and the service of WWI veterans, the name changed to Veteran's Day in 1947 by President Truman honoring all who served regardless of conflict.

He noted the Service establishment dates – National Guard 1636, Army June 1775, Navy October 1775, Coast Guard 1790, Air Force 1947, and now the Space Force in 2020. As a Marine veteran, James reserved the privilege to give special recognition to the Marines, noting their 234th Birthday!!

Further review of other veterans recognition activities highlighted Honor Flights in Rochester with 6 per year – 3 in the spring and 3 in the fall. Noting the efforts of the VFW, American Legion, Marine Corps League and Amvets – each of whom raise funds to assist veterans in need. Special note was made of Toys for Tots, a year round activity, that distributed over 6000 toys last year in Ontario, Yates and Livingston counties.

The local Challenge 22, founded 5 years ago, raised \$6,000 in 2021 for distribution to EquiCenter in Mendon, Warrior Salute in Penfield, and the Veteran's Outreach Center in Rochester.

Raising the goal to \$22,000 in 2022, the group successfully smashed through that goal to raise over \$50,000!! They added the USMC Council in Rochester to the list of benefiting charities, and were able to distribute \$12,500 to each group.

James is planning with his team for a big 2023 – I'm sure we will be hearing more from his team soon.

Joker Draw:

With \$189 in the pot – **Janet Tenreiro** took the \$13 in cash, and **Ed O'Connor** drew the 9 of Clubs.