



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



This Meeting Thursday 5:30 pm. American Legion Post #256 454 North Main Street	"CREATE HOPE in the WORLD" www.canandaiguarotary.org Club 4765, District 7120, Organized Apr. 24, 1919	Publication Date: March 14, 2024 No. 31 Volume 104
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Today's Program: Jim Ritts – Ontario County DA

Next Week: Kathleen Draper – Biochar and Straw Bale Houses

Meeting notes from March 7, 2024

Pledge: Nancy Stelnyk

Inspiration: Janet Tenreiro – ABC's of Life

Song: Mark Sheppard – Battle Hymn of the Republic

Guests: Margie LaTourette guest of Adeline Rudolph

Visiting Rotarian: Jim Crane – Victor-Farmington Rotary

Announcements: Scott Kesel said the exchange student program needs host families for the coming year. Our district has 7 incoming students in need of hosts. Every slot that gets cancelled for lack of hosts also cancels an outgoing student's experience. Members are urged to pass information or to contact Scott if needed (721-1983). Nancy Stelnyk reported the Board authorized \$500 to help subsidize and Eagle Scout project for Lagoon Park. Also, \$150 was approved to sponsor a hole at the Camp Onseyawa golf tournament on 6/8. Participant costs for the tournament are \$100 per person and \$400 per team. Steve Uebbing and Chris Hubler are co-chairs for the RPO concert. The music director at the school has informed us the students will not be participating as they have in years past. Greg Kane, the Band Director, will step in to develop an amalgamation of singers / groups to perform with the RPO. Details are still being developed. Jim Crane announced the Victor-Farmington Rotary "Taste of the Finger Lakes" will be held 4/21 at the newly renovated Ravenwood Golf Club. Tickets are \$40. Contact him or any V-F Rotary member. Sean Buck updated the status of the meat raffle. With one week to go there are still 76 tickets unsold. The drawing will be held at 3/14 meeting. Mary Green reported that Floyd Rayburn had back surgery and is doing well though still expected to be out for 6 weeks. Janet Tenreiro announced the April "First Friday" will be on 4/5 and collected several suggestions for location. Curt Bailey reminded all the Bowl-A-Thon will be held 3/24. \$35 in pledges pays for 3 games of bowling, free shoe rental, free pizza, free soda/pop, and door prizes. Fun and Fellowship are beyond price.

Happy Dollars: George Herren contributed to honor of the fine work conducted by the speaker's organization. Mike Wilcox gave to atone for recent absences. Marty Muehe has returned from an extended trip South which included a visit with the Harter's, lots of golf, and a bingo win of \$350.

Program: Walter Hughes – Ghana Water & Sanitation projects.

This presentation was via Zoom and Walter introduced himself. He is a past recipient of a White House Champion of Change accolade and Rotarian.

Walter and his club originally intended to raise funds for a single well in Ghana. The project has grown to include 14 countries, over 300 Rotary clubs, more than \$6 million in

funds raised and has impacted the lives of nearly a million people. He explained that 25% of humans need clean water source(s) and 45% need basic toilet sanitation. By providing clean drinking water, functional toilets, washing hands with soap and water, and training about hygiene, three-fourths of water-borne diseases may be eliminated.

He spoke about two global grants in place to address these needs. The first grant, 2460049, has impacted 25,000 people. Its main goals are to provide 45 wells, 250 micro-flush toilets, And to empower local businesswomen in Ghana and West Africa.

The second grant, 2352766, aims to help 31,850 people. This grant underwrites the cost for 54 wells, 324 micro-flush toilets and empowers women in Ghana and West Africa.

Drilling wells to provide clean water is an obvious benefit. Ancillary impacts the time saved that is currently spent retrieving water. This chore, frequently done by children, disappears allowing time for children to attend schools.

Micro-flush toilets costing about \$250 each provide a sanitary waste disposal option that does not pollute land or water and generates agricultural compost as well. Usage includes washing with just a cup of water which flows into the system and generates no smell, flies, or mosquitoes and prevents water borne diseases.

Micro-loans to small businesses stimulate local economies, provides a means for remote localities to self-fund enterprise that feeds back into the local economy.

Each grant program creates 6 steps of empowerment. Local leaders, labor, funding, supplies, training, and micro-credit loans are created in the community. Rotary fills gaps and provides support.

Rotary's involvement can include donations or fund-raising, participation on the grant project committee, publicity or social media, grant writing, stewardship, and liaising with Ghanaian partners.

Once approved, direct contributions by interested individuals may be made by visiting my.rotary.org/en/donate and clicking on the Global Grants tab. Use the 7-digit grant number to identify which project to support.

Polio Plus collection netted \$75.92

Jackpot Draw and 50/50:

Ellen Polimeni collected \$12 and **Stine's** proxy, **Kim Tenreiro** drew the 7 of Diamonds

