



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays 12:15 p.m.
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Today's Program: Tour of the New YMCA
Next Week: State Assemblyman, Jeff Gallahan

Meeting notes from November 16, 2023

Pledge: President Nancy

Visiting Rotarians: Terri Hall from the Anchorage South Rotary Club and our guest speaker, Deacon Ray Defendorf from the Corning Rotary Club.

Guests: Ken Poole's guest was proposed member, Rick Lessard. Rick will be inducted on December 14th.

Exchange Student: Stine Joergensen, our exchange student from Denmark, reported she attended a bowling mixer with the school's swim teams (boys & girls). Her team was called Big Red and everyone had a great time. Stine attended the Eastern Cities Gathering at Strong Museum of Play and she shared that she started with the track team on November 13th.

Board Nominees: The following members have submitted their names for our Board elections:

Gloria Dancause, Judi Gorenflo, Tom LaCrosse, Mark Sheppard and Sam Viggiani. A big thank you to all of them for being willing to serve. The election of new Board members will be at our December 14th meeting and members must be present to vote.

2023 Holiday RPO Concert: We will have held our holiday concert on Thursday evening, November 30th and I'm sure all who attended will say the concert put us in the holiday spirit. Thank you to all committee members who made this happen, with a special thanks to committee chair, Steve Uebbing. If you have not yet turned in your ticket money, please do so asap.

Announcements: Steve Uebbing reported on the RPO Concert ticket sales and encouraged everyone to get their tickets sold. Marty Potter & Sam Viggiani shared information on volunteering to help The Spot with their monthly food distribution. President Nancy & Kent Gilges will be attending a Kiwanis meeting to share information on the pinewood derby race our clubs will be having at our joint meeting in January. Curt Bailey thanked everyone who has signed up for Salvation Army Bell Ringing, but he still has a few time slots open. If you can help, contact Curt. We will be ringing the bells on 11/24 and 12/22. Jack Kellogg provided info on upcoming Basic Mediation Training. The registration deadline was November 17th, however if you have an interest in this, please talk to Jack about possible future training that will be available.

Holiday Cheer: Our club once again was able to collect \$1000 for our Thanksgiving Holiday Cheer to purchase

gift cards which will be given to the Canandaigua School District to distribute to local families who may need a little extra help to provide a holiday meal for their children. Thank you, Preston, for facilitating this collection!

Happy Dollars/Fines: Roc Pietropaolo was pleased to have been recognized three times in the Peal. Gloria Dancause was happy to report the continued progress her husband Steve is making as he recovers from contracting sepsis. He has been able to stop 5 of the 18 medications he has been taking! Terri Hall was happy to be 'home' and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. George Herren thanked Kim Tenreiro for his help in getting the word out about next year's oratorical contest. Kim Tenreiro asked for suggestions on where to have the December 1st Friday. Sounds like we may be headed to Feron's, 2510 Rochester Road.

Program: Mary's Uganda Sewing Project, presented by Deacon Ray Defendorf from the Corning Rotary Club SOYODI (Uganda) Youth Development Initiative is a projected 3-year global grant with a focus on bringing vocational training in sewing and tailoring, business skills, and the creation of a micro-business specializing in the production of sanitary and other products. The Rotary Club of Soroti Central, Uganda in District 9213 is the host club, with sponsorship from the Rotary Club of Corning, NY and our own District 7120 being the co-sponsor of the grant. Ray's presentation focused on Mary, a young woman from a small village in the Teso subdistrict of Uganda. Like many young women in Uganda, Mary left school after only attending primary school. In Uganda over 35% of girls drop out of school due to early marriage and 23% drop out due to pregnancy. The SOYODI global grant aims to train approximately 100 students annually in sewing and tailoring. Each graduate would receive a sewing machine and supplies to be able to start a sewing shop in their own village. The best students would return the following year to serve as interns for another class. The long-term objective is to have many of the students start their own business to provide income for their families. Our Canandaigua Rotary Club has pledged \$300 towards this global grant. They hope to have funding and approval of the global grant by Rotary International in early 2024.

Joker Draw:

With 17 cards left in the deck and over \$500 in the pot, the first ticket drawn was held by Jeff Anthony and he chose to take \$17 in cash. Gloria Dancause had the 2nd ticket, and she drew the ten of clubs.

Happy Holidays Everyone!