



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Interact

Next Week: Preston Pierce – Trail of Remembrance

Meeting notes from February 25, 2021

Pledge: President Lynn Holcomb

Invocation: Mark Sheppard

Guests: Stephanie Kunes – planning to rejoin us!

Judy Ratcliff for the last time before her induction!

Sarah Gallagher.

Visiting Rotarians: Tom and MaryLou Mees

Induction: **Judy Ratcliff** was our first ever virtual induction via Zoom! An historic moment. **Mark Sheppard and Jay Dutcher** did a great job! Welcome, Judy! Judy was born in Ohio, did most of her growing up in Pittsburgh, went to Bucknell University. Ended up at Corning where she met her 2nd husband Ron. She belonged to Kiwanis in Corning. She and Ron moved to Canandaigua for his health in 2016, but in 2017 he passed away. Her objective is to try to make Canandaigua her home, and to reach out and meet more friends and community members, and Rotary is the right vehicle for that! She currently lives at Ferris Hills.

Next Week's meeting will be held both live and via Zoom at The American Legion.

Festa Italiana:

Festa Italiana is being replaced this year with a combined Blue Grass and Antique Car Show at Sonnenberg Gardens on September 19. Dave Hutchings and Bill Namestnik are working on this with the Festa committee. No pasta required – Food trucks will be taking care of the food!

District Training Assembly Saturday, April 10:

The District Training Assembly will be held virtually on April 10. This is a program for all new members, board members, officers, and anyone else who would like to attend. Attendance is free! Many good things on the agenda. There are about 30 breakout sessions – 10 breakouts during each of 3 time slots. Subjects to be discussed: Public Image, Virtual Fundraising, DEI, Environment, Strategic Planning, and many more!

RPO Silent Auction Results: **Jodi Kaufman** reported that the auction made over \$10,000.00 – and she was very happy with the results!

Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup Initiative: on target for Saturday, April 24th. **Mary Green** leading the Area 6 clubs – we will concentrate on Canandaigua Lake and Sucker Brook.

Erin Burns is going to be able to quit her job in May and has purchased a Snow Cone Cart to people in recovery learn how to be employed.

Program: Allison Hildebrandt with Habitat for Humanity - Women Build!

Allison is the volunteer and community outreach coordinator at Habitat for Humanity Ontario County and is a very busy woman. She is a board member for our Rotary Club, as well as Onya's foundation for women and girls. She's a member of Professional Women of the Finger Lakes and part of the young leaders of the United Way.

The Women Build Committee started at Habitat International over 20 years ago as a way to help women gain construction skills and experience that they need to help build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. Despite the name, it's not at all about excluding men, but about including and empowering women to contribute in a meaningful way on the job site. With this in mind, in 2017, our local habitat start the Women Build program with the goal of starting with just one event. Several members of the committee are with us today: Maria Bucci from Wood Library, Laurie O'Shaughnessy – formerly from the Y, and Peggy Mooney, the Habitat Volunteer extraordinaire!

The video from Maria Bucci was not cooperating, but should be attached to this document at the bottom of the page.

Laurie shared that she first worked on building a shed as a fundraiser, and it was like building a small shell of a house, but power tools frightened her. It was her first time picking up a power saw, but there was a safety training at the beginning of each day involving the skills and equipment being used that day. Very helpful!

Peggy spoke about fundraising. Basically 3 main types: Donations, grants, and fundraising events. Donations come from mail campaigns and private individuals. Grants have come from Lowe's and ONYA. And one of their successful fundraisers was Apple Pie for the 4th of July. They partnered with a bakery in Rochester, sold 187 pies, and earned over \$1,000.00. They will be holding that event again this year! Keep your eyes peeled!

Recipients of homes from Habitat have to be able to qualify for an affordable mortgage, as well as contribute sweat equity hours. Also, Habitat is looking for property in Canandaigua to either rehab or build on. If you know of anything, please let Allison know!

There is a Women Build event coming up on March 20, and information will be emailed to you all when we have the details.

Next week we are live at the Legion. There will be 20 lunches available – first come, first served. Don't forget your masks!