



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays 12:15 p.m. American Legion Post #256 454 North Main Street	“SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES” www.canandaiguarotary.org Club 4765, District 7120, Organized Apr. 24, 1919	Publication Date: June 16, 2022 No. 44 Volume 102
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Today’s Program: Past President’s Day
Next Week: Canandaigua Churches In Action

Meeting notes from June 9, 2022
Pledge: President Mike Schiller
Invocation: Ethan Fogg

SERVICE ABOVE SELF DINNER

On a beautiful Thursday evening our club once again gathered for an evening of recognition and celebration. Let us start first with a huge thank you to Mary Green for organizing this event. Mary worked with Kim Parmarter from the Legion to provide a delicious Italian fare for our meal. By the way, the red sauce and meatballs were home made by Kim, and they were excellent! Mary was unable to join us for the evening as she had shoulder surgery earlier in the day, but I hope she knows we appreciate her efforts in having this be a special evening. Wishing you a speedy recovery Mary!

There is not enough space to capture all that was said during the evening, but the highlights are as follows.

The program started with a presentation by Interact student, Rosemarie M. Nicoletti. Rose is a senior at Canandaigua Academy and spoke about her 4 years in high school. Sadly, she started by sharing how she had been bullied in school. Fortunately, Rose joined Interact and was grateful for the support she received from their advisor, Mary Eckdahl. Rose found the courage to start her own service projects to help others. Her most rewarding was volunteering at the Humane Society (Happy Tails) and getting some of her classmates to do the same. Ellen shared Mary Eckdahl’s message that Rose will surely make the world a better place. Rose will be attending Geneseo State University in the fall to study sociology. Her story is but one example of the importance of groups such as Interact and why they deserve our support. At the end of her presentation, Ellen Polimeni surprised Rose with the Student of Excellence Award for the 2021-2022 Academic School Year. Rose’s mom, Lynn was in attendance.

Next on the agenda was Tom Rogers’ presentation on The Rotary International Foundation. Our club is the foremost Foundation supporter in our District. Our all time giving is \$616,103, over 50% higher than the next largest giving club. Last December the Rotary Foundation Committee and Service Above Self Dinner organizers approached the Board of Directors to contemplate having our club achieve the goal of being recognized as a 100% Paul Harris Club. With the “pay it forward” concept, the committees proposed the Canandaigua Rotary Club “pay it forward” with our donations to the Rotary Foundation. Fifty of our members were not Paul Harris Fellows. The Board was asked to

- Imagine a Service Above Self dinner where we present and establish 50 persons as PHFs.
- Imagine the recognition of our Club of 100 members as a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club.
- Imagine explaining to all our members that we are “paying it forward” and that their future support of our Rotary Foundation will be used to transform their gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

With the approval of our Board, Tom was proud to announce that as of June 9, 2022, 100% of our members are now Paul Harris Fellows. Tom had District Governor, Janet help him present the awards to those members who were in attendance. Tom presented the 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club banner to President Mike. I would also like to include Tom’s thoughts on what is a Paul Harris Fellow. In his words, “A Paul Harris Fellow means whatever you want it to mean.” It may be to honor a person for exceptional service, perhaps as an expression of happiness for 20 years of marriage, or a new grandchild, or success in one’s vocation or family life. It could be in memory of a friend, relative or associate who has been an important asset to your life. The reason for giving is up to you.

The final portion of our evening was to award the Rookie Rotarian and Rotarian of the year awards. All our honorees were selected based on their multiple contributions to our club, to our community and to the world around them. To write about all their accomplishments would most certainly take a couple of more newsletters to do so. The two key characteristics of each of these individuals is their dedication to Service Above Self and their daily demonstration of living Rotary’s 4 Way Test. The following members were recognized:

2020-2021 Rookie Rotarian of the Year
Allision Hildebrandt - (Presented by Marty Potter)

2020-2021 Rotarian of the Year
Kim Tenreiro – (Presented by Marty Potter)

2021-2022 Rookie Rotarian of the Year
Wanda Martinez-Johncox – (Presented by Kim Tenreiro)

2021-2022 Rotarian of the Year
DG Janet Tenreiro – (Presented by President Mike Schiller)

Thank you to those who presented and to everyone for attending and making this an incredibly special evening.