



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays 12:15 p.m.
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Today's Program: Trivia Bowl

Next Week: No Meeting on December 28th

January 4th Meeting: David Bruinix – 1816 Farmington Quaker Meeting House Museum

Meeting notes from December 14, 2023

Pledge: President Nancy

Invocation: Mark Sheppard

Song: Sean Buck – Rotary, My Rotary

Visiting Rotarians: Linda Werth from the Newark Rotary Club.

Guests: From the CA Music Program & CA School District, **Marissa Logue** (High School Principal), **Greg Kane** (Music Dept. Head), **Sean Perry** (Chorus Director), **Matt Rogers**, and students from the school's music programs. **Ken Poole's** guests were Rick Lessar and his wife Kathleen. Members of the **Interact Club** were in attendance and shared they are busy collecting hoodies, sports equipment, and hygiene products for The Spot at the high school and have also been helping with ringing the Salvation Army bells.

VOTE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Results of the election for new Board members are as follows, in order of the number of votes received, (high to low): **Mark Sheppard, Judi Gorenflo, Sam Viggiani, Gloria Dancause and Tom LaCrosse**. Mark, Judi, and Sam will begin their terms on July 1, 2024. Gloria is the 1st alternate and Tom the 2nd alternate. Thank you to all the candidates for running in this year's election!

Rick Lessar Induction Ceremony: Janet Tenreiro and Mark Sheppard lead the induction ceremony as **Rick Lessar** became the newest member of our club. Rick was joined at the ceremony with his wife, Kathleen. Rick shared he was originally from New Hampshire, had most of his schooling in Florida, served in the United States Air Force, started working in the insurance business in Philadelphia, and retired in North Carolina. When he and Kathleen decided to move back north, they were looking in Rochester. Lucky for us, their realtor suggested they check out Canandaigua, which they ultimately fell in love with. Rick, we are honored to have you as our newest Rotarian. Welcome!

Polio Plus Society Recognitions: Janet Tenreiro, District Chair for the Polio Plus Society, honored **President Nancy and Doug Merrill** with their Polio Plus Society Pins. To be a member, a Rotarian simply pledges to donate \$100 a year to Polio Plus until such time as polio is eradicated from the planet. If you would like more information, see Janet.

Exchange Student, Stine: Scott Kesel took a moment to thank Greg Kane for helping our club in the past to

find a host family for our exchange student and Scott also thanked Principal, Marissa Logue for helping him with all the paperwork which needs to be filled out for the student to attend the high school. Scott was pleased to share that Stine, on her own, found her second host family for the year, the Don & Heather Dowisch family.

Announcements: **Marty Potter** shared all the presents were purchased for the Veteran family we are supporting this holiday season. She was also thrilled to be able to report the family would be moving into an apartment on Friday, December 16th. Marty also shared there is another opportunity on December 21st to help with The Spot's food distribution. She sent information out to the club for those who may want to sign up. **Janet Tenreiro** provided information on the District 7120 Vocal Contest to be held in January & February of 2024. Contestants have the opportunity to win college scholarships. If you know of a high school junior who may be interested in participating, the information can be found on District 7120's website under the Resources link & then Vocal Contest. Our club will sponsor up to two students.

Holiday Cheer: Our club once again passed the hat for Holiday Cheer and collected \$1000 to purchase gift cards for families in the CA school district. Thanks to **Preston Pierce** and **Ray Henry** for passing the hats!

Program: CA Music Department Presentation

Steve Uebbing opened the program by thanking the amazing committee he had this year working on the concert as well as recognizing Greg Kane, Sean Perry, Matt Rogers, and Marissa Louge from the high school. Steve also thanked Scott Kesel and the Finger Lakes Brass for their performance in the reception area prior to the concert. This was the best concert ever in terms of attendance and dollars raised. Steve said the concert netted close to \$17,000. We were able to present the Canandaigua High School Music Department with a \$3500 check, a testament to their help in making the concert possible. We enjoyed performances by the students, and we all joined in to sing Christmas carols, including *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.

Joker Draw:

Ed O'Connor drew the six of spades and **Sam Viggiani** won \$14.

