



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Scott Schaumann – Academy Players

Next Week: Reg Cox – Fatherhood Connection

Meeting notes from March 18, 2021

Pledge: President Lynn Holcomb

Invocation: Jenny Goodemote

Song: Adeline Rudolph – America the Beautiful

Visiting Rotarians: Our visiting Rotarians were **Tom and Mary Lou Mees** joining us from Florida.

Guests: **Kim Tenreiro's** guest was Lydia Harrington who is a prospective member and **Jean Logan's** guest was Mary Vink, a friend of hers from Quail Summit.

Remembrances: Janet Tenreiro shared **Doug Lowden** is now staying at Ontario Center as he undergoes rehab. He is doing better but is weak and not very happy to be there. Cards may be sent to his attention at 3062 County Complex Drive, Rm 206P, Canandaigua, NY 14424. Janet also gave an update on **John Spare** who has been living in an assisted living center in Penfield. His power of attorney is trying to get him moved to M.M. Ewing dementia center but unfortunately there are currently no openings. Phil Esce spoke about **Craig George**. Craig, who just celebrated his 90th birthday, has cancer and is not seeking treatment. He is home and although physically he loses his strength quickly, he very much has his mind, is talkative and often sees visitors.

Announcements: **Greg Gullo** announced he contacted the elementary school, and they would very much like us to provide trees once again for the students on Arbor Day. Save the date, April 29th, for bagging trees. This year we will be at Kim & Janet's home that evening for some fellowship as we bag hundreds of trees for the 2nd graders. More info will come as the date nears. **Jodi Kaufman** spoke about our club's participation in the multi-district Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup which will be held on Saturday, April 24th. Our club's environmental committee is working out the details and will provide more information as the date gets closer.

Pit Pass: **Ed O'Connor** had no competition and purchased the pit pass for \$20.

Happy Dollars: **Dick McGavern** had a generous check for the club as he admitted to voting for in-person meetings again but then missed a few meetings due to being invited to a birthday party in Myrtle Beach. **Jodi Kaufman** wanted to give Marty Muehe an environmental award of the week for his recent purchase of an all-electric car and for having a solar farm on his property. **Mike Schiller** was happy to be out of quarantine and for the return of March Madness and Syracuse making it into the tournament. **President Lynn Holcomb** was paying a fine as she admitted to texting during our meeting as she was working a deal with a customer. She also was happy to share her son Noah scoring his first points in basketball and his team winning their first game and for son Nate's woodworking skills as he built his own workbench. At 8 years old his skills are remarkable, and he appears to be taking on projects for others as Lynn received a text about him building a Lego table for someone else. **John Zappia** was

welcomed back to our meetings by President Lynn. John shared that because of other commitments he has been unable to participate in the past but was happy to be back and to see everyone again.

Program: Natalie Payne – Finger Lakes Museum

Natalie has been the Executive Director of the museum since 2015. The museum is in Branchport at 3369 Guyanoga Road on the northwest tip of Keuka Lake. It is a mere 25 miles from Canandaigua, and they like to say they are open from sunrise to sunset. The site of the museum was purposefully chosen years ago as Keuka Lake is in the center of the 11 Finger Lakes. In 2008 John Adamski was inspired by trips to the Adirondack Museum and The Wild Center there. He had a vision for a museum that would celebrate the cultural and natural history of all eleven Finger Lakes. Others soon shared his vision and thus began the Finger Lakes Museum, opening in 2009. The museum sits on a 30-acre campus. In 2014 a 16-acre wetland site was donated to the museum. The wetland sits on the shore of Keuka Lake and has walking paths and a site for launching canoes and kayaks. You can bring your own or the museum does have 25 available. The wetland trails will remain dirt as the site is a habitat for soft shell turtle species. The museum has much to offer, both on-site at the museum and virtually. They offer a variety of paddling programs for both canoeing and kayaking as well as instructor certification classes. Their on-line courses include lecture series as well as courses on utilizing a rain barrel and composting. Deb Lyon, who is the museum's program director, is a certified merit badge counselor for scouting and has opportunities for scouts to earn a conservation badge and a paddling badge at the museum. Natalie shared the museum has entered the quiet phase of a capital campaign to raise funds to transform the museum into what will truly become a destination for people to visit. Their vision is to convert the old school they currently occupy into a welcoming visitor center including a multipurpose community room that could be utilized for seminars and business retreats. Outside will be unique areas, each one representing one of the Finger Lakes. They will have climbing walls, animal caves, mist gardens, reflecting pools and so much more! Their goal is to have the construction done within five years. If you are interested in donating to the capital campaign you can contact Natalie directly. Her office # is 315-595-2200, her email address is npayne@fingerlakesmuseum.org. Be sure to visit the museum's web site as they have a ton of information on all the Finger Lakes as well as the multitude of programs the museum has to offer. Their web site is www.fingerlakesmuseum.org.



Joker Draw
Marty Muehe drew the joker & won \$400!!!

Kim Tenreiro walked away with \$10

Don Raw led us in the 4-Way Test