



# *The Peal*

## Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays 12:15 p.m.  
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### *Official Newsletter of the Canandaigua Rotary Service Foundation*

**Today's Program:** Dan Bowman – CA Robotics Team Demonstration

**Next Week:** Tyler Landries – Big Brother Big Sister of Rochester

**Meeting Notes from: December 19, 2024**

**Pledge/4-Way Test/Rotary Vision: President Kim**  
**Inspiration: Janet Tenreiro**

**Guests:** Scott Kesel's guest was Stella Olivieri, a senior at Canandaigua Academy who will be an outbound Rotary youth exchange student next year. Stella will find out on January 3<sup>rd</sup> which country she will be going to. Stella has done so well in her school studies that she will be graduating a year early! *Stella would like to participate in some of our club projects before the end of the school year, so please, if you have a project she could be involved in, let Scott know so he can share the information with Stella.*

**David Hutchings** guest was **Ben Green** who works with David at Sonnenberg Gardens.

**Remembrance:** President Kim reported **Jack Kellogg** is home recovering from surgery for a blood clot. We wish Jack well as we miss seeing him at our meetings. A moment of silence was held for past Rotarian, **Bill Jennings**. Tom Rogers shared Bill passed on December 12<sup>th</sup> at the age of 90. Bill was currently living in Virginia where he had moved years ago to be closer to his children. Bill was Tom's sponsor when Tom joined Rotary.

**Din's Weekly Report:** Din was not present at our meeting. Din will be moving to his next host family in the 1st week of January.

**Announcements:** Tom Rogers let us know the children and family of past Rotarian, **Bob Blanck**, made a significant contribution to the Polio Fund and World Fund in Bob's memory. Posthumously, Robert Blanck is now recognized as a Major Donor. Bob joined our club in 1988 and was an active member until moving to New England in 2007 to be closer to his

family. If any of you are interested in making the Rotary Foundation a part of your estate planning, see Tom Rogers as he can answer any questions you may have on how to proceed.

**President Kim** had received two thank you notes from the VA. One for the \$500 our club donated to the Making Spirits Bright Holiday Campaign and one for the thank you notes our club members wrote to Veterans at the Canandaigua VA. **Ken Poole** is looking for warehouse space here in Canandaigua to hold, sort and package all the books donated for Books of the World. If you know of any available free space, please let Ken know.

**Board Elections:** Elections were held for new Board members who will serve for three years on the Board beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The results are as follows:

**Doug Merrill, Rick Lessard and Ken Poole won Board seats.** The alternates will be, (in order), Ellen Polimeni, Judi Gorenflo, and Beverly Cartwright.

Thank you to all the members who ran and were willing to serve on our Board.

**Happy Dollars / Fines:** Plenty of members were happy and ready to contribute. Here's the list:

- ✚ **President Kim** - \$20 for his 2024 season of The Christmas Carol shows being completed, and with expected funds of approximately \$7500 raised for various charities.
- ✚ **Kathi Nevin** - for a visit with her daughter's family at Fort Drum and being able to see her granddaughter's dance recital and one of her grandsons playing Santa in a school play.
- ✚ **Kent Gilges** - for having his 5 kids coming home for the Christmas holiday.
- ✚ **Gloria Dancause** - for the OCHS's Bed & Breakfast tour taking place on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

- ✚ **Steve Uebbing** - for a highly successful RPO Holiday Concert this year, with a gross income of approximately \$33,000. Steve was also leaving for Florida on December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- ✚ **Mark Sheppard** – for his son Kyle coming in from Dallas for the holidays and being able to stay for a 2-week period as he will be able work remotely.
- ✚ **George Herren** thanked the parking committee who worked during the RPO concert. Those folks are Sean Buck, Curt Bailey, Joe Delforte, Paul Harvey, Tom LaCrosse, David Korpel, Greg Gullo, Matt Shaunaur, David Haskins, John Roberts, and of course George himself was leader of this group.
- ✚ **Clark Kurtz** – happy he could cast 3 votes this day for the election of our new Board members.
- ✚ **Margie LaTourette** – excited her son, daughter-in-law and 6-year-old grandchild would be coming for Christmas. Margie is looking forward to seeing the holidays through the eyes of a 6-year-old.
- ✚ **Marty Potter** – shared her grandson, Easton Schenk, was selected as December's Leader of the Pack (in his 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom) for demonstrating the character trait of the month: Honesty!
- ✚ **Paul Havery** – will be spending some time in Lake Placid in January with his wife Barbara. He was also torn in trying to decide if he should make a trip to Sun Valley with a friend at the end of January considering he will be getting a new dog and having a new bathroom installed in January. Barbara told him it was okay to go, but he's not sure if he should.

**I See You Award:** This week's recipient was **Adeline Rudolph** for the help she provides President Kim with the Flag Program, for all she does in the community including serving on the Town Board, and for sharing intel to President Kim. Congratulations Adeline!

**Heads & Tails Game:** For the first time there was no winner in the heads & tails game. Every time President Kim flipped the coin, it came up heads. In the end, President Kim selected **The Spot** to be the organization receiving this month's \$100 donation.

### **Program:** *Club Assembly*

As always with the Club Assembly meetings, a lot of information was shared on what's taking place within our club and the various committees. Overall, everything is running smoothly, with many projects already completed during the first 6 months of this Rotary year. Thank you to everyone who contributed updates on their committees. As there is not enough space to report all that was shared, here are a few notes of interest.

**Ed O'Connor** announced our mid-winter raffle this year will be for gas cards (instead of the meat raffle we've done in the past). Two \$500 winners and four \$250 winners will be drawn. The winners can select which gas station they would like the gift card to. 500 tickets will be sold at a cost of \$10 each. If all tickets are sold, the club will profit \$3000. The sale of tickets will begin in February and the drawing will take place at our club meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Curt Bailey** has March 23<sup>rd</sup> set up as the date for our annual scholarship Bowl-A-Thon. The great news is we will be starting at 1:00pm this year, instead of 4:00pm.

**Tom Rogers** reported on our Rotary Foundation donations. This Rotary year our club and its members have contributed \$6,420 to the Annual Fund (\$81.27 per capita), \$1052 to the Polio Plus Fund and \$23,794 to the Endowment Fund for a total of \$31,266. All time, our contributions total \$926,328 and we have recognized 318 Paul Harris Fellows, both members and community fellows. And lastly, for the fourth consecutive year, the Canandaigua Club will be recognized by the Foundation with the 100% Foundation Club Banner and the Every Rotarian Every Year Banner. **Margie LaTourette** suggested that perhaps our club should consider setting up our own endowment fund.

### **Joker Draw:**

**Jodi Kaufmann** had the first winning ticket and chose to take the \$20 cash. **Gloria Dancause** tried once again to draw the Joker in the deck of 37 cards but got the 9 of clubs instead.

### **Upcoming Rotary Events:**

District Conference: May 2-4, 2025, Corning, NY  
International Convention – June 21-25, 2025, Calgary



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