



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Jamie Farr, Canandaigua School Budget

Next Week: Timothy Scott Davis, Cornell Cooperative Extension

Meeting notes from May 6, 2021

Pledge: Lynn Holcomb

Invocation: Dick McCaughey

Song: Janet Tenreiro – Let There Be Peace On Earth

Announcements:

Lynn Holcomb invited members to attend the monthly Board meeting to be held Wednesday, May 12 at Ray's, 7:30am. **Marty Potter** said the annual Outhouse Park planting and clean-up will be on May 22. Details to follow. **Don Raw** spoke about the Camp Onseyawa golf tournament which will include an auction. Teams are being formed and he challenged us to beat the Newark club team count which stands at 5. He also noted that camp will be held this year in a somewhat altered format. **Janet Tenreiro** gave specifics about events and dates/times for the virtual district conference that was held on May 7/8. **Dick McGavern** is looking for volunteers to be trained to host Zoom meetings for the club. **Barb Fuge** has returned from Myrtle Beach where a nice time was had in spite of the cold and windy conditions. She surrendered her pit pass to President Lynn. President Lynn quickly auctioned each available pit passes which went for \$25 apiece to **Marty Muehe** and **Dick McCaughey**. **Donna Miller** returned home from her condo in Florida which diverted her from the gorgeous weather by needing a lot of work. **Kim Tenreiro** mentioned he and Janet had hosted **Zoe Fackelman** who is recovering from her health crisis. Zoe wanted to pass her greetings on to the club and hopes to return once her recovery has completed.

Happy Dollars: **George Herren** gave HD's for being allowed to visit his wife, Carin, and then getting to view an RIT Lacrosse match. **Mark Sheppard** contributed for having visited Harper's Ferry with his wife, riding their bicycles in Gettysburg and Washington D.C., and climbing a local mountain. **Joe Delforte** gave thanks for his son, John, returning from Colorado, getting a little skiing in while out there, and being back to the club in person. **Adeline Rudolph** will contribute to the Foundation in thanks for the gift of a used treadmill. **Don Raw** expressed his gratitude for those volunteers from the club who signed up to assist at the Onseyawa Golf tournament. **Donna Cator** announced she has purchased a condo in The Grove. **Bill Hallett** is back from Florida for the summer where he had a great time and is glad to be back in Canandaigua.

Program: *Tiffany Joubert, Bridges for Brain Injury (BBI)*

Tiffany is the director of wildlife education at BBI, a post she stepped into in September 2020. She has degrees in art, theater, environmental biology, and marketing and considers this to be her dream job despite the challenges Covid and DEC regulations have presented her. She quickly introduced two of the 30 plus BBI participants to relate their own stories.

Justin had suffered a traumatic brain injury (TBI) in 2008 with long term effects of slowed speech, memory issues, with balance and coordination problems. He had to re-learn to walk and talk and credits BBI rehab as being hugely beneficial. At onset he was barely talking and wheelchair-bound and now walks on his own and speaks to groups about his experiences and serves as a wildlife educator in his own right. He introduced us to 'Cheesepuff' the Tegu Monitor who is native to Argentina. While Justin told of the traits of this 13-pound monitor, Tiffany brought him through the room withing touching distance for the brave of heart. Justin assured us as monitors go, he is a 'teddy-bear'.

Carla also suffered a TBI by having a brain tumor and two strokes resulting in a year-long hospital stay. She lost all speech except, oddly, for the word 'chicken'. It was clear her rehab has brought her vocabulary and speech back completely. Her special guest from BBI is 'Springsteen' the Bennett's wallaby, a smaller relative of the kangaroo. Again, Tiffany brought the swaddled wallaby around the room for a close up look. After a bit Springsteen was allowed to hop about a bit so we could see how the tail is employed for balance.

Tiffany resumed orator duties explaining that BBI uses wildlife programs and animal therapy to help heal those with TBI conditions. This program is unique in the world. She mentioned how contact with animals can reduce blood pressure and stimulate endorphin release to immediately calm a person and has restorative healing properties.

BBI's current challenge is coping with new DEC requirements for housing their animals. Special caging parameters have been handed down on a tight deadline. Currently, \$45k in improvements are needed and only three weeks to comply. A children's book titled 'Healing' will be donated to Wood library on BBI's behalf. Tiffany remained after the meeting for questions and animal 'introductions'.

Don Raw won the 50/50 and donated the \$13 to BBI. **Ed O'Connor** drew the Queen of Clubs in the Joker Draw, currently at about \$80.