



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



This Meeting Thursday 5:30 pm. American Legion Post #256 454 North Main Street	"CREATE HOPE in the WORLD" www.canandaiguarotary.org Club 4765, District 7120, Organized Apr. 24, 1919	Publication Date: April 25, 2024 No. 36 Volume 104
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Today’s Program: Dan Caster – World Events & U.S. Intelligence

Next Week: Cheryl Angelides – Ontario-Yates Fund for Women & Girls

Meeting notes from April 18, 2024
Pledge: Nancy Stelnyk

Guests: Dan Bakowski and Dave Haskins guest of Janet Tenreiro (to be inducted as members on April 11)

Visitors: Guests of Kent Gilges were Chris O’Donnell, Jim Broderick, Jed Waddell, Bill Millard, and Liz Gilges

Announcements: A warm welcome back to some of our snowbirds namely Jack Moran, Bill Hallett, and Bruce Kennedy. Also, it was great to have Dick McCaughey back 5 weeks post shoulder replacement.

Mark Sheppard informed that the National Day of Prayer breakfast hosted jointly by Rotary and Kiwanis will be Thursday, May 2. Our own Rotarian, Dave Hutchings, will be the speaker. Cost is \$12. See Mark Sheppard for tickets. President Nancy Stelnyk thanked all the volunteers that helped with the very successful District Training Assembly. Greg Gullo reminded all that the Arbor Day tree-bagging and wine tasting event will be on April 18 at his house, 3740 Cty Rd 16, beginning at 5:30 and requested volunteers to have a glass of wine and get a little dirty. Bringing garden gloves would be a good idea. Glora Dancause mentioned the Ontario County Historical Society is hosting a “Vinyl Record Night” on April 25 from 6pm until 8pm. Good music and fun is promised to all. Adeline Rudolph reported that the Canandaigua Ploggers will perform an ‘Earth Day’ clean-up on April 20. If you’d like to help meet at 8:30am in the Parkway Plaza parking lot. Gareth Evans asked for a couple of volunteers to help with the parking at the upcoming Women’s Build event in Geneva on April 28. The hours for volunteering are early morning and go from 6:00 to 9:30 . Contact him directly if you’d like to help.

Program: Dan Caster – World Events and U.S. Intelligence

Today’s speaker, Dan Caster, introduced himself as a former CIA operative with 18 years of covert operations of which 12 were on foreign deployment. His presentation was largely a series of remembrances and impressions as opposed to a formal presentation so what follows are some points from his comments.

He served all over the Soviet Union and was very aware they knew he was there and keeping tabs. They are a dedicated force who don’t like us, and we don’t like them. Many of their “high quality trigger pullers tended

to migrate off to the mercenary career fields because there's so much money in it”. Putin is a beast, and you can’t really trust anything he says.

Ukrainians are a mixture of farm mentality that ‘had a technical proficiency to deal with high tech items that was unbelievable”. “With the amount of technology, with the amount of tenacity they have, they've got a wild mix that is really the key to keeping the Russians at bay with our weaponry, with our weaponry. It's amazing that they've been able to take NATO standard weapons [in a] fraction of the time it would take like NATO member states troops to actually learn how to use the weapons, and then they can actually modify and have them, we call it Frankenstein, to where Russian and American systems or NATO systems are integrated, and they function, and they function well”.

“The world views the President of the United states as the President of the World and Ukraine is no different. It's interesting that a lot of times what a President will say and what he has CIA doing are two different things With President Obama, we couldn't keep up with the amount of people he wanted us to kill.”

What you must realize for the United states, it’s best to help Ukraine now because it is going to turn into a fight elsewhere. A lot of people say it's all about the money, but it's a cheap date.

The China-Russia alliance it bent on breaking the status quo apart to become dominant. Russia lacks the manufacturing that China provides and has the energy reserves that China needs. Traditional foes such as Japan and South Korea have recognized this and are banding together. But North Korea will act as China directs and could invade South Korea tying up their military while China invades Taiwan.

Poland seems to be leaning to assisting in Ukraine. If Poland goes in, it means NATO must which escalates to another level of threat.

A lot of Congressional resistance I see and the disinformation they're spewing to the comes right from the Russian playbook. It's textbook and it's unbelievable.

I wish we had the draft going now, not only men but women too because we're going to need both parties.

Jackpot Draw and 50/50:
Adeline Rudolph collected \$14 and Dave Haskins drew the 7 of Hearts

