



The Peal

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Club Assembly & Board Elections

Next Week: NO MEETING – HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!

Meeting Notes from: December 12, 2024

Pledge/4-Way Test/Rotary Vision: President Kim

Inspiration: President Kim

Song: Ken Poole, O Christmas Tree

Guests: John Zappia's wife, Linda joined us and was part of the program.

Visiting Rotarians: Linda Werts from the Newark Club joined us for lunch.

Din's Weekly Report: Din has been busy these past two weeks. The highlight of his time was the senior trip to New York City. On the way there he saw snow for the first time. He saw many sites while there including Times Square, Rockefeller Center, Bronx Zoo, and China Town. Once home he celebrated his first Thanksgiving, visited a Tai restaurant here in Canandaigua called Off Street Market, went to the RPO Concert and to church to hear a Camerata Choir in which Janet Tenreiro was performing. A birthday cake was also enjoyed at lunch as **Din's birthday is December 13th. He will be 16 years old! Happy Birthday Din!!**

Announcements: President Kim reported we raised \$390.25 for the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association through the bottle & can drive we held in November. Our Board voted at the December meeting to increase the amount and donate a total of \$500 to the CLWA for their summer camp program. The Board also approved the following:

- \$4000 to the High School Music Department for their help selling tickets to the RPO Concert
- \$1000 each for two global grants – a clean water project in Guatemala and a CT machine for rural India

- \$100 in support of the Literacy Volunteers spelling bee
- \$1500 donation for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign
- Approved pre-purchase of 50 flag kits in anticipation of future growth
- A \$250 donation to The Finger Lakes Brass for supporting our RPO Concert. **President Kim** presented the \$250 check to **Scott Kesel** and then presented Scott with this week's **I See You Award**. President Kim shared that Scott is always ready to step in and help whenever asked to and he often volunteers for things behind the scenes doing things others may not know he does.

Gloria Dancause shared info on the upcoming Ontario County Historical Society's Bed & Breakfast 2024 Holiday Tour to be held Thursday, December 19th from 4:30-7:00. Tickets can be purchased on their website, www.ochs.org. **Jodi Kaufman** shared information on an upcoming film screening to be held on January 7, 2025, at Wood Library titled 'Running to Stand Still'. Register for the event on the Wood Library website, <https://woodlibrary.org/>.

Holiday Cheer: Preston Pierce collected \$1000 for our December Holiday Cheer. Walmart gift cards will be purchased for families in need from the Canandaigua School District. Preston wore a Lapland hat from Finland which his son brought back from there when he was an exchange student.



*Holiday
Cheer Collection
\$1000!*

Paul Harris: Al Walker was recognized as he received a Paul Harris +3. Congratulations Al and thank you for your continued support of the Rotary Foundation.



Al Walker recognized with a Paul Harris +3

Happy Dollars / Fines: None this week.

Polio Plus: \$150.31 was collected.

Program: *Finger Lakes Nurses Honor Guard by Ruth Benjamin*

Ruth retired last year after working 50 years in the nursing profession. When she retired she was a director for Heritage Christian Homes. She knew she still wanted to do something after retirement. After two colleagues passed away at young ages, Ruth felt she needed to do something. She did some on-line searching and found a national coalition for a Nurse Honor Guard. She contacted the organization, and they suggested she start her own coalition in her area. In 2023 she started with only two members, and today they are 40 members strong and growing. Here is information direct from their website.

<https://www.flnursehonorguard.com>

Their Mission

The Finger Lakes Nurse Honor Guard is privileged to recognize and honor those who have dedicated their lives to serving others in their chosen profession as a nurse at the end of their life journey. The honor guard's presence provides meaningful recognition and honor to a nurse who has passed, and in hopes of easing the grief of their family members, loved ones and colleagues.

Their Vision

Our vision is that no nurse is forgotten. We will provide recognition and honor to every nurse at the end of life upon the family's request. All cultural and spiritual diversities will be discussed with the Honor Guard and Funeral Director prior to the tribute ceremony. All services will occur totally free of charge.

Who The FL Nurses Honor Guard Are

We are an incredible group of volunteer nurses from the Finger Lakes area, Registered Nurses or Licensed Practical Nurses, Student Nurses, and Nurse Practitioners who pay homage to a nurse who has dedicated their life to serving others in their chosen profession as a nurse at the end of their life journey. It is a heartwarming and truly meaningful way to serve

others as we pay honor to our colleagues at the time of their passing. The honor guard can be present at a funeral, memorial service, celebration of life service, or graveside service and provides meaningful recognition with a short but very moving tribute ceremony in honor of the nurse. We can also provide Living Tributes for nurses in the last season of their life. We serve Ontario County, Seneca County, Wayne County, and Yates County and welcome new members to join us in serving our fallen colleagues.

Ruth and her fellow nurses demonstrated for us what their ceremony consists of when they are honoring the life of a fellow nurse. Ruth's biggest ask is for us to spread the word about the Finger Lakes Nurse Honor Guard, with the hopes in doing so, that every nurse can be recognized and honored for the service they provided to others during their lifetime.

Joker Draw:

Gloria Dancause had the first winning ticket and opted to draw from the deck of 38 cards. She drew the four of Diamonds. **Ken Poole** took home \$18.

Upcoming Rotary Events:

Salvation Army bell ringing: Saturday, Dec. 21st

District Conference: May 2-4, 2025, Corning

International Convention – June 21-25, 2025, Calgary



Let's make our community
and ourselves
"Better than Before"



**Our next meeting will be on
January 2, 2025**