



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays 12:15 p.m.
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Today's Program: The Spot at Canandaigua Schools

Next Week: No Meeting - Veteran's Day

Meeting Notes from October 28, 2021

Pledge: President Mike

Invocation: Dick McCaughey

Song: "Smile" led by Mark Sheppard

Guests: Don Raw introduced his guest, Steve Brooks.

Induction: Wanda Martinez Johncox was inducted as a full member of our Club. Proposed by **Allison Hildebrandt**, **Wanda** moved to the United States from Puerto Rico in 1997. She originally worked at the VA and has since been involved with many organizations. Her current disaster relief organization assist persons over the entire country. **Wanda** and her wife have two children. Please welcome **Wanda** to our Club.

Announcements:

Annual elections for Board of Directors: **PP Lynn**

Holcomb will be accepting nominations for three members to serve on our Board of Directors for three years. Actual voting will occur at our December meeting.

District 7120 Foundation Brunch: **Tom Rogers** announced the brunch to be held November 7th at Ventosa Vineyards in Geneva. Information can be found on the Rotary District 7120 web site or contact Tom.

Light Hill Luminaries: **Ellen Polimeni** announced the Light Hill fund raiser is scheduled for November 6th at Kershaw Park from 5 PM to 7:30 PM. Luminaries are \$10 each or 12 for \$100. Go to lightthehill.myevent.com

Bell Ringing: We will be ringing for the Salvation Army on Friday November 26th and Friday December 17th. See **Mark Vahey** to reserve a spot. Bring your gifts those days - Beat Kiwanis!

November Service Project: Clean out your closets and bring your clean winter coats, gloves and hats in November to our meeting. **Ken Poole** will gather the items and have them available for distributions to needy persons.

December 18th: **Ken Poole** has organized the Rotary Band to play holiday music. The music and singing led by **DG Janet Tenreiro** will be in front of Mobile Music From 10 to 11 AM.

Polar Plunge: **Bob Palumbo** announced the annual polar plunge for charity to be held at Kershaw Park on November 6th.

Habitat Build: Our involvement in the Habitat Build in Farmington went very well on October 28th.

Camp Onseyawa Wood Sale: **Greg Gullo** and his team loaded and delivered 20 face cords of wood. \$1,500 was raised for our Camp Onseyawa.

Happy Dollars:

Bob Palumbo and **Kit** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Mary Green has closed on the sale of her house and has moved to Farmington. It has been three years since the passing of her husband, Kirby.

President Mike Schiller, Jim Simmons, and Marty Potter all contributed in memory of Kirby Green.

Gloria Dancause is looking forward to a trip to the Biltmore in November. She passed on the Pit Pass though.

Donna Miller is very happy that her basement is no longer flooded.

Programs:

Connie and Jim Malone were introduced by **Bob Palumbo**. The Malones moved to Canandaigua from NYC 21 years ago. Jim had ties to western New York by visiting family farms in Nunda, Rushville and Mt. Morris in the 1940's. Connie is from Springfield MA originally and met Jim in New York.

- They love this community and when asked to get involved with a city committee for diversity, equity and inclusion after the Black Lives Matter movement in 2020, they embraced the service.

- Jim was very impressed with the Rotary International DEI statement and read it to us in its entirety.

- The City committee is involved in three ways, the City DEI task force, the City School District and the First Congregational Church.

- Our School District has been out in front of DEI prior to the attention created last year. The school website has a great deal of information. Students meet to understand that when they have an experience and see something, they must say something. They must do something. Staff and leadership training is held as well as students,

- Connie was pleasantly surprised with the involvement of the City of Canandaigua in Martin Luther King Day activities when she moved here in 2000. Though there are over 100 persons of color in Canandaigua per the census, it often seems like no one knows where they are. Connie believes that we as a community need to discuss the nature of racism in our city and expand our knowledge of Black history. **Preston Pierce** has written a paper of the history of the Black community in Canandaigua.

Joker Draw: Your editor did not have a ticket in the game so paid no attention to the winners. The Joker draw carries over, though.