



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays 12:15 p.m.
American Legion Post #256
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Today's Program: Club Fellowship
Next Week: Jamie Farr - City School Budget

Meeting notes from April 20, 2023

Pledge: President Marty

Guests:

Dick McGavern introduced **Tom LaCrosse**. **Judi Gorenflo** invited **Kathleen Draper**, **Doug Merrill** welcomed **Sue Mortensen** and **Michael Mills** joined us for his fifth time. All are prospective members and will be inducted on May 4th.

Visiting Rotarians:

We were joined by our Assistant Governor and DG Nominee-Designate **Jim Crane** from Victor-Farmington.

Announcements:

- The local gathering for the National Day of Prayer on May 4th will be held at the American Legion beginning at 7 AM. The cost to attend is \$15.00 and includes breakfast. Our own **Mark Sheppard** will be the featured speaker.
- Our Second Annual Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup will be held Saturday, April 29th. Meet at either Outhouse Park or the Kershaw Park gazebo from 10 until noon.
- **George Herren** has announced our spring highway cleanup of Routes 5 & 20 will be held on Saturday, May 20th. Meet at the Family Fun Center on Recreation Drive.
- **Jeff Anthony** gave a report on Camp Onseyawa activities. The major fund raiser of the golf tourney will be looking for golfers. Jeff reminded us that the camp will be moving to Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake in 2023.
- **Dave Hutchings** reported on the Serenity Garden in the residential veteran area. Rotary (and that other Club) prepared the bed last fall and planting will need our help on May 8th and 9th from 2 until 5 PM.
- Last call for tree bagging tonight at **Greg Gullo's** home at 3740 West Lake Road beginning at 6 PM. Wear casual clothes and bring gardening gloves.
- The District 7120 Annual Conference will be held in Bloomfield on May 6th. In addition to all other activities there will be a morning memorial service recognizing recently departed Rotarians and the business meeting. Please register at the District 7120 web site.
- Our Club **Service Above Self Dinner** will be held at the Legion on May 18th. Please plan to attend as we will be honoring a number of persons from our community for their service.

Fines & Happy Dollars:

George Herren had a wonderful trip to Amsterdam and Brussels. He visited the tulip festival and World War II cemetery.

Bill Hallett spent his 23rd winter in Florida and had terrific weather. Still, it is great to be home. Bill made a generous contributing to the Rotary Foundation.

Dave Hutchinson played the super Dad by rescuing his daughter after her Kia was vandalized. David drove to Minneapolis and back, stopping along the way in Indiana and Ohio.

Paul Harvey gave happy dollars to celebrate his daughter-in-law's birthday and upcoming birth of Paul's second grandson.

Program:

Dale Hemminger is the second generation owner operator of Hemdale Farms Dairy and Greenhouses. The farming operation includes a 1,500 cow dairy with a 100% robotically operated milking house. The cows enter the robot area on their own, the robot recognizes the cow by individual transponders, cleans the teats, draws and analyzes the milk, provides a sweet treat of feed to the cow and finally, releases her back into the milking house. Cows provide 10 gallons of milk daily. The milk contains no antibiotics and ultimately ends up in Wegmans stores. Waterbeds are used for the cows, pulverized cardboard the bedding. During harvest, 20,000 tons of silage are produced by the farm to provide annual feed for the herd.

Global positioning devices are used by all farm tractors and equipment to insure accurate planting, fertilizing and picking of vegetables. The GPS devices pay for themselves within a year. Hemdale Farms produces over 7,000 tons of cabbage every year. Much is used for sauerkraut and coleslaw. Truckloads of shredded cabbage are delivered weekly to a manufacturer of spring rolls for the Asian restaurant market. The farm supplies all of Kentucky Fried Chicken coleslaw needs. Tons of full heads of cabbage are stored for delivery in the winter and spring months.

One third of farm employees are foreign nationals permitted into the USA under the H-2A Guest Worker Program. To qualify, Hemdale Farms must provide inbound and outbound transportation, free housing to the workers, provide free of charge all tools and supplies and pay \$16.95 per hour. Dale admits that the US agriculture industry would be lost without the Mexican workers used throughout the state.

Joker Draw: **Tom LaCrosse** drew the eight of diamonds. As we like to treat our guests well, **Tom** also pocketed the \$13 in cash.