



“The Peal”

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays 12:15 p.m. 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: August 31, 2023 No. 7 Volume 104
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Today's Program: Called To Care

Next Week: To Be Announced

Meeting notes from August 24, 2023

Pledge: President Nancy Stelnyk

Guests: Joan Kurtz, 1st wife of Rotarian Clark Kurtz

Visiting Rotarians: No Visiting Rotarians, and no Exchange Student.

Announcements:

Camp Onseyawa tear down Saturday, the 26th. Meet at the old Wegman's Plaza or meet at Camp Whitman.

President Nancy would like our committees to start meeting, and be ready to report at the Club Assembly in November.

September 8th is our **District Golf Tournament**.

September 9th is **The Race for the Rest of Us. SIGN UP!**

September 23rd is **Adopt-A-Highway**

November 30 is our **RPO Concert** and George needs parking volunteers.

Fines/Happy Dollars:

Mike Schiller just returned from Florida, and was also celebrating an undefeated lacrosse team!

George Herren celebrated his dad's 118th birthday!

Sean Buck and Andrea Jones had happy feet after a great outcome at a dance competition in Montreal.

Gloria Dancause was pleased to announce that husband **Steve** is just finishing up his EMT course, and will be volunteering with the Stanley-Gorham Ambulance Corps.

Lynn Holcomb reported that **Noah and Nate** participated in 6 different baseball tournaments – 3 apiece. Noah didn't have such a great season, but Nate is shaping up to be a really good player. It didn't hurt that Lynn coached his team! They then had a full 14 days off in a row! They spent a week in Columbus, OH, and had a terrific time. The boys will be on the SAME baseball team for the next 12 months – what a relief! It's really busy at work, working for a big corporation is a lot different than working for Randy. **RULES RULE!**

Dick McGavern is back from 6 weeks on a Viking Cruise, part of which was north of the Arctic Circle.

Ken Poole asked people to donate their old wool sweaters to be used for mitten linings to send to Ukraine. There will be a coat drive later this year.

Program:

Today's Program was about the Family Promise of Ontario County, and Kim Tenreiro introduced our Speaker, **Jay Garret Larson**. We've often heard the expression, "Home is where the heart is.", but when

a family doesn't have a home to call their own, this can present a very different scenario for them instead. This is where an organization like Family Promise (of Ontario County) can step in, and help displaced families attain self-sufficiency. FP aims to help families that have experienced hardships to reach further independence by offering (temporary) shelter, including various other physical needs, as well. "Homelessness can truly affect children, and its effect can be very impactful", noted Jay, and with his having been a teacher, and being involved in Summer Camp, he felt the need to become involved, and to "do good". "Since Covid, there has been a housing crisis, as well", Jay pointed out, and "We look through the lens of trauma."

Family Promise began in New Jersey in 1986, and it began as a shelter through churches. Volunteers were brought on board to (especially) help kids to cope. By 2016, Family Promise had grown to 200 facilities around the country! Family Promise of Ontario County began in September of 2018. Working in the vicinity of Canandaigua and Geneva, churches around the county rallied to offer their help. In March of 2020, at the height of Covid, finding stable housing for some families presented a challenge. Security, safety, and shelter were major concerns, yet money from United Way helped. Living arrangements weren't ideal, but the families were safe.

He thanked Rotary for all that we do. His own church became involved in this mission, and he noted how "eye-opening" it was to consider the number of homeless people in our region. He reiterated that FP has the goal of helping families to become economically stable. He explained that Family Promise is all about "hand up", not "hand out"! He thanked us for our time, and then he entertained a few questions from the Membership which followed.

To volunteer or assist, call 585-905-3988 or email:

fpoccem@fpocny.org.

Jackpot Drawing Update: 423 tickets have been turned in. Please bring in any unsold tickets to give back so they can be turned around to others who need/want them!

Joker Draw: **George Herren** took flowers. **Gloria Dancause** drew the 4 of Hearts, won flowers, AND \$5.00!