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TODAY'S PROGRAM: Preston Pierce, National History Day

NEXT WEEK: Thanksgiving Day, no meeting

NOTES FROM NOVEMBER 12th MEETING



Pledge:
President **Lynn Holcomb**

Prayer: **Mark Sheppard**



America”, in celebration
of our recent
wonderful weather

Visitors: Cory Ashcroft, guest of **Kim Tenreiro**;
Honorary Rotarian **Frieda O’Hanlon**

Remembrance: Carol Miller, mother of **JR Miller**, recently passed away. It was also announced that **Allison Hildebrandt’s** brother passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to both families.

Announcements

Board Meeting Results: **Dave Rhodes** has been moved to Honorary Civic Member status. Stephanie Kunes and Matt Hoose submitted their resignations due to increasing duties at their jobs. If COVID rules change, our weekly meetings will change to total ZOOM.

Openings on Board of Directors: Our annual elections will take place on December 10th and there are two openings. If you are interested in serving on our board, contact **Karen Sprentall** or **Dan Kelley**.

Community Service Projects: **Ken Poole** reported he has delivered over 20 suitcases to DSS. He is asking members to contact barbers and hairdressers asking for a coupon or card for a free haircut for people getting ready for job interviews. He’s trying to get a storage space to hold clothing and suitcases.

Bell Ringing: **Mark Vahey** has the schedule circulating for Rotarians to man the Red Kettles. Our dates are Saturday, November 28th and Saturday, December 19th. Please contact Mark to help fill our time slots. It would be wonderful if each member worked a one hour slot on each of our dates.

Fines



Happy Dollars

Janet Tenreiro (paid by Kim) is glad that Mini Pets online training is over. Also she told a “Pop Weasel” joke that garnered a fine.

Jack Kellogg had a joke about the 37” “yard” sticks.

Marty Muehe’s daughter is expecting his 3rd grandchild.

Jackpot Drawing Results: **Rick Hawks** and **Mark Sheppard** passed out the checks to those winners in attendance. Those winners unable to attend in person will have their checks delivered to them.

Program

Meg Ewing Reed visited us via Zoom to talk about the recently resurrected Neighbor to Neighbor program. She realized in early April that many people in our community were having difficulties paying their bills – rent, mortgage, utilities, health insurance, food, etc. She contacted Steve Martin at Canandaigua National Bank to get his help and input. The original Neighbor to Neighbor fund was started by the Ewing Family when they owned The Daily Messenger. They were able to help many families within our community. However, when the Gatehouse group purchased the newspaper, the program and funds terminated. Meg’s idea was to resurrect the program. Meg and Steve recruited community members to help: former mayor **Ellen Polimeni**, Cindy Vanderlee and Vern Tenney from Canandaigua School District, former YMCA director Laurie O’Shaughnessy, and attorney Robert Zimmerman. They successfully raised close to \$45,000 to get started. Applications are available at www.neighbortoneighborfund.org. They review the applications and, if approved, are able to grant the request in 2-3 days. Maximum grants have been \$500, but may increase in the future. The organization is part of the FLACE program that is administered by Canandaigua National Bank, so contributions can be tax deductible. The group members are working with several area not-for-profits who regularly get requests for financial assistance. **Dave Rhodes** from the Salvation Army reported that their caseload and requests for assistance has increased by 60% since the start of the COVID pandemic. The mission of the fund is to “Strengthen our community by empowering donors to assist our neighbors in need”. Donations are collected and then distributed via FLACE to several partner agencies (CCIA, Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes, Family Promise of Ontario County, Gleaners Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity, Partnership for Ontario County, Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul Society, etc.). Their vision: Our community is at its best when the least among us is lifted by the rest.

50/50: There is approximately \$370 in the joker draw. **Al Walker** drew the jack of diamonds. **Mark Sheppard** took home \$14. The entire group recited the 4 Way Test.