



The Peal

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Dr. Preston Pierce – 250 Year Celebration

Next Week: Scott Fitzgerald - Lifespan

Meeting Notes from: February 26, 2026

Pledge: President Kent Gilges

Prayer/Inspiration: Adeline Rudolph

Song: Mark Sheppard – R-O-T-A-R-Y

Visiting Rotarians: None were present.

Guests: Judi Gorenflo's guest was **Pat Wolfanger**.

Pat is a retired teacher and a perspective member.

David Hutchings' guest was **Sue Bower**, who is also a perspective member. This was Sue's third meeting.

Announcements:

President Kent and Liz returned from their two-week vacation to Hawaii. He said he made a decision that he and Liz will rent themselves out to rain-stricken areas around the globe as it seems every time the two of them visit a local that is typically rain free and sunny, it starts raining when they arrive. **President Kent** had three pit passes available, but only one was purchased by **Mark Sheppard**. There was much discussion around Kent's numerous absences from our weekly meetings, so **Past President Kim Tenerio** presented **President Kent** with his very own special pit pass designed by Past Presidents Kim, Janet and Mark Sheppard.



President Kent is looking for a volunteer to coordinate our presence in the July 4th parade. Gloria Dancause, who has worked on putting together our float over the past few years, is not available to do so this year. If you can help, please let Kent know. **Curt Bailey** reminded us of the annual Bowl-a-Thon to raise money for high school scholarships being held Sunday, March 22nd at Roseland Bowl. Forms are now available at our weekly meetings to sign up for the event. Kyle Sheppard is co-chair for the event. If you have any questions, see Kyle or Curt. **Kim Tenerio** brought us up to date on the Flag Project. We will start the project off this year with 313 subscriptions. Kim will be mailing out 3000 flyers in April to residents in Farmington with the hopes of picking up several more flag subscriptions. As a reminder, **Margie LaTourette** has four spots available at a table she has for the Embrace Your Sisters event on May 3rd. The '2026 Tea at Two Fashion Show' is being held at Casa Larga Vineyard & Winery in Fairport. Let Margie know if you are interested in attending. **President Kent** announced the Uganda global grant he has been working on has finally reached the stage where they can begin raising funds for the grant. President Kent will be gathering the grant committee together once again so they can begin their outreach to other Rotary Clubs, organizations, and individuals to secure donations.



Joker Draw: Jody Wilbur had the first ticket and chose to draw from the deck. Unfortunately for her, the joker remains as she drew the Queen of Hearts. **Mark Sheppard** took home \$16.

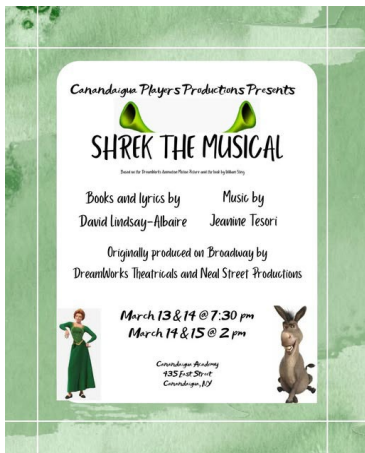
Exchange Student, Maria Polese (from Brazil):

Maria did go skiing for the first time with her host brother. She said she almost died and isn't necessarily looking to go skiing again anytime soon. She enjoyed the birthday celebration for her host sister who was turning 5. Maria mentioned making special chocolate balls for the party. After I did a little on-line research, perhaps she was talking about a Brazilian birthday party staple, Brazilian brigadeiros, which are a fudgy, chewy sprinkle-covered truffle. We'll have to ask her a little more about this. Maria, are brigadeiros what you made?



Program: *CA Academy Players - Preview of their musical Shrek, directed by Heidi Reybrouck and accompanied by Heidi Bjorling*

What a delightful teaser we all enjoyed of the upcoming musical, 'Shrek'. The play is being performed by Canandaigua Academy students on March 13th & 14th. Tickets will be available at the door as well as several locations around town (i.e. Mobile Music, Rockcastle Florist, CNB, etc.) and the tickets are only \$10/each. Our exchange student, Maria is also in the play as the wicked witch. ***Make plans to attend!!***



Upcoming Rotary Events:

- 3/6 – March First Friday** will be at The Irish Mafia Brewing Company
2971 Whalen Road, Bloomfield
- 3/7 – RLI (Rotary Learning Institute)**
Johnson City, 7:30am – 12:30pm
- 3/22 – Rotary Bowl-a-Thon @ Roseland Bowl**
(Fundraiser for high school scholarships)
- 4/11 – District Learning Assembly 8:30 – 12:30**
Waterloo High School, Waterloo
Register on the District 7120 website – <https://rotary7120.org/>
- 4/12 – Rotex Polar Bear Plunge Fundraiser**
(Info on District website)
- 5/1 to 5/3 – Rotary District 7120 Conference**
6557 Holiday Valley Rd.
Ellicottville, NY
More info will soon be forthcoming.

Help Support Light Hill

Kathi Nevin shared info on the walk for Light Hill being held on April 25th at FLCC, 8am to Noon. You can sign up to be part of our Rotary Club's team, **Rotary Radiance**, or you can help sponsor our team. Our team has set a goal of raising \$1000 for Light Hill. For more information, see Kathi Nevin or click the link below to go to Light Hill's website where you can register to be a participant or to donate to our team. https://lighthillhome.org/?page_id=357