



The Peal

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays 12:15 p.m.
American Legion Post #256
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Today's Program: Thomas Lyon – Meet Canandaigua's New Mayor

Next Week: Canandaigua Academy Spring Musical "Shrek" Teaser

Meeting Notes from: February 12, 2026

Pledge: President Elect Paul Harvey

Invocation: Adeline Rudolph

Song: Mark Sheppard – America the Beautiful

Guests: Ryan Hubler (Chris's son) – guest of John French

Visiting Rotarians: John French – Naples Rotary

Announcements:

Jim Wright – a member of our club since 2009, now Honorary, passed away – a moment of silence was observed.



President Elect Paul started us off with a quiz about the history of the Winter Olympics. Originally there were 6 sports – ice skating, biathlon, curling, hockey, bobsled, and skiing – 16 countries participated in 16 events. Roses were awarded for the right answers.

Maria – Our exchange student: spent another busy weekend with friends, rehearsals for Shrek (which she says will be amazing), and she had to leave early for a test. Hopefully we will see her in the teaser next

week! **Shrek** will be performed March 13, 14, and 15.

Happy Dollars:

Adeline Rudolph was happy that her daughter Addie got the leading role in a play/musical? at Skidmore.

Ben Green is very proud to be the King of Night to Shine!

John French is extremely happy to be leaving this cold weather for 3 months at The Villages!

More Announcements:

Sean Buck is giving ballroom dancing lessons this Saturday afternoon – just in time for Valentine's Day.

Kathi Nevin let us know that the **Rotary Radiance** team is up and live for the Light Hill Walkathon in April. Go to Light Hill's Facebook page to register.

Mark Sheppard reminded us of the first annual Euchre Tournament fundraiser for Scouting America next Saturday night at the Elks Club starting at 6:30.

Mary Green is working on a District Grant for golf carts for Camp Onseyawa. **Dave Hutchings** mentioned that he has some golf carts for sale – maybe there's a deal to be made!

This year's Past President's Day will be May 14.

The club voted to fine **President Kent** \$100.00 for every meeting he misses from now on. **Good Luck!**

Judi Gorenflo was awarded a Paul Harris plus 2. For new members not familiar with this: a Paul Harris Fellowship is awarded when a Rotarian has contributed \$1,000.00 to The Rotary Foundation to do good work in the world. Someone can also receive a Paul Harris by someone donating \$1,000 or 1,000

Paul Harris points to another deserving person in their honor. So a Paul Harris plus 2, means that a total of \$3,000.00 has been donated to The Rotary Foundation, and is so recognized. It's quite an honor.

Program Notes:

John French of Naples Rotary is our District 7120 Membership Chair. He started us off by mentioning that Naples Rotary has inducted 10 new members so far this year – 6 of them last Monday evening!

Increasing and maintaining new Rotarians in today's environment has become increasingly difficult. There are 5 attributes of a dynamic and growing club that need to be looked at carefully:

Strong Leadership (having a succession plan)

Dynamic Events (like the RPO and Monte Carlo Night, the Flag Program)

Active Intentional membership engagement (mentoring and inviting new members to participate in our social and service events)

Social Media presence – not just our club's Facebook and Instagram pages, but sharing to Community pages and our individual pages.

High Visibility – not flying under the radar or hiding our light under a basket anymore!

Considering our meeting format – younger folks may not appreciate the Pledge, singing, or a prayer. Inspirational moments may be a better avenue.

Nuts and Bolts – having a Membership Committee - build a prospect list, have subcommittees for Attraction, On-boarding, and Engagement. Social Media presence, and Drip, Drip, Drip!

Consider a sliding scale or scholarships for folks who would make great Rotarians but can't afford it.

Don't give new members the crappy jobs! Give them fun things to do. Talk to people in the club that you don't know! Attract, don't recruit.

Our district had 2,700+ members a few years ago, and we are at 1,972 members currently. Let's help improve that number. Our club currently has 92.



Joker Draw: Ellen Polimeni took home \$14.00, and Janet Tenreiro drew the 7 of Diamonds



Upcoming Events:

March First Friday – The Irish Mafia, Bloomfield



**Saturday, March 7 – RLI (Rotary Learning Institute)
Johnson City 7:30 am – 12:30 pm**

Sunday, March 22, 1 p.m. – Bowl-a-thon - Roseland



**Saturday, April 11, 8:30 – 12:30 District Learning
Assembly, Waterloo High School, Waterloo**

