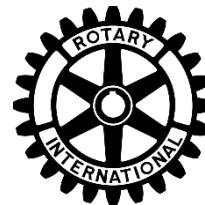


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Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Tricia Saxton – Center for Aging

Next Week: Steve Holger – AED Demonstration

Meeting Notes from: August 6, 2026

Pledge: Paul Harvey

Invocation: Melanie Soberon

Song: Name Janet Tenreiro – Take Me Out To the Ballgame

Guests: Lucia Soberon

Announcements: Steve Uebbing informed us the annual RPO concert will be on December 3rd, and we are always looking for corporate sponsors. Please contact Steve if you have any contacts for potential sponsors. **Rick Hawks** alerted us that the August 27th meeting will be offsite at Happiness house. Box lunches will be provided if desired. He suggested we make offsite meetings to causes we support a regular part of our Rotary schedule. **Melanie Soberon** announced her family has whole or half lambs and hogs for purchase from her farm. **Rick Hawks** informed us of this week's group of jackpot raffle early bird winners, and that an additional 82 tickets were returned bring the total to about 385 with \$19,150 raised so far.

Happy Dollars / Fines: Larry Robinson is celebrating his inner nerd by wearing his Star Trek shirt and announced he participated in a raccoon taxidermy workshop. **Bill Namestnik** returned from a trip to Montana where he visited with his kids and grandkids, visited Glacier National Park, and shot things up in a military helicopter simulator. **Ken Poole** thanks everyone who attended the annual concert at Kershaw park where he reckons we had the best attendance ever. Also, thanks to **Marty Potter** for wrangling the 60 chairs needed for the band. **Peter Wolak** was thankful his cleaning company submitted a proposal and was awarded a contract to do work with the Veterans Administration in town. **Janet Tenreiro** let us know there are two opportunities to learn more about Rotary

in the next couple of months. These are the One Rotary Summit on September 12th in Fairport, and a tentative scheduling of the Rotary Learning Institute (RLI) to be held on October 17. Details for both are to follow. Both are completely FREE for club attendees. **Jack Kellogg** celebrated an anniversary over dinner and ice cream sundaes and was dismayed that a pair of glasses went missing during the event. A team of crack detectives and archaeologists were employed to discover and retrieve the missing spectacles from the top of his head.

Polio Plus Doug Merrill provided a poignant and impassioned summary of the ravages of polio from our past and how important our continued support of the Polio Plus initiative continues to be. This author thought the information to be suitable as an introduction to a formal program and would only add that unlike most viruses, Polio only survives within human hosts and once eradicated completely, it is gone forever. **Janet Tenreiro** added that in calendar 2026 worldwide cases currently total 18, down from 350,000 + per year when the vaccines first became available. The Polio Plus jar was circulated at today's meeting to raise \$104.

Program: Name: Dr. Rob Nye – FLCC for Seniors & Citizens, SUNY Reconnect

The presentation was chock full of useful information about the many programs offered by FLCC and some that are in planning. Dr. Nye did not confine his talk to just the topic heading, and it is highly recommended that the reader visit their website (flcc.edu) for more specifics.

To cover some of the highlights of what FLCC has to offer there are programs for:

- Degrees, Certificates and Microcredentials

- Online Degree programs
- Part-Time programs
- Workforce & Career solutions
- GED and ESL courses
- Courses free to audit

You can study 70 different avenues of education whether you intend to pursue a degree or merely have an interest in the topic. Auditing courses is free if there is space available in the class.

Dr. Nye began with FLCC's mission to serve as a dynamic learning resource, empower our students, and fuel the cultural and economic vitality of the region.

He covered the program called SUNY Reconnect which provides free education for those 25-55 years of age. Details are available at <https://www.flcc.edu/freecc/>

Programs included in the SUNU Reconnect program include:

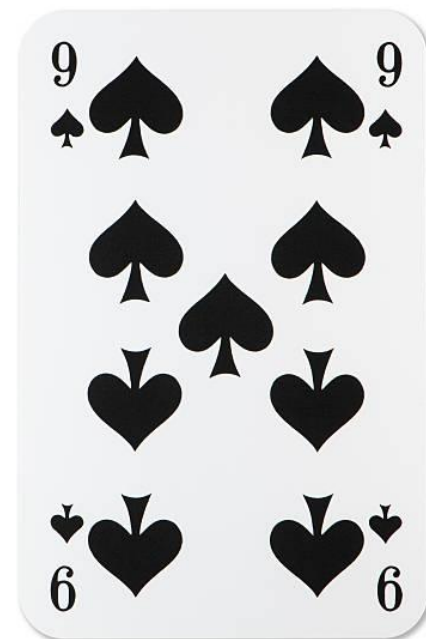
- Architectural Technology
- Chemical Dependency Counseling
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Emergency Medical Technician: Paramedic
- Engineering Science
- Environmental Science (Biophysical Track)
- Health Care Studies: Health Science Track
- Health Care Studies: Healthcare Track
- Health Care Studies: Public Health Management
- Liberal Arts and Sciences: Childhood Education
- Natural Resources Conservation
- Networking and Cybersecurity
- Nursing: Registered Nurse (RN)
- Robotics and Manufacturing Technology
- Smart Systems Technologies
- Web and Mobile Development

Other non-cost opportunities include an AI training course whose goal is to partner with schools, businesses, and community organizations across the Finger Lakes region - delivering practical, hands-on AI education that demystifies the technology and makes it immediately useful.

Alumni of FLCC have free access to career services, fitness facilities, the FLCC library, credit union membership, and more.

Lastly, Dr. Nye briefly touched on developing programs that will greatly expand the curriculum in the culinary and hospitality sectors and combine those with the existing viticulture programs. A new facility is being built in the lot across from Kershaw park which will be able to address commercial culinary arts programs.

Joker Draw: Jack Kellogg took the \$13 50/50 to compensate the eyeglass detectives and **Larry Robinson** drew the nine of spades in the Joker draw leaving only 18 cards remaining



Upcoming events:

- District Golf Tournament, Friday, 9/11 at Reservoir Creek Golf course in Naples
- One Rotary Summit – Free to attend, Saturday, 9/12 in Pittsford
- Rotary Leadership (Learning) Institute – Free to attend, Saturday 10/17 (to be confirmed, location to be determined)
- District Conference – Saturday, 6/5/27