



The Peal

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Janet Tenreiro – Rotary Foundation

Next Week: Heidi Ostertag, Worldwide Documentaries Inc.

Meeting Notes from: August 28, 2025

Pledge: President-Elect Paul Harvey

Invocation: Mark Sheppard

Song: Mark Sheppard – You're A Grand Old Flag

Guests: Michael Traugher prospective member from Parrish & Brassie Accountants, **Mack Williamson** prospective member and friend of **Greg Heiler**, **Jodi Wilbur** prospective member to be inducted 9/4/25.

Visiting Rotarians: PDG Terri Hall from Anchorage, Alaska.

Exchange Student: Maria Polese gave a run-down on her busy first week in Canandaigua. This included visits to the library, Wal-Mart, Sonnenberg Gardens, Onanda Park, Exchange Student orientation, playing mini-golf, choosing her classes and Freshman orientation at school.

Announcements: Paul Harvey announced the Monte Carlo night advertisement postcards are ready to be distributed. **NO SELLING INVOLVED.** Just pass them out to friends, neighbors, co-workers, or post at your church or school. **Marty Potter** called attention to the RPO Holiday Concert Sponsorship forms on each table. If you don't want a formal ad you can have a one-line patron line for a mere \$10 and a larger/bolder one-line Sponsor ad for just \$20. **Rick Hawks** updated that another 60 jackpot raffle tickets were turned in this week with a total amount collected of \$13,750. This almost covers the prize money which would put us into the black on the

project. Our next early bird drawing is on 9/4/2025.
Sell! Sell! Sell!

Happy Dollars: Bill Hallett welcomed a Great-Grandson of 7 pounds ten ounces, **Terri Hall** from Alaska was thankful to be visiting her originating club and extended an invitation/challenge to visit here next year on August 7 for the 11th annual Klouda Classic golf tournament to raise scholarship funds for school of Pharmacy students, **Gregory Heiler** was happy to be able to return to regular meetings after several weeks of absences, **Dave Hutchings** was glad his wife & daughter returned from shopping his daughter, Merideth's wedding gown and that the cost came in slightly under-budget, **Ben Green** shared some sad news that his sister suffered a fall that required an E.R. visit, **Cat Barnum** is also glad to be back to regular attendance, **Paul Harvey** is a bit unhappy that he will have to mow his lawn again, **Dave Korpiel** announced the purchase of a new Ford XLT truck, and **Steve Uebbing** gave thanks that **Paul Harvey** didn't tell any more jokes.

Program: Joanna Meyer gave a detailed presentation on Rotary Camp Onseyawa which was formed in 1955 to provide a true outdoor living experience to children with disabilities.

“The mission of Rotary Camp Onseyawa is to provide a camping experience for 8 to 16-year-old children with disabilities within the 4 county (**Ontario**, **Seneca**, **Yates**, and **Wayne**) area, and to ***foster independence and acceptance of others through social, recreational, and educational aspects of life***”

Camp Onseyawa takes place during the last two full weeks of August every year, currently at the facilities of Camp Whitman on the west shore of beautiful Seneca Lake. Campers will live in cabins of 4, sleep in sleeping bags and gather for meals each day in the centrally located dining hall.

Campers are organized into units of 10-14, usually grouped by age and gender, and paired with one unit leader and various counselors and program staff. Units participate in meals together, and many programs throughout the day together, creating a family-type community.

The camp's program spans a wide variety of daily activities designed to spark the interest of every camper. These include swimming, arts/crafts, slingshot, ceramics, archery, fishing, boating and much more. It is the aim of the professional program staff to provide fun and teach leisure skills that may become hobbies when the camper returns home.

In addition, campers experience frontier living with cooking outdoors and other activities, participate in field games, stretch their imagination with multimedia art and just have fun in general, particularly during Carnival Sunday where all manner of games and activities are available.

It is important to note that the camp is important for the parents and families of the campers as well by providing a needed respite from the challenges faced when children are home.

Camp Onseyawa is provided **FREE OF CHARGE**, being underwritten in large part by annual assessments of all the Rotary clubs in the four counties served. But club assessments only account for about a quarter of the annual budget. Funding also relies on Board led fundraisers, private donations & scholarships, gifts in kind, staff donations United Way, and specific club sponsorships.

A portion of the annual rental of Camp Whitman is offset by capital improvements to the site which dovetail with the needs of the campers. For calendar 2025 these improvements included running electric from poles to each pavilion, providing a dedicated office building, converting an old lean-to woodshed into a ceramics building with concrete flooring and electrical service for the kiln, a permanent sink pavilion, rocking chairs and EZ-Up canopies.

So, for one last message from the campers... Thank you! We do say thank you to every Rotary club, We would not be able to do what we do without what your club does, not only for camp, but throughout the year, in your own community. I hope that you know what a support it is not only to campers, but also to the families as well.

50/50 and Joker Draw: Beverly Cartwright drew the Ten of Diamonds, and Janet Tenreiro walked away with \$17.00 cash.



Upcoming Events:

First Friday – September 5, Hotel Canandaigua

One Rotary Summit – September 6, 8:30 – 12:30 Victor

District Golf Tournament – September 12, Reservoir Creek Golf Course

Monte Carlo Night – November 1, Hotel Canandaigua

Rotary International Theme:

