



The Peal

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays 12:15 p.m.
American Legion Post #256
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Today's Program: Matt Hanggi, Infectious Disease Specialist: The Threat of Tick-Borne Diseases in Ontario County
February 5: TBD

Meeting Notes from: January 22

Pledge: President Kent Gilges

Invocation: Mary Green

Song: President Kent – America the Beautiful

Guests: Field Artillery Captain **Conor McGavern (Dick's grandson)** on his way from Fort Drum, NY to Fort Sill, OK. Prospective member **Peter Wolak (3rd visit!)**

Visiting Rotarians: **Rose Hogan** from **Victor/Farmington.**

President Kent started us off with a history of the Rotary Wheel – first as a wagon wheel, then changed to a gear wheel, and today a gear wheel with a keyway – to make sure the gear can turn!

Announcements:

Curt Bailey – Our Rotary Bowl-a-thon will take place Sunday, March 22, at 1 p.m. at Roseland.

Bob Palumbo let us know that **Doug Lowden** is now at the Seneca Nursing & Rehabilitation Center at 200 Douglas Drive, Waterloo, NY. Phone: 315-539-9202. He would very much like visitors!!

Al Walker is now at MM Ewing and would like visitors, too.

Jodi Kaufman does **NOT** want visitors, but would take a phone call.

RJ Pietropaolo has had rotator cuff surgery, so his golf foursome could use a substitute. See **Kent**.

Rose Hogan from Victor/Farmington Rotary came to announce **Valentines for Valentown** on February 14th. Tickets are \$20.00 and gets you a glass of wine and chocolates from Sweet Expression, live music, and fun – all at Acquilano Wine Cellars on Main St., Cdg. Valentown was a 4-story shopping center with underground parking built in 1879. Became a museum in 1950 and registered on the National Register of Historic Places on May 9, 1999. **Donations are always needed and welcome!!**

Tom LaCrosse will be selling SuperBowl Squares for \$25.00.

Maria – Our exchange student: spent weekend at a Youth Exchange weekend, and rehearsals for the spring musical. Busy, busy! **Maria** has also potentially found her next host parents on her own! She had green hands because she has been painting a square at school with her Brazilian flag.

Happy Dollars:

Ben Green has a girlfriend – Stephanie Bodine.

Mary Green went south (Texas) with her new 24 ft RV and her new puppy. Spent 2 weeks and had a great time!

Steve and Ellen Uebbing are back from Florida early because their daughter broke her leg and needed help. She had been a pharmacist at the Albany VA, but recently has transferred to the Canandaigua VA. Also, Steve's brother-in-law got tasked to serve Mass for the Bills in Jacksonville, and Steve got to be the Eucharistic Minister – 2 tickets to the game were also part of the deal!

Scott Kesel went to an event at CA and talked about Youth Exchange, and got to talk to a lot of students and parents about Rotary Youth Exchange trying to drum up support!

Chasin' the Blues – a fund raiser for Called to Care Canandaigua is being held February 6th at Crosswinds for \$35.00.

Kim Tenreiro bought the pit pass for \$20.00 for his upcoming week in Palm Springs, CA.

Program Notes: **Mark Sheppard** gave a terrific presentation on the Rotary Friendship Exchange program that he and Robin attended in October to Nova Scotia.

The Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) is a [Rotary International program](#) for members, their families, and friends to experience other cultures through reciprocal home stays and club visits, focusing on fellowship, vocational exploration, and service, fostering international understanding and peace by creating deep personal connections and supporting local projects. Participants stay in Rotarians' homes, reducing costs and offering unique cultural immersion, with exchanges often centered on themes like culture, vocation, or service, and can involve interclub collaboration.

District 7120 RFE Contact: **Cat Jensen** – catwomyn19@gmail.com.

Upcoming Exchanges:

Inbound – Italy District 2072 – April 14-24, 2026

Outbound – Scotland District D1010 – May 5-17, 2026

Outbound – Paris, France District 1770 – TBD September 2026

Outbound – Italy District 2072 – TBD April 2027

Joker Draw: **Janet Tenreiro** was the lucky winner of \$18.00 and gave it to Kent to pay her portion of the fine for going to Palm Springs. **Mary Green** drew the King of Clubs.



Upcoming Events:

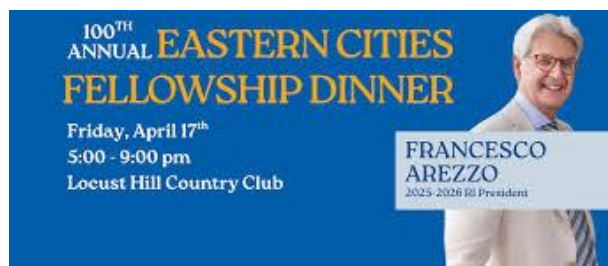
February First Friday – The Beehive



Saturday, March 7 – RLI (Rotary Learning Institute)
Johnson City 8am – 12:30 pm

Friday, April 17 – Eastern Cities Dinner
Locust Hill Country Club with RI President
Francesco Arezzo

Go to RochesterRotary.org for more info.



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

