



The Peal

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Deb Martin – The New Landscape of Volunteering

Next Week: Jamie McCaughey – Hut to Hut - Ski Touring in the Swiss Alps

Meeting Notes from: July 16, 2026

Pledge: President Paul Harvey

Invocation: Melanie Soberon

Song: President Paul – Happy Birthday to Dick McGavern, Ellen Polimeni, and Judi Gorenflo!

Guests: **Melanie Soberon** had all 5 of her children with her: Elena, Fernando, Christina, Sara, and Lucia. Dave Hutchings had George Coleus, and Steve and Gregg Knapp. Dick McGavern had son-in-law Tom Scalisi. Doug Merrill had Anna Polimeni.

Visiting Rotarians: No visiting Rotarians.

Announcements:

Adopt-A-Highway will be held **July 25** at 9 a.m. at Roseland Family Fun Center. Children and youth are welcome to accompany you! **(New date!)** **Rain date August 1.**

REMINDER: BAND CONCERT AT KERSHAW THURSDAY, JULY 23 (TONIGHT!) 7:00 P.M.



R-Community Bikes is having a ribbon cutting on August 3rd at 1 p.m. at 226 Hudson Avenue. RSVP to news@communitybikes.net by July 23rd if you are planning to attend.



Happy Dollars/Fines/Confessions:

Mark Sheppard bought the pit pass for \$20.00.

Doug Merrill had a few bucks to honor **Ellen Polimeni – and declared July 16 Ellen Polimeni Day in the City of Canandaigua.**

Ken Poole was happy to have 2 articles published this past week – one on a remarkable 113 year old black man named **Archeleus Fletcher** and the other on **Arthur C. Parker**. Ask **Ken** for more details on these fascinating men!

Jack Moran (and Ann) moved into their new home last week, after many decades on Emerson Road. Also, the jackpot raffle kicked off last week, and as of today, 107 tickets had been turned in. **SELL, SELL, SELL!**

Ben Green mentioned a garage sale in Hall on the weekend.

Melanie Soberon apologized for having missed a few meetings – due to her teaching at Cornell and next week will be at the fair with her kids.

Jodi Kaufman sent in a donation to The Foundation in memory of **Judy Ratcliffe**. She's doing much better!

Dave and Ben awarded **President Paul** with the **Golden Hot Dog** award in honor of beating Kiwanis at Arts in the Garden. Relish it!

[Program Notes: Nya Sherman and Paul Corriere Kaizenridge Farm – Victor](#)

Nya and Paul had a very interesting program on the various aspects of **Kaizen Ridge Farm** in Victor, located on Brace Road. They provide a variety of services, from goat yoga, goat landscaping, bridal events, mobile petting zoos, surprise parties, and brewery and wine/goat pairings!

They have a store at East View Mall where you can take a break from shopping to cuddle a goat or two, and you can get up close and personal at a Sunday Brunch at the farm.

Kaizen Ridge specializes in genetically superior goats, sheep and chickens. Nigerian Dwarf goats, Angora goats and the mix of the two... Nigora Goats are available for sale. Valais Blacknose and Scottish Blackface sheep are also available on our farm in Western New York. We are one of very few farms in NY that has Valais Blacknose Sheep.

Landscaping Sustainably

Natural & Eco-Friendly Land Management 🌿🐐

Goat landscaping is a natural way to manage land without chemicals, heavy machinery, or fuel. Goats naturally browse on brush, weeds, vines, and invasive plants that can quickly take over fields and wooded areas. By letting goats do the work, we can clear overgrown land in a way that's quiet, sustainable, and environmentally friendly, while improving soil health and encouraging native plants to grow back.

Many of the goats that help with our landscaping are rescued meat goats. These animals were originally raised for meat production, but here they get a second chance at life. Instead of being part of the food system, they now spend their days clearing land, exploring pastures, and doing what goats love most—eating brush. Goat landscaping allows them to live active, purposeful lives while helping the environment.



The farm also has free-range chickens, which keep the farm and the goat free from ticks!

What an interesting program!

Upcoming Events:

District Golf Tournament – September 11, 2026 at Reservoir Creek in Naples.

RPO concert – Thursday, December 3, 2026

Joker Draw and 50/50:



Larry Robinson took \$17.00 home, and **Tom Mees** removed the Ace of Clubs from the deck.

