



The Peal

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Holly Kelly, Omni Corp

Next Week: Maria Clara Polese – Rotary Exchange Student from Brazil

Notes from September 25th Meeting

Pledge: President Kent Gilges

Prayer: Nancy Stelnyk

Visiting Rotarians: none

Visitors: Tom Rogers welcomed three Interact students from Canandaigua Academy. They told of their projects this year – running concession stand at athletic event, ARC Gift Wrapping booth at Eastview, Breast Cancer Walk in Pittsford, Outhouse Trunk or Treat, Onanda Halloween event, and work with mental health awareness. **Donna Miller** introduced Shelby McPherson, a proposed member.

Announcements:

President Gilges called upon **Bruce Kennedy**, who has been a member of our club for 69 years. When Bruce first joined our club he was asked to do a program with slides of his time in the military service. He was all set up when they discovered that the projector didn't have a bulb in it. So he had to do the whole presentation just talking about his travels. Thanks Bruce for your dedication to Rotary!



69 years in Rotary and counting!

Global Grant – President Kent & Dick McGavern recently visited the Elmira Sunrise Club to do a program on our Global Grant application in hopes that their club will come onboard with some funds.

Steve Uebbing announced that Greg Kane from the CA Music Department will be coming to our meeting next week to talk about how the Online Purchase of RPO tickets will go. Members will need to know how the process works when they are promoting the purchasing of tickets for the December RPO Holiday Concert.

Happy \$\$\$: Jody Wilbur proud of her daughter Holly for recent employment recognitions and that Holly will be our program speaker next week. **Kathleen Draper** proud of her brother for covering 40 miles a day for raising monies (\$83,000 & growing) for Firefighters Foundation. **Ken Poole** for working on his 3rd cemetery restoration project. **Paul Harvey** for his son and grandson's birthdays today. **Kathi Nevin** for trip to Ft. Drum to help her daughter move to Massena while the son-in-law is on military duty out of the country.

Service Above Self Awards: Mary Green spoke about the history of our club honoring a Rookie Rotarian and a Rotarian of the Year awards each year. She encouraged members to nominate members – think about it during the Rotary year and send nominations to Mary any time; or wait until the spring each year when she gently reminds us to nominate fellow members.

Mary introduced **Paul Harvey** to present the **Rookie Rotarian for 2026**. Paul started out by saying that his speech would give away the member's identity quickly. Our honoree joined our club this past fall. But she was heavily involved in our fundraising before she was inducted into the club. Paul stated that he didn't know how the Monte Carlo night would have happened without the help of our new member. Our honoree solicited items and gift certificates for the silent

auction. She obtained donations, she helped with the selling of tickets, the set-up at the venue and had her hand in just about everything to do with the event. This past April she was part of the Rotary Radiance team for the Light Hill Walk-a-thon. **Congratulations to Jody Wilbur on being named the Rookie Rotarian for 2026.**



Next up **Donna Miller** presented the **Rotarian of the Year Award**. The honoree joined our club in 1995. They've been on 31 different committees over the years and served as chairperson on 7 of those committees. They support our club with funds and sponsorships for the different fundraisers. Some of their favorite committees have been Monte Carlo Night, Reforestation, Sonnenberg Arts in the Gardens, Rotaract/Interact, Rota-Cub Bears, & Adopt a Highway. This individual recently took part in the District 7120 Polar Plunge. He also serves on the Sonnenberg Gardens board and was recently named the Optometrist of the Year by the New York State Optometric Association. This year has been a busy one for him in Rotary – as he's been the "Acting Club President" many times while President Gilges has been traveling. **Congratulations Dr. Paul Harvey on being named the 2026 Rotarian of the Year!**



50/50- Larry Robinson went home with \$12 cash and **Beverly Cartwright** drew the six of diamonds.

Polio Plus Jar collected \$79.65 this week.

Sonnenberg Arts in the Garden will be coming up at the end of this month on June 27th & 28th. **David Hutchings** will be letting us know which day Rotary will be handling the concession stand. Plan to work that event – it's always a good time and we're helping to raise monies for Sonnenberg.



Our American Flag project currently stands at 389 subscriptions for a total of \$29,175 in gross sales!!

