



The Peal

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Ontario County K-9 Unit with bloodhound, Shaffer

Next Week: Service Above Self Luncheon

Meeting Notes from: May 14, 2026

Pledge: Past President Kim Tenreiro

Invocation: Judi Gorenflo

Song: Clark Kurtz – My Country Tis of Thee

(Donna Miller's birthday, so we sang to her, too)

Guests: Shelby McPherson, NY Life, guest of **Donna Miller** – 2nd visit, prospective Rotarian. **Kira, Jessica, and Dan Casellas** (bowlers from our Bowlathon).

Visiting Rotarians: No visiting Rotarians, but welcome back to **Joe Delforte**.

Announcements:

President Kent filled us in on events at the board meeting yesterday morning: Rotary is sponsoring the **Fife and Drum Group** that will lead off the 4th of July parade. We have issued a challenge grant to **Kiwanis and the EMS** for a \$26,000 ventilator. **Rotary** will provide \$6,500 if **Kiwanis** will match, and **EMS** needs to cover the balance. We are going to continue funding the **Rochester Rotary WASH** project that was denied a Global Grant. We are also going to sponsor the **Chamberfest Canandaigua Suzuki Play-In** at Cobblestone for \$500.00. And finally, the **Jackpot Raffle** will happen again this year, and the drawing will be in September.

Adeline Rudolph announced that there are new polling places for the north half of the city. Wood Library and the EMS are the new locations in lieu of the Methodist Church.

Past President Kim bought the Presidential Pit Pass for \$100.00 to cover his and Janet's 6-week road trip. He also sold **Adeline Rudolph** tickets to GEVA's Anastasia for a \$30.00 to the Foundation.

Scott Kesel invited everyone to the International Festival and Euro Car Celebration on Saturday, May 16. His Alpine Band will be playing at 11:30 and the **Finger Lakes Community Band** is closing out their winter season at 3 pm on Sunday at the Middle School with emphasis on honoring First Responders and other heroes in our community.

Happy Dollars: **Kent Gilges** was happy to see **Joe Delforte and Jeff Anthony**.

Paul Harvey was in Italy in April for a wedding at a castle, has a 5th grandchild, got \$250 more for the Bowlathon, and received the distinction of NYS Optometrist of the Year!

Janet Tenreiro was happy that Kira, Jessica, and Dan Casellas joined us.

Paul Harris Fellowship Award. **Adeline Rudolph** introduced Kira Casellas to the club as our largest fundraiser for the past 5 years for our Bowlathon. She has raised over \$2500 since she started – and she's still only in 7th grade – but bowling for the Varsity Team! She was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for her efforts by Janet Tenreiro.

Program Notes: Past President's Day

Bob Palumbo (youngest president) kicked things off with memories of a burned out house on Ft. Hill that they bought in 85-86, rehabbed, and sold for around

\$10,000.00. Then remembered his dad (Vic, president in 1961-62) and Camp Onseyawa's founding, along with the pancake supper. Vic was a WWII vet, Purple Heart recipient, and went on to marry Ray Vecchi's sister. Ray and Vic were Bob's sponsor. His advice: Start early!

Nancy Stelnyk (oldest president) says it doesn't matter how old you are – just get involved – there are lots of people to support you. Her year: Central on Main.

Joe Delforte just wanted to get us through the year at the Culinary Center. Had a great year, and gave us memories of his dad, who was a Rotarian for 40 yrs.

Jack Moran – had the pleasure of coaching bowling to Kira's mom, and is proud the Bowlathon is still going after 40 years! During his year, they were able to get sponsors for the Pier Festival so it was free.

Mike Schiller came in at the end of COVID, so there was a lot of food collections and the Flag Program kicked off that year.

Jeff Anthony remembers that we still did a lot of things with Kiwanis – baseball, bowling, golf, and who could forget the great tricycle race with Mike Linke?! **Camp Onseyawa's** Golf Tournament is coming up, and they are in need of new golf carts. Camp Onseyawa provides 1 -2 weeks of camp free of charge to disabled youngsters between the ages of about 10 – 16, giving their parents a much needed respite.

Scott Kesel had 2 year old twins and an exchange student during his year – thanks to **Terri Hall** asking him to be program chair. Consequences of saying yes! He had a large budget surplus, so we built a playground at Kershaw.

Tom Roger's dad was a Kiwanian, but **Bob Muehe** said come to Rotary. He went on a **Group Study Exchange** to England – great experience. He remembers the R/K Donkey basketball game, and a disastrous political debate between Randy Kuhl and Eric Massa – apologies to **Donna Miller**!

Rick Hawks advice: if you have a chance to be president, do it early! His dad, his brother, and brother-in-law were all Naples Rotarians. His memory moment was that year he was treasurer for both the Jackpot Raffle and the Pier Dance tickets and had over \$30,000 cash and needed a police escort to the bank!

Donna Miller's year saw the start of the Ziti Dinner with **Pete and Don** as her co-chairs – very successful.

Marty Muehe – dad was a Rotarian along with **Vic Palumbo and Joe Delforte**. He remembered his dad

marrying a couple who chose to say their vows up in a tree on the courthouse lawn.

Tom Mees enjoyed being the ham in the PDG sandwich of **Janet Tenreiro and Tom Rogers**. **Ken Poole** popped up to give **Tom Mees** many accolades for his year as president – and acknowledged him for being the reason he is still in Rotary!

Steve Uebbing was president the year **Terri Hall** was District Governor, and started us off with the very successful RPO concerts. When he was president of the Fort Plain club in 86-87, women were allowed to join – a breakwater event. His son was in Iraq during his year in Canandaigua, so there were some very tense moments.

Past President Kim then invited everyone to tender their checks for **The Spot** to him. I hope that **President Kent** will make an announcement about the amount raised.

Past President Kim Tenreiro tendered the Past President pin to **President Kent**, as he will be away until the end of June.

[Upcoming Events:](#)

First Friday in June – June 5 – Star Cider – 4:30 p.m. Come one, come all!

Camp Onseyawa Golf Tournament: June 13, Silver Creek Golf Club, Waterloo

Service Above Self Luncheon – June 4

[Joker Draw and 50/50:](#)



Jack Kellogg took \$15.00 home, and **Jody Wilbur** picked the 5 of diamonds.