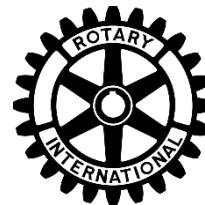


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Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Jenny Goodemote – Wood Library Annual Update

Next Week: Kent Gilges & Mark Sheppard – Rotary Global Grants

Meeting Notes from: April 16, 2026

Pledge: Kent Gilges

Invocation: Kent Gilges

Song: Sean Buck – America the Beautiful

Guests: Brin Sheppard (guest of **Kyle Sheppard**), Matt Meyers (guest of **Mark Sheppard**)

Visiting Rotarians: **Sarah Callahan** – corporate member from Canandaigua School System

Announcements: **Greg Gullo** reminded us of the annual Arbor Day tree-bagging event will be at his house (3740 West Lake Road) on 4/16, starting at 5:30pm. **Janet Tenreiro** reported raising over \$1000 for the Light Hill Walk-a-Thon to go along with **Marty Potter's** over \$500 with **Donna Miller** and **Kathi Nevin** still collecting donations. All told they have earned enough for the club 2 for 1 match up to \$2500. **President Kent** reported **Mary Green** is recovering from shoulder surgery. **Paul Harvey** participated in the Polar Plunge but was not present to report on the results. **Janet Tenreiro** reported on the District Learning Assembly and who from the club attended. It was a great opportunity to meet new Rotarians and to learn about what other clubs are doing and to learn about Rotary, **Janet Tenreiro** also mentioned a district-wide Zoom meeting for new member orientation will be held on April 23 at 7:30 pm. The link is bit.ly/NewMembersZones2832. **President Kent** reported a commitment of \$1000 from the Bloomfield Rotary club in support of our upcoming global grant. Kiwanian guest **Matt Meyers** spoke about the upcoming National Day of Prayer. It will be at the American Legion on May 7 at 7:30am and costs \$10 at the door. **Dave Korpiel** and **Kent Gilges** each paid \$20 for pit passes.

Happy Dollars / Fines: **Kim Tenreiro** reported receiving subscriptions for six flags and told volunteers that route organization and assignment will be ongoing during the upcoming promotional mailing and to stand-by for more specific communication soon. **Bill Hallett** is glad to be back from wintering in Florida. **Larry Robinson** returned from a visit to Penn State. **Donna Miller** was thankful for the contributions to Light Hill so far received. **Ben Greene** announced the upcoming Sonnenberg Gardens opening day will be May 1. **Dave Hutchings** is glad to bring on 14 new volunteers for Sonnenberg at a recent recruitment event.

Exchange Student Update: **Maria Polese** reported an active calendar of events during Spring Break including seeing a hockey game, visiting Washington D.C. for 4-5 days, taking a Capitol tour, and participating as a volunteer at the Polar Plunge event.

Paul Harris Recognitions: Membership chair **Janet Tenreiro** acknowledged **Don Collins** for achieving Paul Harris plus 8 and also bestowed a first Paul Harris to **Jodi Wilbur** for her outstanding volunteer contributions since joining (and before joining) our club. Congratulations to both for making a difference in the world

Program: Name: **Matt Parsons – Parsons Organ Company – Making Organs in America**

Matt began with a short history of the company. It was established in 1921 by Matt's Great-great grandfather largely in response to George Eastman. Eastman established the Eastman School of Music. In so doing he brought 22 pipe organs into Rochester from Boston. With so many in the area (and in his own home) it was necessary for a local presence to service and maintain

the instruments full-time. Thus, the Parsons Pipe Organ Builders company was founded.

Currently, there are 25 full-time employees. Parsons is the largest organ building and restoration company in the U.S. with about 25 competing firms.

The process from decision to installation can take three years or more. This includes a design specification phase customized to the location and its acoustics. Organs are built and tested locally. It can take 20,000 hours of labor to build or restore an organ. But, once complete, barring and exposure to water or fire, an organ can, with proper maintenance, essentially last forever.

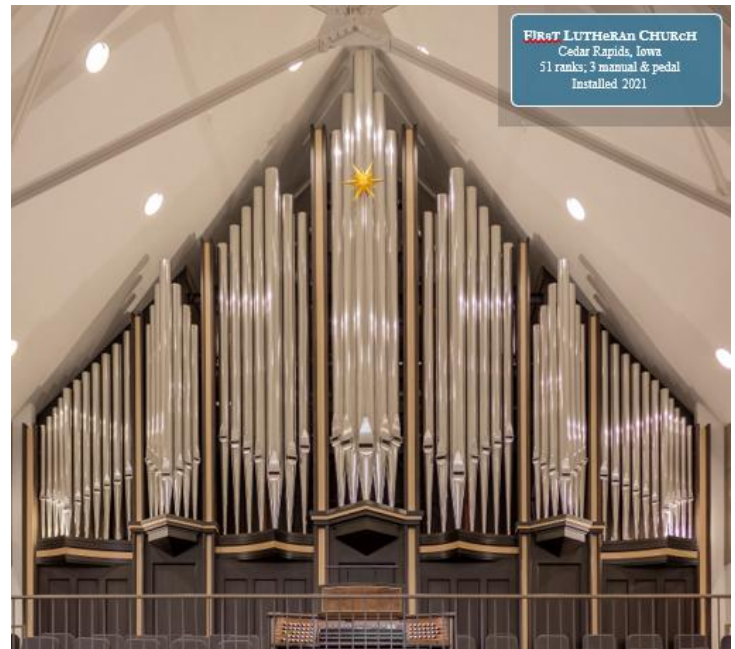
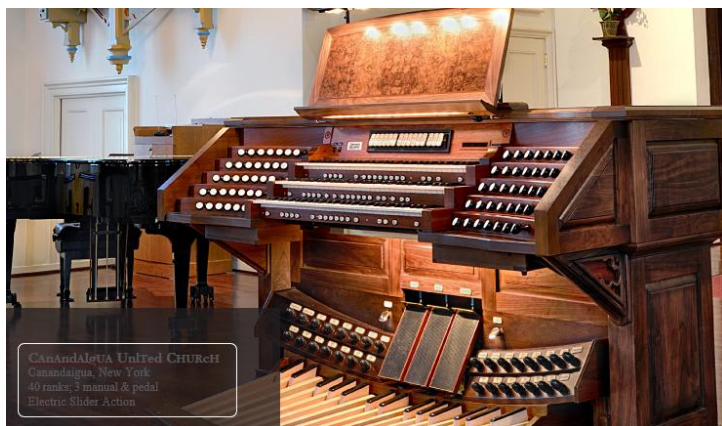
Maintenance, restoration, and tuning are all services provided by Parsons. Organs must be tuned to the specific temperature and humidity conditions at the location which may change several times a year.

Matt used a miniature display to demonstrate the inner workings and brought a variety of organ pipes for demonstration purposes. He even brought souvenir pipes for members to take home if they wished.

Once the basics on organ anatomy and function were covered, Matt spent a good deal of time answering questions and telling stories about situations he has encountered.

He mentioned monitoring the company website (parsonsgans.com) because prior to shipment of a completed unit the company often hosts an open house where tours are offered and local organists can try out the completed organ.

Some samples from the company brochure:



Upcoming Rotary Events: District Conference – May 1-3, 2026

Holiday Valley Mountain and Conference Center, Ellicottville, NY. Join Rotarians from across District 7120 as we **Unite for Good** during a powerful weekend filled with fellowship, leadership, and inspiration. Set in the beautiful Holiday Valley, this event is an exceptional opportunity to come together, strengthen our community, and engage new ideas.

Sign up at:

rotary7120.myeventcenter.com/event/2026-District-7120-Conference-122301