



The Peal

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays 12:15 p.m. American Legion Post #256 454 North Main Street	www.canandaiguarotary.org Club # 4765, District 7120 Organized Apr. 24, 1919	Publication Date: October 30, 2025
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Official Newsletter of the Canandaigua Rotary Service Foundation

Today's Program: Catlin Brado & Julie DeMerdmann - Alzheimer's Association

Next Week: Hon. Debra A. Martin - Mediation

Meeting Notes from: October 23, 2025

Pledge: 1st Vice President – Mark Sheppard

Prayer: Kathi Nevin

Song: Clark Kurtz – America the Beautiful

Visiting Rotarians: None were present

Guests: Jay Dutcher's guest was **Domenic Argentieri**, Director of Development with the Seneca Waterways Council (Scouting). Domenic is a perspective member. **Ben Green's** guest (introduced by **David Hutchings**) was Ben's cousin, **Andrea Shaffer**, who is also a perspective member. Andrea is a 2025 Athena Young Professional Leadership Award Honoree. **Dick MaCaughey** introduced Melanie Soberon who is also a perspective member. **Matt Parsons**, Commander at the Legion, was present and is also a perspective member.

Exchange Student, Maria Polese (from Brazil):

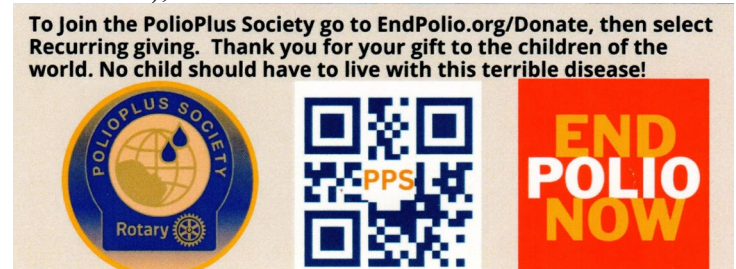
Maria joined other exchange students last Sunday for a get-together in Naples. She said there were about 15 exchange students, and they had a wonderful time.

Jackpot Raffle: **Rick Hawks** said we are up to 541 jackpot tickets sold out of 600. With only one week remaining before the drawing, we are hoping all tickets will be sold before the event.

World Polio Day – October 24th

Janet Tenerio spoke about Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio in the world. She asked us to pass the polio plus jug in hopes of raising \$200. We beat that goal by collecting **\$309.14!!** Janet shared ways to donate to

Polio Plus and shared the Gates Foundation matches all donations 2:1 so a \$100 donation becomes a \$300 donation. If you would like to join the Polio Plus Society (agreeing to donate \$100/year until Polio is eradicated), information is below.



Currently there are 7 polio cases in Afghanistan and 29 in Pakistan. Polio will not be considered eradicated until 3 years have passed with no new cases.

Announcements: **Steve Uebbing** reminded members we are looking for our club to sell 600 tickets to the RPO Holiday Concert. **Rick Lessard** is handing tickets out and is collecting any RPO ticket sale money you have. **Mary Green** is hoping members can help by donating a bottle of wine for the wine pull at the Monte Carlo event. **If you are able, please bring a bottle of wine to the October 30th meeting to donate.** **Curt Bailey** shared the dates we will be ringing the Salvation Army bells this year. Those dates are 11/28 and 12/19. Watch for Clark Kurtz to post the sign-up on our club's website. **David Hutchings** shared info about the **Haunted Stroll @ Sonnenberg Gardens on October 26. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids.**

Janet Tenreiro provided information on a fundraiser (for Wood Library) at the First Congregational Church called 'Alone With My Music' which will feature Connie Fredericks-Malone. The date is November 9th at

1:00pm. **Scott Kesel** announced the Finger Lakes Community Band's season begins on Sunday, October 26th at the Middle School Auditorium. Their first performance is titled 'Animal Crackers'. You are now able to purchase season tickets if you are interested. Info is available on their website –

<https://fingerlakesband.org/concerts/>

Matt Parsons, Commander at the Legion shared the Legion is offering a free lunch on Veterans Day to any Veteran. The Legion is also offering a Veteran's Day Dinner on Saturday, November 15th at 6:00pm. Veterans eat for free, and civilians pay \$10 per meal. For the dinner, please RSVP to POST256@ALNY256.com.

Happy Dollars / Fines: **Janet and Kim Tenreiro** returned home after a 3500-mile journey to Canada (Ottawa, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia) and driving home through New England. They met up with the Rotary Friendship Exchange in Nova Scotia. Janet said the fall colors were spectacular! **Steve Uebbing** and his wife, Ellen, enjoyed a 12-day trip to Arizona. **Donna Lacourse** missed a meeting as she was out buying a sailboat. **Curt Bailey** played golf last weekend with Dick McGavern and 3 others on a day when the wind made playing golf very difficult. **David Hutchings** was happy for finally getting Ben Green a date. **Jeff Anthony** was happy to report he once again made his annual 50-mile trip around Canandaigua Lake, after missing last year's trip due to back surgery. This marked the 38th year Jeff has undertaken this bike ride. **Mark Sheppard** paid for the trip he and Robin took to Nova Scotia for the Rotary Friendship Exchange trip. He encouraged all members to consider looking into the Rotary Friendship Exchange program. **Dick McGavern** was happy to report the Camp Onseyawa Endowment Fund (started in 2003) has grown to \$1.3 million dollars! Dick was instrumental in started the fund when he served on the Camp's Board.

Program: **Brett Peters – Climate Solutions**

As a Commercial Energy Advisor, Brett assists businesses and commercial spaces around the Finger Lakes with transitioning to clean energy technologies. In his free time, Brett volunteers at the Rochester Military History Society and is an active member of Sunrise Movement Rochester. The parent organization he works for is Climate Solutions Accelerator. It is a nonprofit founded in 2017 and it was awarded a clean energy hub grant from NYSEERDA in the fall of 2022. AMPED is a program of the Climate Solutions Accelerator. Their focus is having homes and businesses go 100% electric. There are 13 hubs statewide and Brett works for the Finger Lakes Clean Energy Hub. Although Brett focuses mainly on businesses and

commercial spaces, others on his team focus on residential properties.

Brett shared how someone could get started with energy efficiency by doing the following:

1. Give an energy advisor a call
2. Have an energy audit on your home. Most homes have access to a free energy audit through NYSEERDA.
3. If needed, add insulation and weatherization
4. Electrify your appliances
5. Consider solar for your residence

Brett talked about heat pumps and why they are an excellent choice, as well as geotherm solutions.

Questions?

Contact the Finger Lakes Clean Energy Hub (a.k.a. AMPED)

hub@climategfl.org

585-419-6218

ampedproject.org/book

AMPED NEW YORK STATE NYSEERDA Regional Clean Energy Hub

Scan to schedule an energy advisor call!

Joker Draw: With only 27 cards remaining in the deck, **Cat Burnam** had the first ticket and tried for the Joker but drew the King of Clubs. **Mary Green** had the second ticket and won \$26.

Upcoming Rotary Events:

11/1 – Monte Carlo Night @ Hotel Canandaigua
11/2 – District Foundation Brunch @ Ravenwood
11/28 – Salvation Army Bell Ringing
12/19 – Salvation Army Bell Ringing

***Note:** District events information can be found on the District 7120 website <https://rotary7120.org/>*

