



The Peal

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Jacob Maslyn – Agricultural Economic Development, Ontario County

Next Week: Dudley Purbeck – Rainbow Bridge Aquamation

Meeting Notes from: October 2, 2025

Pledge: President Kent Gilges

Inspiration: Kathi Nevin – As this was the International Day of Non-Violence (celebrated on the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi), Kathi shared inspirational quotes from Gandhi on non-violence and peace.

Song: Clark Kurtz – *My Country Tis of Thee*

Visiting Rotarians: District Governor, Jim Crane, from the Victor-Farmington Rotary Club, was in attendance and was our guest speaker. Mary Green introduced him.

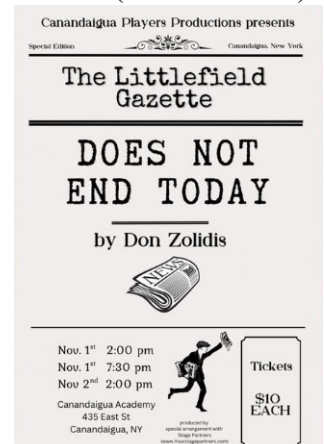
Guests: President Kent Gilges introduced Matt Parsons, who is the current Commander at the American Legion. Matt is a prospective Rotarian and spoke about how he hopes the Legion and Rotary will continue to have a productive relationship. Ben Green's guest was Susan Bauer, who is also a perspective member. Brian Minster, who is being sponsored by Janet Tenrerio, was also in attendance.

Polio Plus: We collected \$109 (plus \$15 from the Joker Draw) for a total of \$124 this month for Polio Plus. Way to go members! President Kent shared with the club that the Bill Gates Foundation is matching Rotary 2:1 in polio plus donations, up to \$200 million.

Pit Pass: Judy Ratcliffe returned her pit pass and contributed another \$10 in addition to what she paid up front. President Kent then purchased the pit pass for \$20 as he and Liz are headed to Nashville for his nephew's wedding.

Exchange Student, Maria Polese (from Brazil):

Maria shared she has been busy at school, including participating in rehearsals for the upcoming school play. She invited all of us to attend (Nov 1st or 2nd).



Announcements: Jack Kellogg provided information on mediation training being held at Notre Dame Retreat on Foster Road later this month and the early part of November. The training is a multi class training. If you are interested, please see Jack for further information. Adeline Rudolph is an Election Commissioner for Ontario County and offered guidance on absentee ballots and opportunities for early voting. They are also looking for election inspectors so if you are interested talk with Adeline or visit

<https://www.ontariocountyny.gov/107/Board-of-Elections>

Ben Green shared info on upcoming events at Sonnenberg Gardens this October. Mansion Mysteries Oct. 17th, 18th, 19th & 24th & 25. Haunted Stroll on October 26th. (<https://www.sonnenberg.org/events/>)

Announcements Continued: **Paul Harvey** spoke about the Monte Carlo Night fundraiser for Family Promise. Unfortunately, the QR Code on the postcards (which sends people to Event Brite) was not a good idea. Event Brite adds on an additional \$12.50 to the price. Paul suggests if you want tickets to call him directly or stop by his office (Aberle Eye Care) located at 275 Parish Street. **Marty Potter** reminded members who plan on putting an ad in the RPO Holiday Concert book or who want to be a patron or friend of the RPO to please let her know by October 14th. She also shared that Rick Lessard is handing out concert tickets to members to sell. Members are asked to sell 6 tickets each at \$20/ticket. As Steve Uebbing has said, the tickets make great gifts for family and friends.

Happy Dollars / Fines: **Donna Miller** had happy dollars for her great nephew who plays on the Canandaigua JV football team as they won their last two games by beating their opponents 44-0 and 52-0.

Jackpot Raffle: **Rick Hawks & Jack Moran** had another early bird drawing. To date there are 475 tickets sold, leaving 125 more to go. If you have tickets you are unable to sell, please turn them into Rick Hawks as soon as possible so they can be given to other members to sell. **Jack Moran** leads in ticket sales with having sold 83 tickets! The rest is up to all of us as Jack and Ann are leaving on Tuesday, October 7th for their winter home in Florida. They will return in April.

SELL! SELL! SELL!

Program: *District Governor, Jim Crane*

Mary Green presented a brief bio about DG Jim. He is a long-time member of the Victor-Farmington Rotary Club. He was introduced to Rotary by his father and joined our club in 1975. After a career change, he joined the Victor-Farmington Club. He has served as an active board member and on many committees. He served as their club president five times and prior to becoming our District Governor, he was the Assistant Governor for Area 6.

DG Jim graduated from Alfred State College and started his career as an engineering aide/inspector for the City of Canandaigua. He went on to become the City Water & Wastewater Supervisor. During this time he attended college in Buffalo for environment licensing and management skills. In 1984 he accepted the management position of Water & Wastewater Utilities for the towns of Canandaigua, Farmington and the Town of Victor and later, the Town of Hopewell and Manchester.

DG Jim shared Rotary International President, Francesco Arezzo's message of 'Unite For Good'.

"Unite for Good," a call to action for Rotarians to foster unity and overcome divisions by expanding Rotary's reach through inclusive service and stronger clubs. This message emphasizes that by uniting talents and resources across all members, partner organizations, and communities, Rotary can create lasting positive change in the world, focusing on goals like eradicating polio, promoting peace through initiatives like youth exchanges and education, and building a stronger Rotary for the future.

One of DG Jim's goals for this Rotary year is to re-establish Interact Clubs which are no longer active. He has asked Carrie Grove to head up the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) and Julie Carney to head the Youth Services (new generation) initiative. DG Jim wants to see clubs engaged in health & wellness initiatives, as well as literacy projects.

DG Jim presented President Kent with a couple of banners for this year.



Joker Draw: **Tom Mees** had the first ticket and opted for \$15 in cash (which was later donated to Polio Plus).

DG Jim Crane drew for the Joker (currently worth \$388) but walked away empty handed after drawing the King of Spades.

Upcoming Rotary Events:

10/24 – World Polio Day

10/24 – Camp Onseyawa Dinner @ Club 86, Geneva

10/25 - Rotary Leadership Institute @Victor School

11/2 – District Foundation Brunch @ Ravenwood

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

Camp Onseyawa annual dinner information is on their website. Tickets are \$50 each.

<https://www.onseyawa.org/single-project>