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Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Doug Merrill – George M. Ewing Canandaigua Forum

Next Week: Joanna Meyer & Robin Mark – Camp Onseyawa

Meeting Notes from: August 14, 2025

Pledge: President Kent Gilges

Invocation: Mark Sheppard

Song: Mark Sheppard – Rotary–That's spells Rotary

Guests: Brin Sheppard & Jodi Wilbur

Visiting Rotarians: Tom and Mary Lou Mees

Announcements: Jeff Anthony announced the Camp Onseyawa carnival is this Sunday (8/17) from 1pm-4pm and the Onseyawa teardown is next Saturday (8/23) from 9am-noon. Paul Harvey is looking for sponsors for the Monte Carlo night on November 1st and anyone skilled in knowing how to get them. Rick Hawks distributed Jackpot Raffle tickets with a drawing at 9pm at the 11/1 Monte Carlo night. Sell! Sell! Sell! Doug Merrill and Mark Sheppard reported on the watershed association demonstration/learning event wherein the newly purchased testing equipment, which measures six important aspects of water quality, was unveiled. The unit will be used to teach young people how to monitor water quality and to be good stewards of the lake. President Kent reminded everyone to sign the directories of the new members or 'there will be consequences'. Janet Tenreiro reported the FREE to attend 'One Rotary Summit' will be on 9/6 from 8am-12:30pm at the Avon High School. To register www.rotary7120.org/sitepage/one-rotary-summit It is HIGHLY recommended for new members and anyone interested in membership. To which, President Kent strongly encourages each member to bring a potential member to a meeting. Yes, that

means you. Gloria Dancause reported that the July 4 float decorations are missing in action. If anyone has them, please bring them to a meeting. President Kent mentioned there is need for volunteers to help at Sonnenberg Gardens right after the 8/21 meeting from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Doug Merrill pointed out there are a series of Thursday moonlight strolls at Sonnenberg from 7pm-9pm.



President Kent updated us on the recent Board meeting where up to \$15,000 was approved for the proposed Uganda nutrition grant. If approved, we will ask other clubs in the district to participate, reducing the final club responsibility. President Kent also polled the Board, and the consensus was we need to use more methods to get our name out there. Any marketing or social media experts that could help us would be great to invite them to join the club.

Pit Passes: Tom Rogers turned in his Pit Pass having enjoyed 4 days of Canadian fishing/poker and traveling to North Carolina. Mike Bay-Borelli paid \$20 for a pass an upcoming 4-week European trip.

Happy Dollars: Doug Merrill expressed he is happy and proud to be in Rotary. Scott Kesel went to a cancer survivors picnic yesterday and expressed his gratitude to be able to attend 6 years after his own struggle. Speaking on behalf of the club, we're all thankful too and hope you go every year. John Reyes-Guerra is a new grandfather and is quite happy about that. Gloria Dancause is grateful she now has a demo reel she can use when she auditions for movie extra or commercial ad roles.

Program: Established in 1874, the Canandaigua Botanical Society (CBS from here on) is a great many things, but it is NOT a garden club. It is the second oldest botanical society in the U.S. and celebrated 150 years in 2024.

You can best learn about their activities and events by visiting their Blog at:

canandaiguabotanicalsociety.blogspot.com

Additionally, they have a Facebook presence at:

facebook.com/groups/canandaiguabotanical

Our speaker, Laura Ouimette, provided a picturesque Power Point (I love alliteration) touching on the highlights of about a dozen of the many parks and preserves in our region.

Part of the CBS' responsibilities is to identify and catalog the many species of plants growing in our area. Sometimes they discover invasive species crowding out the native growth. The bluebell field in Mertensia park in Farmington was an example where an unwanted foreign species threatened to overrun the bluebells. By identifying the issue CBS orchestrated a series of work parties to remove the invader and preserve the integrity of the native plant life.

CNS collaborates with many local conservation organizations and arranges for trail survey training where you can learn to identify invasive species. Another example where CBS was instrumental in restoring the natural habitat was Canandaigua's own Lagoon Park which was being threatened by the proliferation of buckthorn which is not a local plant variety. Again, a plan was devised, and work was done to remove the buckthorn so native species could repopulate the area.

CBS also hosts many events with the aim of educating and entertaining participants. For your information, here are two examples from the CBS blog previously mentioned.

GANONDAGAN GRANARY TRAIL FROM FORT HILL

Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 10 AM

Boughton Hill Road (CR 41), Victor

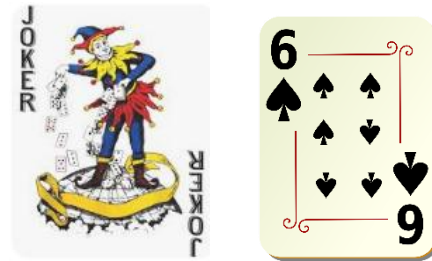
Charlie Ippolito and Kim Burchard will co-lead us to where the Seneca built a picketed granary atop Fort Hill to protect the two things they valued most: their lives and their corn. The location of Gah:ha-da-yan-duk is significant to the Seneca. From this hill, looking south on a clear day, the observer can see Bare Hill, the legendary birthplace of the Seneca Nation.

ROB'S TRAIL NATURE CONSERVANCY **

Saturday, October 25 at 10 AM:

Doctors Bruce Gilman and Fred Haynes will lead us along the Rob's Trail Nature Conservancy Trail in Springwater, NY. More details to follow.

50/50 and Joker Draw: Mary Green drew the Six of Spades, and she also walked away with \$19.00 cash from the 50/50. Bill Hallett and Gloria Dancause won gladiolas courtesy of Donna Miller



Upcoming Events:

Camp Onseyawa Teardown – August 23

Framing Frenzy – August 23 – Zion Fellowship

District Golf Tournament – September 12, Reservoir Creek Golf Course

One Rotary Summit – September 6, 8:30 – 12:30 Victor

Monte Carlo Night – November 1, Hotel Canandaigua

Rotary International Theme:

