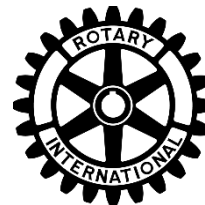


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Today's Program: Jamie Farr – Canandaigua School Budget Review

Next Week: Kim Tenreiro – Past President's Day

Meeting Notes from: April 30, 2026

Pledge: Kent Gilges

Invocation: Margie LaTourette

Song: Sean Buck – Star Spangled Banner

Guests: Donna Miller brought Shelby MacPherson.

Janet Tenreiro brought Paula Haffner

Visiting Rotarians: None

Announcements: Kent Gilges announced the Camp Onseyawa golf tournament is scheduled for June 13 at the Silver Creek Golf Course in Waterloo. Registration info may be found at **www.onseyawa.org/fund-raising**

Greg Gullo thanked the volunteers who helped bag the 900 trees that were distributed to schoolchildren last week. **Kent Gilges** relayed the VA Serenity Garden cleanup will be rescheduled due to soggy conditions today. **Kathi Nevin** reported she and the Rotary team came in second place for the Light Hill Walk-a-Thon raising \$5361.62. A total of about \$62k was raised by the event. **Margie LaTourette** won the gift basket auction and contributed the \$60 to Light Hill. **Ellen Polimeni** purchased a pit pass for an upcoming trip to Pittsburgh. **Curt Bailey** drew attention to nomination forms for the Service Above Self recognitions.

Nominations to be given to **Curt Bailey, Mary Green, or Marty Potter. Adeline Rudolph** reported that there will not be a Republican primary vote in June. Only a Democratic primary will be held. Vote to occur on June 23

Happy Dollars / Fines: Gloria Dancause is glad to be back from Florida where a good time was spent over the winter. **Kim Tenreiro** acknowledged **Maria Polese** for knowing the word to the Star Spangled Banner. **Kathleen Draper** returned from a business trip to

Morocco. **Janet Tenreiro** was happy with the results from the Light Hill walk and for having a guest to Rotary today. **Ken Poole** let us know of a concert by the Finger Lakes Symphony to be held Sunday, May 3 at the United Church commencing at 3pm. **Mark Sheppard** participated in a black powder skirmish shooting event where he blamed his poor results on **Doug Merrill's** equipment. **Steve Uebbing** also returned from his southern winter haven and is glad to be back in town. **George Herren** was thankful the recent rains did not flood his basement. **Kent Gilges** handed over his pit pass which was used to cover a trip to his nephew's wedding in North Carolina

Program: Rotary Global Grants

Mark Sheppard and **Kent Gilges** tag-teamed to provide a snapshot of the types of grants and the process of applying for them. A full tutorial on this topic takes several hours as there are many conditions and 'moving parts' involved depending on the type of grant. For a full understanding of this process visit the educational materials on the Rotary International website at **www.spc.rotary.org/grantresources**.

Only two types of grants were of focus today. District grants are available, one per year for qualifying clubs, for up to \$4000. These are typically used to fund small local projects.

Global grants involve partnership with a host club in another country that fulfills the purpose of the grant. The fund-raising occurs with our district to bring the monetization to critical mass. It was emphasized that many clubs contribute small amounts (\$500-\$1000, for example) to reach a threshold amount that is matched by Rotary International to complete the project funding.

For example, our club has made contributions in the past to help fund several water projects (India, Nicaragua. and Ghana), a small business training and self-sufficiency program in Uganda, and purchase of an MRI machine for India.

These have all been global grants originating from other clubs to which we assisted with funding. Currently, we have proposed a global grant of our own, spearheaded by **Kent Gilges** and **Mary Green** also to be situated in Uganda.

Our club, in partnership with the Seguku Rotary club in Uganda seeks to develop a nutritional education program with the intent to educate new mothers about proper nutritional concepts. We seek to train 50 “nutrition ambassadors” who will, in turn, train 300 young mothers how to feed their family nutritiously.

We also seek to create an education certificate program in nutrition at the Mirembe Girls Vocational School.

The project has an overall budget of \$79,980 with an expectation that clubs in the district would contribute \$29,000 and the rest to be provided by Rotary International. Our club has committed \$15,000 to this project and obtained pledges from other clubs to sum to about \$21,000 towards our goal. Once achieved we can submit our application to Rotary International for consideration.

Joker Draw & 50/50: **Diane Shute** won the 50/50 of \$19. **Kent Gilges** drew the 10 of diamonds.

Upcoming Rotary Events:

First Friday for May has shifted to Second Friday to avoid conflict with the district conference. So, May 8 at Rio Tomatlan in Canandaigua, commencing at 4:30. Let’s celebrate Ocho de Mayo together.

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