



The Peal

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays 12:15 p.m.
American Legion Post #256
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Today's Program: John French – Increasing and Maintaining New Rotarians in Today's Environment

Next Week: Thomas Lyon – Meet Canandaigua's New Mayor

Meeting Notes from: February 5, 2026

Pledge: President Kent Gilges

Invocation: Adeline Rudolph - Dreams

Song: Mark Sheppard – This Land is My Land

Guests: Peter Wolak – (for the last time!), Sue Bauer, Prospective Member - guest of Dave Hutchings and Ben Green, and Jonathan Widmark, Chief Scout of Seneca Waterways.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Announcements:

Kathy Nevin got us ready for the inaugural **Be A Light Walkathon for Light Hill** on April 25 – time to plan!

Tom LaCrosse has 10 squares left on the Super Bowl Squares grid – **Venmo \$25.00 to @Kent-Gilges if you want to play.**

Dick McGavern proposed a new fun(d) raiser seen in this month's Rotary Magazine – setting a colorful barrel out on the ice, attaching a couple of watches to it, and selling tickets to community members guessing the exact date and time – down to the second – that the barrel will fall through the ice, offering some hope of winter relief while raising funds in the process. Sounds like fun!

President Kent bought the pit pass for \$20.00 (no mention of where he's off to this time!)

Chasin' the Blues – a fund raiser for Called to Care Canandaigua is being held February 6th at Crosswinds for \$35.00.

Ellen Polimeni put out a flyer explaining Neighbor to Neighbor's Funds at Work in 2025, which she will be elaborating on April 25th as our program. N2N does great work in our community, and Rotary is a big supporter.

Ken Poole had very sad news. His brother and wife were killed in a car accident yesterday in Florida on their way to a jazz festival in New Orleans along with another couple. Our condolences go out to Ken and his family.

Maria – Our exchange student: spent another busy week, rehearsals for Shrek (which she says will be amazing) and visiting her best friends and small siblings that she has great times with.

Happy Dollars:

Paul Harvey bought a Kubota mini-excavator – can't wait to take possession!

Induction: We inducted **Peter Wolak** – CEO of Josephine's Cleaning Service, LLC (and friend of Kent Gilges).



Please welcome **Peter** and don't forget to sign his directory!

Program Notes: **Mark Sheppard** started out the program with a brief history of women in Rotary, with a video of our friend **Jennifer Jones** speaking about the roles of women in Rotary and the world. He was followed by new **Rotarian Domenic Argentieri** talking about **Scouting America** and the inclusion of girls into the new entity. There are now over 300,000 girls in Scouting America, including over 6,000 who have already achieved Eagle Scout status! We have 125 girls in our district alone – You go girls!

Mark Sheppard is bringing to the board the possibility of Canandaigua Rotary becoming a sponsor for Troop 29 here in Canandaigua.

He is also promoting a fundraiser for Scouts - information below:

HOSTED BY THE GLACIER LAKES DISTRICT, SENECA WATERWAYS COUNCIL

Euchre Night Scouts Fundraiser

Saturday, February 21, 2026 - Rounds Begin at 6:30pm

Canandaigua Elks Club - 19 Niagara St, Canandaigua

All funds raised help make Scouting more accessible for youth in the Finger Lakes.

No gambling, just fundraising / Adults Only

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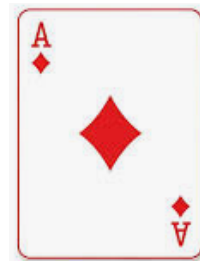
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Scouting America

Joker Draw: **Janet Tenreiro** was the lucky winner of \$14.00 and **Tom Rogers** drew the Ace of Diamonds.



Upcoming Events:

February First Friday – The Beehive



**Saturday, March 7 – RLI (Rotary Learning Institute)
Johnson City 8am – 12:30 pm**

Sunday, March 22, 1 p.m. – Bowl-a-thon - Roseland

