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Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Canandaigua Trout Unlimited – Bernie Kois & Paul Harvey

Next Week: Interact and Bhuwana (Din) Tawal-unnop – with Din's More Than a Minute Reflection

Meeting Notes from: May 22, 2025

Pledge: President Kim Tenreiro

Inspiration: Janet Tenreiro

Guests: Dave and Pam Viggiani, Kay & Jim Viggiani, Joe Callahan (Honorary Avon Rotarian), Rita King, Phil Nevin, Deb Martin, James DiPaolo, and Mark Reid.

Visiting Rotarians: DG Dave DeMers & Ann, PDG Ralph Brandt, DGE Jim Crane, and DGND Pete Vogt & Sharon.

Announcements: Adopt-a-Highway Saturday, May 24, 9 a.m. at Roseland Bowl and Family Fun Center. Camp Onseyawa Golf Tournament June 14 at Silver Creek in Waterloo. District Changeover Dinner, June 29 at Ravenwood Golf Course. Dave Korpiel reminded us that Rotary is now sponsoring Roller Skating on Saturday nights at the Canandaigua Civic Center. President Kim let us know that one of our Peace Poles has been installed at Central on Main – looks great!

Happy Dollars: Jeff Anthony paid for a great trip to Scotland and Ireland with wife Linda and Mark & Robin Sheppard. He remarked that it is drop dead gorgeous! President Kim ponied up a few bucks for his great flag deployment team. We are at 306 flags as of this writing! Margie LaTourette went to Nashville, marched in the Lilac Parade, and had a cell phone faux pas. Donna LaCourse went to her home

state of Maine, and then a week in Kentucky with her sister. Rick Lessard took wife of 53 years to Lake Placid for their anniversary.

I See You Award: Presentation:

President Kim presented Becky and Larry Gamba with his I See You Award for the quiet way in which they take care of us every week. But wait – there's more! After giving them that certificate, he went on to present them each with a Paul Harris Fellowship for all the things they do for our veterans and our community.



Meeting Notes from May 22: Mayor Bob Palumbo introduced James DiPaolo and Mark Reid to give us an update on the **Downtown Revitalization Initiative** that will see up to \$10 million come our way. There is an 8-month timeframe from May through December 2025. Ideas may be submitted to the LPC online at: canandaiguadri.com. There is also a survey available, and comments are welcome.

The Local Planning Committee (LPC) is the steering body of the DRI planning process. Over the course of 2025, the LPC will meet regularly (every ~4-6 weeks) to:

- Brainstorm ideas for City revitalization
- Provide direction to the consultant team.

- Support and guide engagement activities.
- Review, discuss, and evaluate proposed DRI projects
- Recommend a slate of projects to receive DRI funding.

The members of the Downtown Canandaigua LPC include:

- Bob Palumbo, Mayor of Canandaigua (LPC Co-Chair)
- Tracey Dello Stritto, Ontario County Chamber of Commerce (LPC Co-Chair)
- Kari Buch, United Way of Greater Rochester and the Finger Lakes
- Tracey Burkey, Finger Lakes Visitors Connection
- Denise Chaapel, Canandaigua Business Improvement District
- Ryan Davis, Ontario County Economic Development
- Gordon Estey, Fort Hill Performing Arts Center
- Lenore Friend, Finger Lakes Community College
- Jenny Goodemote, Wood Library
- John Goodwin, City of Canandaigua
- Andy Griffith, Griffith Realty Group
- Chris Keys, Canandaigua National Bank
- Jim McGinn, The Lake House on Canandaigua
- Torsten Rhode, Resident
- Jen Yerden, Sights and Shades

Small Business Person of the Year:

Donna Miller and Tracey Dello Stritto presented this award to our own **Sam Viggiani**, owner and operator of **Uber Lawns and Landscaping**. He was a bit surprised, as he thought his grandmother was receiving Volunteer of the Year! It is an honor well-deserved!



Rookie Rotarian of the Year:

Doug Merrill was rendered speechless – quite an accomplishment! Since he joined our organization in February of 2022, he has been a fixture at nearly every service project, fund raiser, and social event, and is truly an apt role model for Service Above Self.



Rotarian of the Year:

Kathi Nevin was also taken by surprise as Kim presented her with Rotarian of the Year, thanking her for her many years as Club Secretary, Sgt at Arms, volunteer extraordinaire, and a severe inability to say NO! Husband Phil was here to help her celebrate.



Heads or Tails: DGE Jim Crane beat out the competition for \$100 to PolioPlus!

50/50 Joker Draw: Rick Lessard took home \$24 and Al Walker drew the Ace of Hearts.

Upcoming Rotary Events: International Convention – June 21-25, 2025, Calgary; Arts in the Gardens @ Sonnenberg – June 29th, District Changeover, June 29, Camp Onseyawa Golf Tournament June 14.

Ho(ME)work: Ask yourself – Am I the person I want to be right now? Who is that person? What would need to change?



Let's make our community
and ourselves
"Better than Before"