



The Peal

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Official Newsletter of the Canandaigua Rotary Service Foundation

Today's Program: Brett Peters – Climate Solutions

Next Week: Catlin Brado & Julie DeMerdman - Alzheimer's Association

Meeting Notes from: October 16, 2025

Pledge: President-Elect, Paul Harvey

Inspiration: Kathi Nevin (Conflict Resolution Day)

Song: Clark Kurtz – God Bless America

This Week's Riddle – What month has 28 Days?

Answer – All of them.

Visiting Rotarians: None were present

Guests: **Brian Minster**, who is being sponsored by **Janet Tenrerio**, was in attendance and is looking forward to being inducted when Janet returns from vacation in a few weeks. **Jay Dutcher's** guest was **Domenic Argentieri**, Director of Development with the Seneca Waterways Council (Scouting). Domenic is a perspective member. He believes Rotary's vision aligns with those things he feels are important – community, family, faith and paying it forward. **Ben Green's** guest was his cousin, **Andrea Shaffer**, who is also a perspective member. Andrea is a 2025 Athena Young Professional Leadership Award Honoree.

Exchange Student, Maria Polese (from Brazil):

Maria had half a day of school last Friday but was at the school all day anyway as she had play rehearsal. She had rehearsal on Saturday as well. She attended a birthday party for her host family's cousin and also fit in a trip to Watkins Glen.

Jackpot Raffle: **Rick Hawks** reported 28 more sold tickets were turned in bringing our total to 521 tickets sold. 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. The jackpot

drawing will be held during the Monte Carlo evening at 9:00pm and we want all tickets sold prior to then.

Announcements: **Kathi Nevin** talked about a gala being held in honor of Paul Minor, a NW Rochester Club Rotarian who passed away August 3rd. Paul did belong to our club years ago. Information is available on the District website under 'Events'. Kathi also shared information on New Member Orientation available via Zoom. **Steve Uebbing** spoke on this year's RPO Holiday Concert. Everyone should have received tickets to sell from Rick Lessard. If you haven't gotten yours yet, speak with Rick. If anyone wants to place an ad in the concert booklet or knows of anyone else who may want to, please let Marty Potter know as soon as possible as the ad deadline is upon us. **Paul Harvey** spoke about the Monte Carlo Night fundraiser for Family Promise. Paul said they currently have 120 tickets allocated and expect approximately 175 people to attend. You can get tickets directly from Paul if you want to attend. **Paul** also said they have had a few donations already for the venison donation our club implemented this fall. **Mary Green** reminded members about the upcoming Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) training taking place on Saturday, October 25 in Victor. Our Board agreed to pay for up to five members to attend the training for free. Sign up is on our District web site (district7120.org). She had a reminder as well for the District's upcoming Foundation Brunch on Sunday, November 2nd. **Mary** also shared information on the Naples Rotary Club's World Polio Day event being held on Thursday evening, October 23rd at Brew and Brats. Everyone is welcome to attend. No preregistration is required.

Gloria Dancause is looking for about 10 members to help fill goodie bags with candy after our weekly meeting on the 23rd. Our club will have a presence at 'Fall Into Canandaigua Festival' in downtown Canandaigua on Saturday, October 25th. Gloria has secured 70 pumpkins from Pick and Patch for the event. Thanks Gloria! **Doug Merrill** will be sending out an email this week concerning the purchase of LifeVac kits. If you are interested in purchasing one, watch for instructions in Doug's email. Doug was also filling in for **Jeff Anthony**, collecting any outstanding Camp Onseyawa raffle tickets.

Happy Dollars / Fines: We didn't officially do happy dollars, but Gloria Dancause had a happy dollar for a birthday party held for her at the Elks Club. She had a fabulous time!

Program Dudley & Katherine (Kat) Purbeck – Rainbow Bridge Aquamation

Bob Palumbo introduced Dudley and Kat. (Bob used their services when his cat passed away.) Rainbow Bridge Aquamation is a new business in Canandaigua. From their slide presentation, 'Our Mission - At Rainbow Bridge Aquamation, LLC, our mission is to offer compassionate and high-quality aftercare for your beloved pets through groundbreaking technology known as aquamation. We understand that losing a pet is a deeply emotional experience, and we are dedicated to providing a gentle, respectful, and environmentally friendly alternative to traditional cremation.' Their journey into pet aftercare was deeply personal, inspired by their own experience with the loss of their cherished dog, Deliah Jane in 2015. An explanation of aquamation from their web site – 'Aquamation, also known as alkaline hydrolysis, is a revolutionary process that uses warm water and a gentle chemical solution to break down the body of your cherished pet. Unlike traditional cremation, which relies on intense heat and fire, aquamation is a serene and respectful process. This method reduces the body to its natural components—primarily bones—while minimizing environmental impact.' In their words, why choose aquamation, 'Our aquamation process is designed with sustainability in mind. It uses 90% less energy than traditional cremation and produces only one tenth of the carbon footprint, with no harmful emissions. This cleaner and more eco-friendly approach reflects our commitment to both the environment and to honoring your pet with dignity.' Pricing for their services is based on the weight of the pet and run anywhere from \$199 to \$325. They will come directly to your home or your veterinary office to pick up your pet. Although they do have scheduled hours, they

realize emergencies happen, so they are available 24/7 for those unexpected passings. Dudley and Kat are committed to treating each pet with the utmost care and respect throughout the entire process. Learn more on their website: <https://www.rbaquamation.com/>

Joker Draw: **Clark Kurtz** had the first ticket and opted for \$18 in cash. With 28 cards remaining in the deck, **Gloria Dancause** drew the 7 of diamonds.

Upcoming Rotary Events:

10/18 – Walk to End Alzheimer's @ FLCC
10/24 – World Polio Day
10/24 – Camp Onseyawa Dinner @ Club 86, Geneva
10/25 – 'Fall Into Canandaigua Festival' Downtown
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>



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Tuesday, October 21st 7:30 pm EST
Wednesday, January 21st 7:30 pm EST
Thursday, April 23rd 7:30 pm EST

Open to all Rotary and Rotaract members — whether you've joined in the past year or just want a refresher!
Join us for a dynamic session on Rotary's story, values, and impact. Discover the many opportunities to get involved.

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Rotary
Zones 28 & 32

CONNECT, LEARN AND BE INSPIRED!
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Our members took up a collection for Larry and Becky Gamba as it was the final day they would be providing meals for our weekly meetings. We will surely miss them. Many thanks to them for all they did for us these past few years.



**WORLD POLIO DAY
IS 24 OCTOBER**