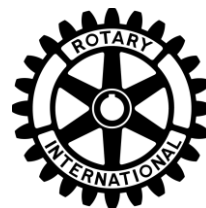




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Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: President Kim Tenreiro's Year Ends

Next Week: President-Elect Kent Gilges Takes Over

Meeting Notes from June 12th Meeting

Pledge: Past President Nancy Stelnik

Prayer/Inspiration: Kathi Nevin

Four Way Test read aloud by attendees.

Visiting Rotarians: Tom & Mary Lou Mees

Guests: Todd Bernhardt of Family Promise – Guest of Ellen Polimeni

Reading of Deceased Past Presidents: done by Marty Muehe

Announcements:

Camp Onseyawa Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 14th at Silver Creek Golf Course in Waterloo. Good luck to all of the Rotarians who will be teeing off!

Sonnenberg Arts in the Garden – Paul Harvey announced that our day to work the event is Sunday, June 29th. We cook hots & hamburgs and sell soda & water. Paul needs workers for the last shift from 2:30 – 4:00 to help with teardown & cleanup.

Kent Gilges reported that the new Canandaigua Rotary directories for 2025-26 are ready and on the table near the entrance.

Ellen Polimeni talked about our area homeless population and she then introduced Todd Bernhardt, the Executive Director of Family Promise of Ontario County. Todd started out thanking our club for our previous donation so that they could purchase a washer and dryer for their clients to use. Todd started out with the organization seven years ago as a volunteer. He was involved with the “rotation model” where families were moved from one shelter to another every week – most shelters were churches in the county.

During the past 5 years the local homeless population has increased by 300%. They refer to their program as a “Hands UP” program. Clients come in to their program and there is a needs assessment done. Next they develop a plan for stability and financial independence. They work with other community groups that can help the families involved. Todd reports that their new facility was purchased by the Molly & Ed Shill Cares Foundation. They are working in conjunction with Family Promise to changing the narrative of homeless families by developing a long-term plan forward for families in need within our communities. Todd reports that construction is coming along well: a new roof has been completed; there is new HVAC, Electrical & Mechanical completed; and the framework for the layout that they desire is ready. The dirt cellar floor has been replaced by cement – so that they’ll be able to use it for storage. Todd (along with Ellen) will be running a group tour thru the facility on Thursday, 6/19 at 11 a.m. Let Ellen know if you’d like to join the tour. They hope to open the facility by the end of 2025. They will be needing volunteers to help run the facility and to guide the homeless families that will be living there. They have a Wish List on their website of items that they need: familypromiseontariocounty.org

Paul Harris +5 pin was presented to **Joe Delforte** for his contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

Fines & Happy Dollars – Today’s collection of fines will be donated to Family Promise of Ontario County to help towards finishing the construction and remodeling of their new shelter for area homeless families. Our goal is \$5000. **Mark Sheppard** and **Rick Hawks** were in charge of doing the persuading of donations. **Scott Kesel** and **Bob Palumbo** circulated thru the room collecting the donations; and **Chris Hubler** and **Gehrig Lohrmann** were the financial analysts.

The past presidents in attendance quickly raised their hands and all donated to the cause. The past presidents in attendance included:

Bob Palumbo, Tom Mees, Rick Hawks, Ben Gullo, Mark Sheppard, Scott Kesel, Steve Uebbing, Janet Tenreiro, Tom Rogers, Donna Miller, Jeff Anthony, Greg Gullo, Joe Delforte, Ellen Polimeni, Marty Muehe, Lynn Holcomb, Marty Potter, and Nancy Stelnik.

Other members in the audience started raising their hands and handing over checks and money. It went so fast that I couldn’t get everyone’s name!! There were a few comments that I remember – **Lynn Holcomb** reported that the kids are growing, doing well in school and playing multiple sports; and that Bob and she went on a cruise courtesy of General Motors. **Clark Kurtz** forgot his checkbook – but says he’s good for his donation amount. **Jeff Anthony** reported that he lost his virginity in the cobblestone building that Family Promise is renovating. **Jay Dutcher** donated a gift certificate for 2 bottles of wine and lunch for two at the Garden Café at Sonnenberg Gardens – **Paul Harvey** paid \$65 for that. Next **Mark Sheppard** auctioned off bottles of wine that Jay had donated. A total of \$220 was made for Family Promise when the following bid on the wine: **Ben Green, Cat Barnum, Jeff Anthony, Ken Poole, Michael Bay-Borelli, Joe Delforte, and Janet Tenreiro.** **Michael** also pledged to provide funds to start a library of children’s books available at the new shelter.

When the financial analysts finished their tally we had raised \$5496 for Family Promise. **President Kim Tenreiro** then stood up and said that he was pledging \$504 from our board to make the donation to Family Promise a grand total of \$6000.

50/50 & Joker draw: **Gloria Dancause** won \$19 and donated it to Family Promise, **Janet Tenreiro** drew the ace of diamonds.

Ben Green closed saying that everyone is invited to his “surprise” 30th birthday party on June 7, 2026! Save the date!!!

Ho(ME) Work: Listen to the past Presidents’ remarks for inspiration and ideas you admire. Try to copy them into your daily life.