



The Peal

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Official Newsletter of the Canandaigua Rotary Service Foundation

Today's Program: David Hutchings, Off-Site Visit @ Sonnenberg Gardens

Next Week: Ken Poole - Genealogy

Meeting Notes from: October 1, 2026

Pledge: President, Dr. Paul Harvey

Prayer/Inspiration: George Herren

Song: Clark Kurtz: My Country Tis of Thee

Visiting Rotarians: PDG, Terri Hall from the Anchorage, Alaska Club was in town addressing wildlife concerns at her home in Bristol. Terri paid some 'unhappy' dollars to share her tale of having to hire an animal exterminator to rid her attic of squirrels, chipmunks, possums and any other four-legged creature who decided to call her attic home. She will need to have all the insulation removed from her attic, have the space cleaned and then reinsulated. Unfortunately, when the contractor was in her attic, he stepped in the wrong spot and put his foot through her ceiling. Now the ceiling needs to be repaired as well. Terri also talked about a fundraiser her club in Alaska does where they drop moose droppings (which have been shellacked) from a helicopter. Each pellet is numbered and the closet to the target wins. It is their biggest fundraiser. Winner gets \$5000!

Guests: Jody Wiblur's & Janet Tenreiro's guest was **Father Ryan Prall**, from St. John's Episcopal Church.

Announcements: Adeline Rudolph shared this during Happy Dollars, but it is a good public service announcement – Mail in ballots are being sent out now so if you requested one, you should receive it shortly. Once you have it and have filled it out, she highly recommends you return it as soon as possible to avoid any problems. If you delay in returning it, she recommends you ensure it gets post marked before the

deadline or drop it off directly at the Board of Elections. If you would like to apply for a mail-in ballot, the deadline to do so is October 24th. Here is a link to Ontario County Board of Elections where you can find additional information on this year's elections: <https://www.ontariocountyny.gov/107/Board-of-Elections>.

Happy Dollars: Kim Tenreiro had \$10 happy dollars to acknowledge and thank everyone who helped sanding all the flag poles this past week. The final process will be to polyurethane all the poles so if you can help, let Kim know. **Jack Moran** was happy to have the lawn at his new residence in The Cottages established and to announce it was his last Rotary meeting with us until next May as he is leaving for Florida for the winter. **Peter Wolak** announced he purchased 13 tickets to our RPO Holiday Concert to give to his employees. He couldn't say enough about the outstanding work ethic his employees have, most of whom are Ukrainians. He thanked Kent Gilges for helping to bring these folks to America. **George Herren** was happy about the hundreds of folks who wished him a happy 92nd birthday in one way or another. His son Kevin arranged for him to get a behind the scenes look at the new Buffalo Bills Stadium and afterwards they went to Hofbrauhaus Buffalo where everyone in the place ended up singing happy birthday to him. **Jack Kellogg** had an enjoyable lunch last week with honorary member, Mark Vahey, who is doing very well. Jack and Ginny also spent time in Maine, enjoying fresh lobster and attending hockey and soccer games with grandchildren. **Kathi Nevin** (and Janet Tenreiro) had happy dollars for the successful Walk to

End Alzheimer's. Our club's total donation was \$600. Kathleen Draper, Kathi Nevin, Marty Potter and Janet Tenreiro all participated on Team Canandaigua Rotary.



Program: President Paul Harvey – Club Assembly

- **Adopt-a-Highway** – President Paul said we only did one clean-up this year but certainly want to get back on track to do both a spring and fall clean-up in 2027.
- **For Arbor Day** next spring we will once again be bagging about 900 pine tree saplings for primary students in the Canandaigua School District. The event will take place at Greg Gullo's home.
- **Flag Project** - Kim shared the flag project started 5 years ago with 69 subscriptions. Today we have 419 subscriptions and his goal for 2027 will be 500!
- **Literacy Committee** is being chaired by Jody Wilbur this year and she has several projects she would like to see our club do. The first project is to place 3 bookcases at Canandaigua Fire Station 1 on Main Street. When school children visit the firehouse during fire prevention week, they will be able to select a book to take home with them. Jody and her committee are also planning a couple more literacy projects for primary school children. Jody's big dream would be for our club to have a Summer Book Bus.
- **Halloween Downtown Canandaigua** – is being chaired by Gloria Dancause. If you can help, please contact her.
- **Holiday Cheer** – Preston Pierce will be passing the hat on two occasions at our weekly meetings to collect money to purchase \$25 gift cards which are then given to the school to distribute to families in need. This will happen a week before Thanksgiving and a week before Christmas.
- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** – Curt Bailey will be working with the Salvation Army to set this up. Our

two days this year will be on Saturday, November 28 and Saturday, December 19th.

- **Rotary Bowl-a-Thon** – The tentative date for this scholarship fundraiser is March 21, 2027.
- **RPO Holiday Concert** – Steve Uebbing shared the postcards with ticket information should be available at our October 8th meeting. We are asking members to try and sell 6 tickets each, just as we have done in past years. All tickets this year will be electronic, except for the tickets for corporate sponsors and business package holders. Those tickets will still be printed and delivered to the appropriate entities.
- **Monte Carlo Night** – Save the date, it will be April 3rd, 2027.
- **Venison Donation Project** – If you are a hunter and want to donate your venison to help feed those in need, our club has set up a venison donation program. Paul Harvey or Kent Gilges can provide additional information if you need it.
- Our club has additional projects we do annually and those were briefly discussed as the committee chairs we not present to provide in-depth reports.

Joker Draw:

Janet Tenreiro took home \$11 and visiting Rotarian **Terri Hall** drew the Ace of Clubs.

Upcoming Rotary Events:

October 9th – Deadline for ads being placed in our 2026 RPO Holiday Concert ad booklet. We also have one-line listings in the program booklet – Patron listing for \$10 and Friend listing for \$20. Please get your forms and payments to Marty Potter by the deadline.

October 17th – Rotary Leadership (Learning) Institute at Victor High School from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. Registration is now open on the District 7120 website (<https://rotary7120.org/event/rotary-leadership-institute-1/>). Our club will pay for you to attend. See Janet Tenreiro if you have any questions.

October 24th – Halloween in Downtown Canandaigua. Gloria Dancause is coordinating Rotary's participation at the event. Rotary will have a presence from 11-3 and she could use some volunteers to help handing out candy and pumpkins. See Gloria if you can help.

November 18th – Pie Baking for Gleaners Kitchen. If you would like to help bake 24 pies for Gleaner's Kitchen Thanksgiving meal, please let Jody Wilbur know. Pie baking will commence at 8:30 am at the American Legion.