



The Peal

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Jay Sherman, Owner of Kaizan Ridge Farm – Goat Yoga!

Next Week: Deb Martin – The New Landscape of Volunteering

Meeting Notes from: July 9, 2026

Pledge: President Paul Harvey

Invocation: Dave Hutchings

Song: Sean Buck – Rotary Anthem

Guests: No guests

Visiting Rotarians: No visiting Rotarians.

Announcements:

Mary Green noted that both **Red Jacket Rotary** and **Clifton Springs Rotary** get a good chunk of their income by hosting food booths at the **Steam Pageant**, and both clubs are down significantly and could use help August 7, 8, and 9. See **Mary** for more information.

Welcome back to **Jill Peek – Finger Lakes Credit Union** and her husband Chad.

Adopt-A-Highway will be held **July 25** at 9 a.m. at Roseland Family Fun Center. Children and youth are welcome to accompany you! **(New date!)** **Rain date August 1.**

Kim Tenreiro reminded us that First Friday this month is really **Second Friday** due to the holiday, and will be held at Coho on July 10, starting at 4:30 p.m.

Happy Dollars/Fines/Confessions:

Dave Korpiel went to Washington DC for the 250th Anniversary Parade to watch his daughter and her 20

soldiers and 12 horses march. Unfortunately, the parade was cancelled, but contrary to media coverage saying no one was attending the All American State Fair, he was surrounded by 150,000 people! He also confessed to being in his 9th day of retirement after 30 years at the Civic Center. **George Herren** commended Dave for his service to the community! **Kyle Sheppard** announced that he was recently recruited as a black powder competitor and is looking forward to his first competition.

Ken Poole thanked everyone who helped at the parade, with a special thanks to Jane Aikey for the use of her float – which has been offered indefinitely.

Ben Green's parents house is for sale in Rushville – talk to Dave or Ben for more details.

Dave Hutchings is happy to be rabies free, after discovering a rabid raccoon at Sonnenberg. Rotary beat Kiwanis at the food tent - \$2,178 to \$1,440. Also collected over \$2,500 at the car show.

Kim Tenreiro got his first paying acting gig this week after 17 years of performing for free!

President Paul wasn't at the parade as he and wife Barb spent weekend at their PA family camp.

Board Meeting Update: **Cat Barnum** is taking over the club treasurer role from **Al Walker**. Al is stepping down after 15 years. Big thanks to both of them!

The global grant for **SOYODI** (Soroti Youth Development Initiative) GG 2682232 is approved and ready for additional funding. If you wish to make a commitment, make checks out to The Rotary

Foundation and note the GG number referenced above.

Rick Hawks has this year's jackpot raffle tickets ready, and distributed as many as he could. The first early bird drawing will be July 23, and the final drawing will be September 17 at our regular meeting. Use your tickets to talk about the projects that the funds will go to – like Family Promise, Gleaner's Kitchen, our global grant in Uganda for expectant mothers. **SELL, SELL, SELL!**

President Paul's budget was passed. Mark Sheppard made the motion and Judi Gorenflo seconded.

Program Notes: Casey Kunes – Ontario County Fair – Past, Present, and Future

The first fair was held in 1819 with such proponents as Oliver Phelps, William Gorham, Gideon Granger, and James Bemis. Then in 1839, the Agricultural Society held one – with a toast stating: “More draining of lands, less draining of bottles”. The fair moved around until the 1850's, when land was purchased right in town. The last fair at the Granger property was held in 1930, and in 1937 was held out at the Bristol 4-H camp, but that location was felt to be too remote. Finally, 50 acres were purchased at its current location, and will probably continue there.

4-H and the Cooperative Extension collaboration help kids become great citizens. Lots of partnerships help keep it active. The fair has a 30 member board with no term limits. They maintain 2 profitable leases – the race/dirt track lease, and German Brothers uses the buildings over the winter for boat storage. The Civic Center refers entities to the fairgrounds when the Civic Center is in use. There are 30 buildings to maintain, and the fair board has been able to access infrastructure grants available for the last 6 years, including a Genesee Valley Regional Market grant which helped with paving, and a Rotary grant that will help with their horse program (thanks to Melanie Soberon). Mercy Flight provides emergency coverage 24/7 during the fair, and has provided AED'S and CPR training.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed – for grandstand tickets, parking, handyman tasks – lots of opportunities! Talk to **Casey or Dave Korpiel** if interested.

Right after the fair is over, one block building will be coming down and will be replaced. Attendance over the event is about 15,000. **Ellen Polimeni** wanted to know if they still have the Milking Contest. No, but they will reconsider.

Upcoming Events:

District Golf Tournament – September 11, 2026 at Reservoir Creek in Naples.

RPO concert – Thursday, December 3, 2026

Joker Draw and 50/50:



Marty Muehe took \$29.00 home, and Al Walker removed the Jack of Clubs from the deck.

