



The Peal

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



Meeting Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. American Legion Post #256 454 North Main Street	www.canandaiguarotary.org Club # 4765, District 7120 Organized Apr. 24, 1919	Publication Date: April 3, 2026
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Today's Program: Ellen Polimeni - Neighbor to Neighbor

Next Week: Gina Deck - Veteran Serenity Garden

Meeting Notes from: March 26, 2026

Pledge: President Gilges

Prayer/Inspiration: Bev Cartwright

Song: Janet Tenreiro - America the Beautiful

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: None

Announcements: **Curt Bailey** The Bowl-A-Thon was a success, **Curt** thanked everyone who participated and volunteered to help out. **Judi Gorenflo** won the 50/50 and promptly donated it back to the Rotary Club. **Paul Harvey** is still looking for individuals to do the Polar Plunge with him Apr. 12th at Conesus Lake. **Greg Gullo** told us of the upcoming tree bagging on April 16th at 5:30, more information will be upcoming.

Exchange Student, Maria Polese (from Brazil):

Maria updated the club on her recent musical performances. She admitted to some nerves during the initial teaser, but shared that she felt confident and energized during the actual shows. She also recounted a dramatic moment when one of the performers dislocated a knee during the third performance—a literal take on the phrase "break a leg!"

Program: **David Hutchings** – Executive Director of [Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park](#). **David** provided an update on the 54-acre estate of Mary Clark Thompson, noting that the park recently expanded with the purchase of the Army Reserve property. He also shared exciting restoration news:

thanks to a significant donation from Cooperstown, the [Temple of Diana](#) will be rebuilt. Fundraising is currently underway for the Roman baths, and **David** encouraged members to consider volunteering, highlighting how the social engagement at the gardens can help reduce depression and improve personal well-being.

Help Support Light Hill

Kathi Nevin shared info on the walk for Light Hill being held on April 25th at FLCC, 8am to Noon. The team now has some yellow TuTus to wear. **Rotary Radiance**, or you can help sponsor our team. Our team has set a goal of raising \$1000 for Light Hill. For more information, see Kathi Nevin or click the link below to go to Light Hill's website where you can register to be a participant or to donate to our team.
https://lighthillhome.org/?page_id=357

Joker Draw/Pit Pass:

Pit Pass: None

Joker Draw: Phil Esce won \$16 and **Tom Rogers** drew the 2 of spades

Upcoming Rotary Events:

4/11 – District Learning Assembly 8:30 – 12:30
Waterloo High School, Waterloo

[Register](#)

5/1 to 5/3 – Rotary District 7120 Conference
Holiday Valley