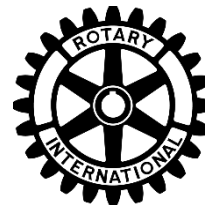


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Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Gina Deck – Veteran Serenity Garden

Next Week: Matt Parsons - Parsons Organ Company & Building Organs

Meeting Notes from: April 2, 2026

Pledge: Kent Gilges

Invocation: Kathleen Draper

Song: Sean Buck – You're a Grand Old Flag

Guests: Ben Thompson, Guest of **Dominic Argentieri**

Announcements: **Kathi Nevin** reported the Light Hill Walk-a-Thon team is close to making their \$2500 dollar goal and showed the club the yellow tutu and blue shirt uniform for the team. **Kathleen Draper** said she was planning a visit with honorary member **Jodi Kaufman**. Please send her regards from all the club. **Kim Tenreiro** reported the First Friday social for April 3 was switched to Twisted Rail Brewing. Also, the May social will be SECOND Friday since May 1 conflicts with the district conference. The May 8 at Rio Tomatlan (Cinco de Mayo a few days late). The Polio plus monthly collection brought in \$127.00

Happy Dollars / Fines: **Judi Gorenflo** returned from 3 weeks in the Caribbean visiting St. Martin for a week and cruising the other two. **Ed O'Connor** returned from his 'trip' to Ontario County Jury Duty. **Preston Pierce** and **Janet Tenreiro** both made contributions in honor of **Jay Dutcher** receiving the Scouting America Silver Beaver award. **Ken Poole** was featured in an article in the Finger Lakes Times. **David Hutchings** was thankful for inclusion of some Sonnenberg slides in this week's slide show. **Donna Miller** is glad to be back from Florida and having purchase offers for her former print shop building.

Program: Name: *Neighbor-to-Neighbor*

After several re-schedulings, **Ellen Polimeni**, standing in for Meg Reed, spoke to the club about the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program.

The Neighbor-to-Neighbor Fund was first established in the 1970s by George M. Ewing, then editor and publisher of the Daily Messenger. It was conceived as a small fund that provided one-time emergency assistance on behalf of individuals facing financial difficulties. The funds were sent directly to a vendor to pay for such needs as medications and utilities. After the Ewing family sold the newspaper in 2006, Neighbor to Neighbor eventually was dissolved.

Now, a group of Canandaigua-area citizens have revived the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Fund to address the unprecedented financial hardship so many in the community face as a result of the closing of workplaces due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. We recognize that financial hardship is nothing new for many in our community, though. The Neighbor-to-Neighbor Fund has outlived the pandemic, providing emergency funds to those who continue to struggle to afford the basic necessities of housing, food, healthcare, childcare and transportation.

MISSION – We strengthen our community by empowering donors to assist our neighbors in need.

VISION – Our community is at its best when the least among us is lifted by the rest.

GOALS –

- To bolster the funding capacity of the front line, community-based human service agencies that have expertise serving low-income and vulnerable residents with emergency needs.

- To support collaborative initiatives to alleviate the effects of financial stress on low-income people.
- To be a flexible, nimble source of emergency funding for our residents in need.

The Neighbor-to-Neighbor Fund of the Finger Lakes Area Community Endowment (FLACE) at Canandaigua National Bank offers one-time emergency financial assistance to individuals & families in Ontario County through local health & social service agencies. We do not provide funds directly to individuals, but *only* through an established agency working in Ontario County.

The Fund is supported solely with donations from members of our community, and there is a limited amount of funding available.

Joker Draw: Ed O'Connor took home \$14 in the 50/50 and Janet Tenreiro pulled the 3 of Spades from the joker draw

Upcoming Rotary Events:

District Learning Assembly - April 11, 2026, 8:30am – 12:30pm.

The District Learning Assembly is designed to educate Rotary members who have been selected by the president elect to take on important club leadership responsibilities in the coming year. In addition, the assembly also welcomes participation from all other members—whether they are new to Rotary or have longstanding experience—who wish to enhance their understanding of Rotary's mission, programs, and best practices.

Members gain valuable knowledge and information that will enhance their effectiveness in serving their clubs and communities. The program is structured to foster growth, increase engagement, and strengthen commitment to creating positive change through Rotary service.

A great networking and fellowship opportunity! It is free to attend. Sign up at:
rotary7120.org/event/district-learning-assembly-1/

District Conference – May 1-3, 2026

Holiday Valley Mountain and Conference Center, Ellicottville, NY.

Join Rotarians from across District 7120 as we **Unite for Good** during a powerful weekend filled with fellowship, leadership, and inspiration. Set in the beautiful Holiday Valley, this event is an exceptional

opportunity to come together, strengthen our community, and engage new ideas.

Sign up at:

rotary7120.myeventscenter.com/event/2026-District-7120-Conference-122301