



The Peal

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Joanna Meyer & Robin Mark – Camp Onseyawa

Next Week: Janet Tenreiro – Rotary Foundation

Meeting Notes from: August 21, 2025

Pledge: President Kent Gilges

Invocation: Mark Sheppard

Song: Mark Sheppard – Smile -Sing A Song

Guests: Maria Bucci (host for our new exchange student), Jamie Farr, Jody Wilbur, Melanie Soberon, and our new exchange student from Brazil, Maria Polese

Announcements: Early bird jackpot raffles were drawn today. The next early bird will be September 4. **President Kent** recognized and thanked **Jeff Anthony** and **Mike Wilcox** for their participation at the Camp Onseyawa Carnival. **President Kent** also acknowledged the efforts of **Doug Merrill** and **Mark Sheppard** for their stellar involvement with the CDGA Lake Watershed Association (CLWA), and for the nice article in the local newspaper about their recent event. **Paul Harvey** has sponsorship forms for the upcoming Monte Carlo night, and informational postcards will be available soon. **Dave Hutchings** announced a work party at the VA Hospital to occur today, 8/21, at 2pm to clean up the sensory garden. Also, at 2pm today, it was announced that a memorial service for Past Rotary President **Jeff Young** would be held at St. John's Episcopal church. **Doug Merrill** was thankful for the efforts of the Messenger & Post newspaper in reporting on the CLWA event. **Rick Hawks** announced that after one week of raffles 215 of the 600 tickets have been sold and turned in which is a great start. As usual, **Jack Moran** led the sellers with 70 and **President Kent** brought in another 30. **Dave Hutchings** reminded us about the Thursday

night strolls at Sonnenberg from 7pm-9pm. See below for the full schedule.



Happy Dollars: **Dave Hutchings** went on a trip to visit his newly arrived granddaughter. **Gloria Dancause** had a near miss on being selected for a casting assignment. **Paul Harvey** had a visit from his sister from Atlanta and celebrated a baby shower for a niece. **Mike Wilcox**, reported the recent passing of his 97-year-old father and was happy for his life. **Jack Kellogg** spent 7 days in Maine visiting his niece. He was also happy to have attended one of the Thursday Night Strolls at Sonnenberg where great music was being played. **Ken Poole** paid ahead for the impending visit of three grandchildren next week. **Ben Green** was happy his cousin got engaged and that he might be a participant in the wedding. **Dave Korpiel** got involved in a miscommunication involving the care and feeding of **President Kent's** pigs (let's just leave it at that). **Mike Wilcox** related helping a fellow bus driver out by tending their young chickens during the owner's absence. He impishly

pranked them by placing store bought eggs in the nests to surprise them upon their return.

Program: Doug Merrill:



A short introduction about George Ewing, his travels, and his desire to bring the perspectives from around the world to Canandaigua was presented. As the founder of 'The Ewing Forum' George was keen on education and fostering conversation about a great many topics.

Since the Fall of 2011, the George M. Ewing Canandaigua Forum has hosted a series of events that honoring the legacy of a man whose career in newspapers was committed to educated discourse and promotion of the arts.

Featuring a host of speakers with rare combinations of expertise, talent, accomplishments and potential, the Ewing Forum is your ticket to an afternoon of thought-provoking dialogue.

This was evident in the Forum's mission statement:

The mission of the George M. Ewing Canandaigua Forum, Inc is to engage people in thoughtful, stimulating and informed discourse on intellectual and cultural topics of regional, national and world interest. The Forum provides presentations by both emerging voices and leading figures in their fields to inspire dialogue within the community.

A short presentation about the upcoming line-up was given and summarized here.

From Law to Lyrics – Danielle Ponder – 9/21/25

Danielle Ponder is a singer-songwriter, speaker, and former public defender whose powerful voice and passionate storytelling have captivated audiences worldwide. Her music blends soul, R&B, and powerful lyrical narratives, earning her acclaim from major media outlets and festival stages alike. Danielle's journey from the courtroom to the concert hall is a living example of bold reinvention, self-

belief, and the transformative magic of following one's true calling.

The Fight for Fresh Water – Dan Egan – 11/9/25

In this urgent and timely address, he will explore the escalating threats facing two of the most vital freshwater systems in North America — the Finger Lakes and the Great Lakes — and offer insights into the policies, community efforts, and innovations needed to safeguard these critical resources for future generations.

Strength Under Fire – Amy McGrath – 3/15/26

Drawing on two decades of military experience, McGrath will share powerful lessons about leadership, resilience, and the evolving role of women in the armed forces. Her story — from the cockpit to the national stage — highlights what it means to break barriers and lead under pressure.

Profit vs People – Wendell Potter – 4/19/26

This thought-provoking talk will explore the complex relationship between profit-driven healthcare systems and the ethical implications on patient care, highlighting how corporate interests often conflict with the essential need for affordable, accessible healthcare.

Tickets to one or more can be purchased online by visiting:

<https://www.forthillpac.com/>

50/50 and Joker Draw: Jodi Kaufman drew the Queen of Diamonds, and Steve Uebbing walked away with \$17.00 cash.



Upcoming Events:

First Friday – September 5, Hotel Canandaigua

One Rotary Summit – September 6, 8:30 – 12:30 Victor

District Golf Tournament – September 12, Reservoir Creek Golf Course

Monte Carlo Night – November 1, Hotel Canandaigua