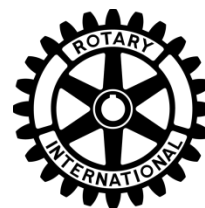




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Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Don Cotter – Canandaigua Farmer's Market

Next Week: David Hutchings – AT Sonnenberg Gardens

Notes from September 17th meeting:

Pledge: President Paul Harvey

Prayer: Melanie Soberon

Song Leader: Kim Tenreiro “Wall Street Blues”

Visiting Rotarians: Patti Holdraker, Assistant Governor for District 7120. Patti is a member of the Gananda Rotary Club and announced their club fundraiser – Annual Haunted Hayride being held on 10/16, 17, 23, 24 & 30th from 7 – 10 p.m. at 1485 Penfield-Walworth Road (Rt.441) Walworth. She also reported that there is an area get-together for Area 4 where our District Governor **Lisa Norwood** will facilitate conversation around what's working in our clubs, the opportunities & challenges we all share, & how we can create greater impact together.. It will be held on October 8th at Bristol Valley Theatre from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Area Rotarians are encouraged to attend and get to know members of other clubs in our area. Please register on the district website so that the host Naples Rotary Club knows how many people to prepare for.

Pit Pass: None available for purchase

Alzheimer's Walk – Sept. 26th at 9 a.m. at Finger Lakes Community College. See **Janet Tenreiro** if you wish to join the Rotary Team. We'll be passing a jug around at the meeting next week for donations for the team of walkers. Be sure to bring your checkbook or wallet!

Announcements:

Doug Merrill reported on some additional information from last week's program. The painting of the road stripes on Rt. 5 & 20 West is scheduled for the summer of 2027. Also DOT will be installing cameras in our area for the period 9/17 – 9/27 to do traffic counts on specific local roads.

RLI – Rotary Leadership Institute will be held on Saturday, October 17th at Victor Junior High School from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Registration is now open on the District 7120 website. There are four levels of learning. See **Janet Tenreiro** for any questions. Our club will pay for members to attend RLI.

RPO Concert Program Booklet – the deadline for advertising in the program is fast approaching. All ads and monies are due in by October 9th. Let us know if you want to use the same ad as 2025 – or we can design a new ad for you. We also have one line listings in the program booklet – Patron listing for \$10 and Friend listing for \$20. Get your forms and payments turned in to **Marty Potter** before the deadline.

Halloween in Downtown Canandaigua – Gloria Dancause is in charge of Rotary's participation at the event on October 24th on Main Street from 11 – 3 and she could use volunteers to help her with handing out candy and pumpkin decorating. See Gloria for more details.

Literacy Project – help is needed on September 21st to build bookcases. The bookcases will be distributed to the 3 area firehouses with books provided by our club. If you can help, bring your tools and show up at **Kyle Sheppard's** business at 2111 Route 245 in Stanley at 4 p.m.

Happy \$\$\$: **Gloria Dancause** was happy to report that she's made it thru the 3rd week of teaching this semester at FLCC. **Phil Esce** advertised for his daughter's new business located at “WheelWorks” – a new restaurant and brewery located on Pioneer Road in Shortsville. He said they had a great crowd for the open house held this week. **Kim Tenreiro** reported that he's scheduled a future First Friday at the venue – watch for details.

Jackpot Drawing – Rick Hawks, Jack Moran and Tom Rogers reported that all 600 tickets were sold – the last few being sold to club members just before the drawing! Jack was the high ticket seller – as he sold 98 tickets! This project raised a total of \$30,000. The club gets \$15,000 for charitable projects and the other \$15,000 is divided among the winning ticket holders.

Serenity Garden at VA Hospital – help is needed to work on the garden on Thursday, October 1st at 1:30 p.m.; immediately following our regular meeting.

Program: Bill Martin, director at the Ontario County Humane Society was our speaker today. He's been at the facility for 16 years; with the last 7 as director. He brought along his sidekick – Chip who Bill adopted. Chip and his brother Dale came in to the facility from an abuse case. The two dogs had been left behind in an unheated trailer and the temperature was -3 degrees when they were found.

The humane society was established in 1989. Their mission is: To make our community a better place for people and animals to live together. Their Vision is focusing on all animal well-being, care & education. They commit to improving our community for all. Values: Protect & Connect. Be the leading resource for animal welfare in Ontario County. They are a contracted service by Ontario County encompassing 16 townships and 2 cities in Ontario County and their service includes:

- ~animal cruelty investigations
- ~picking up stray/injured dogs & cats
- ~dog license enforcement
- ~maintaining the animal shelter
- ~on-call 24/7

The population at the shelter is increasing. In 2021 the average population was 46 animals; increasing to 76 animals average in 2025. Their resources are being spread thinner by the day.

They also work with the Public Health department on dog bites, rabies enforcement and rabies vaccination clinics. The number of animals taken in at the shelter keep going up with the City of Geneva having the highest number of animals taken in. Also recent cruelty cases are the highest in Geneva followed by the town of Farmington. Bill noted that hoarding cases are on the rise. They had five cases in 2025 with 104 animals seized. He also noted that animal bite numbers are increasing – some of which are caused when individuals try to break up fights between two dogs. They have also noted an increase in cases of rabies in bats. Bill noted that all dogs 4 months and older must be licensed and vaccinated for rabies. Licenses must be

renewed yearly. In 2025 their staff spent 95.6 hours on licensing enforcement with 51 citations issued. The shelter has a crematory on-site and in 2025 they did 602 private cremations and 115 non-private cremations. Revenue from this service helps support shelter operations & services. They currently have 52 cats at the shelter – which is overpopulated, as they only have housing for 20 cats. In 2025 they had 144 adoptions completed and this year they've already surpassed that. They started a new fostering program called Pawstering – the foster homes ended up adopting all of the animals! They had 5898 hours provided by volunteers in 2025 who work at the shelter; which was a 25% increase over 2024. The estimated impact of volunteer services is \$278,000. They are always looking for volunteers who work walking the dogs, help to socialize animals, and do training to make the animals ready for their new homes.

There are two animal control officers – who are both involved in animal cruelty cases – which seem to make the news frequently. The shelter is inspected quarterly. They have 66 kennels at the facility. They are needing to do renovations at the facility during 2027 in order to meet new regulations that New York State has imposed. They applied for and were granted a \$500,000 grant thru the NYS Ag & Markets Program. They contract with an area veterinarian to provide services for the animals. All animals must be seen by a veterinarian within 2 days of being admitted to the shelter. They are looking for financial donations from area residents and businesses to help with the renovation/additions needed at the facility. They have a Wish List of items that they can always use at the shelter – which was previously emailed to our members. Their Wish List is available on their website at: ontariocountyhumanesociety.org

Joker Draw and 50/50:

Marty Muehe drew the Joker!

Gloria Dancause went home with \$15 cash and bid on the gladiolus bouquet for \$10.

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