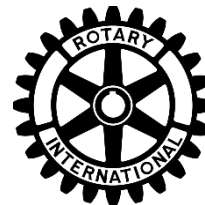


# *The Peal*

## Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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### *Official Newsletter of the Canandaigua Rotary Service Foundation*

**Today's Program: Julie DeMersman – Walk to End Alzheimer's**

**Next Week: Sarah Brown – Disaster Recovery – Canandaigua Plan**

**Meeting Notes from: August 27, 2026**

**Pledge: Paul Harvey**

**Invocation: Paul Harvey**

**Song: Name Janet Tenreiro – When You're Smilin'**

**Guests: Melanie Soberon** brought three of her daughters, **Jack Kellogg** brought his wife Ginny

**Announcements: Gloria Dancause** informed us that the club received an unexpected \$100 donation from Tom Tacito. A thank you card was distributed for the membership to sign. **Kathleen Draper** brought File of Life cards for anyone who might want one. **Janet Tenreiro** suggested the club consider forming a formal literary committee especially given the great work spearheaded by **Jody Wilbur** in this area. If interested, please see either Janet or Jody. **Nancy Stelnyk** mentioned that District Governor candidates are being solicited. Entry information can be found on the district website ([rotary7120.org](http://rotary7120.org)).

**Happy Dollars / Fines: Judi Gorenflo** was very happy at winning 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the recent Newark Rotary raffle, **Ed O'connor** was the high bidder for a pit pass, **Gloria Dancause** is celebrating 33 years of affiliation with FLCC, **Kathleen Draper** is invited to the Climate Underground Conference at Al Gore's farm, **Marty Muehe** has shed 60 pounds to be at his goal weight, **Donna Lacourse** celebrates her new (to her) truck, **Margie LaTourette** has been globetrotting and is back from recent trips to Greece, Netherlands, UK, and Nashville, **Dave Korpiel** is proud his Army Captain daughter will, on completion of her biochemical engineering Master's degree, be posted as a professor at West Point, **Domenic Argentieri** acknowledged the efforts of **Mark Sheppard** in hosting a fundraiser for the Boy Scouts, **Dave Korpiel** won the heads/tails flip

for this week's gladiola spray courtesy of **Donna Miller**

**Program: Name: Jackie Lyttle – Happiness House**

Happiness House offers programs and services for children and adults with disabilities, and their families in Ontario, Seneca, Monroe, Wayne, and Yates counties.

Happiness House is a Finger Lakes nonprofit (Finger Lakes United Cerebral Palsy) that has served children and adults with and without disabilities since 1969. Founded by parents of children with cerebral palsy in Geneva, it now operates from sites in Geneva, Canandaigua, and the Golisano Autism Center in Rochester, and reports serving more than 3,000 people and families across Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates counties. Its mission is high-quality, family-centered education, health, residential, and human services that promote independence and equal opportunity. It is an Ability Partners agency, affiliated with CP Rochester and Rochester Rehabilitation Center under a shared parent corporation and foundation.

Early childhood (Birth to Five). The agency provides comprehensive developmental evaluations for infants and young children with known or suspected delays. Center-based preschool education includes integrated special education for ages 3–5, year-round daycare, and therapies delivered at home, in the community, or on site: occupational, physical, and speech-language therapy plus special education itinerant teacher services. Autism-specific preschool programming uses a behavioral approach at the Canandaigua campus and Golisano Autism Center. Service coordination and caregiver supports, including family reimbursement for

related costs, sit alongside these clinical and educational offerings.

**School-age services.** For children and young adults, Happiness House continues therapies (occupational, physical, psychological, and speech-language), community habilitation, family reimbursement, and respite—including summer respite and an after-school POWER program. It operates residential programming for teens and young adults with developmental disabilities and offers Self-Direction Services so eligible individuals, with a fiscal intermediary and support broker, can design and manage their own supports and budgets.

**Adult services.** Adults with developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injury (TBI), multiple sclerosis, stroke, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury, and related conditions can access an Article 28 outpatient clinic (OT, PT, speech, psychology, and psychiatry). OPWDD-funded options include certified day habilitation, community habilitation in home or community settings, recreation, respite, and service coordination. TBI and Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) waiver services include independent living skills training, structured day programs, and home- and community-based supports. Transition apartments in Canandaigua help people move from family homes, certified residences, or nursing homes toward more independent living. Community apartments developed with Providence Housing provide affordable units for seniors and families. Self-Direction is also available to adults.

**Autism-focused work.** Autism Services of the Finger Lakes add diagnostic evaluation (psychologists and physicians experienced with the spectrum), specialized preschool, community-based therapies, one-to-one community habilitation, respite, and caregiver reimbursement. The Golisano Autism Center is a partnership site for these children's programs.

**Partner network.** Ability Partners unites Happiness House with CP Rochester (health, education, residential, adaptive recreation, and dental services in Monroe, Livingston, and Orleans counties) and Rochester Rehabilitation Center (employment, job support, driver evaluation/training, and mental health / PROS programming). Together the affiliates list more than 20 locations, hundreds of staff, and a lifetime continuum that also includes licensed home care, SportsNet recreation, college-transition (B.E.L.L.), and care management. The Ability Partners Foundation raises funds to sustain long-term services across the three agencies.

In short, Happiness House's posted programs run from early evaluation and inclusive preschool through

school-age therapy and respite, adult clinic and waiver services, TBI and housing supports, and autism-specific diagnosis and community care—backed by a regional partnership that expands employment, mental health, and residential options.

Jackie provided an overview of the many program available by Happiness House and Ability Partners in Canandaigua.

For a full presentation of the many services offered by Happiness House visit their website at [happinesshouse.org](http://happinesshouse.org)

**Jackpot Raffle:** Current standings are over 500 tickets sold. **Sell, Sell, Sell!**

**Joker Draw:** Due to the offsite meeting today there was no 50/50 or Joker draw

**Upcoming events:**

- District Golf Tournament, Friday, 9/11 at Reservoir Creek Golf course in Naples
- One Rotary Summit – Free to attend, Saturday, 9/12 in Pittsford
- Rotary Leadership (Learning) Institute – Free to attend, Saturday 10/17 (to be confirmed, location to be determined)
- District Conference – Saturday, 6/5/27