



The Peal

Rotary Club of Canandaigua



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Today's Program: Ken Poole - Genealogy

Next Week: Kyle Sheppard – East Coast Vanlife

Meeting Notes from: October 8, 2026

Pledge: President, Dr. Paul Harvey

Inspiration: Kathi Nevin – National Hero Day

Song: Mark Sheppard: R-O-T-A-R-Y

Visiting Rotarians: None were present

Guests: David Hutchings guest was Mina Vescera, Nursery/Landscape Specialist with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County.

Remembrance: Tom Mees funeral service will be held on Monday, October 12, 11:00 am at the First Congregational Church. There will be a reception afterwards at the church. David Hutchings shared that after the reception, anyone who would like to, can visit Sonnenberg Gardens free of charge in honor and memory of Tom and all he did for Sonnenberg and our community.

Announcements: Janet Tenreiro reminded members it was the final shout out for members to sign up to attend the Rotary Leadership (Learning) institute taking place in Victor on October 17th. More info is available in this peal under Upcoming Rotary Events. **President Paul** let us know a few of our members are working on updating our club's strategic plan. The group is being led by Kathleen Draper. If anyone would like to have input on the plan, talk with Kathleen or Paul.

Happy Dollars: Kim Tenreiro was very happy to announce all 420 flag poles were completely done and packed away in his garage. He thanked everyone who helped get him to the finish line. **Dick McGavern** spent

time in the Adirondacks celebrating his 64th wedding anniversary with his wife Sandy. **David Hutchings** and his wife Patricia celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary going to Cape Cod, Booth Bay Harbor and finally a stop in Lake George. While in Booth Bay Harbor they visited the botanical gardens to see the giant Trolls. **Judy Gorenflo's** son got married on September 26. It was a beautiful wedding, and Judy absolutely adores her new daughter-in-law. **Kyle Sheppard** shared he and a few others in the room, recently won 3 gold medals and placed 6th in another event at a national black powder competition in Winchester, VA. There were somewhere between 1200 and 1500 competitors at the event. (Mark Sheppard and Doug Merrill confessed to attending and paid up.) **Ben Green** was looking forward to attending a Halloween dance next weekend.

Program: David Hutchings – Sonnenberg Gardens
David opened his program by recognizing President Dr. Paul Harvey for the 6 years he spent on Sonnenberg's Board. Paul recently resigned from the Board. David presented Paul with a book about Sonnenberg and thanked him for his years of service to Sonnenberg Gardens and the work he did for the Gardens.



Pictured with Paul & David are Ellen Polimeni and Mark Sheppard, both of whom are current members of Sonnenberg Gardens Board.

David then reintroduced Mina Vescera and let her speak a little about herself and why she was in town. Mina is from Long Island but originally grew up in Rhode Island and the New England area. Mina was in Canandaigua to present two one-hour talks on building plant communities in perennial gardens, with a focus on incorporating native plants.



We were then all invited to tour the Gardens. David Hutchings and Bob Johnson were our tour guides as we broke into two groups. Here are but a few scenes from our informative tours.



Joker Draw:

Rick Hawks had the first ticket and took a chance to pick the joker. With so many cards remaining in the deck he left the joker behind and drew the 7 of clubs.

Jody Wilbur was lucky to go home with \$9.

1st Friday at Wheel Works on October 2nd



Upcoming Rotary Events:

October 17th – Rotary Leadership (Learning) Institute at Victor High School from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. Registration is now open on the District 7120 website (<https://rotary7120.org/event/rotary-leadership-institute-1/>). Our club will pay for you to attend. See Janet Tenreiro if you have any questions.

October 24th – Halloween in Downtown Canandaigua. Gloria Dancause is coordinating Rotary's participation at the event. Rotary will have a presence from 11-3 and she could use some volunteers to help handing out candy and pumpkins. See Gloria if you can help.

November 18th – Pie Baking for Gleaners Kitchen. If you would like to help bake 24 pies for Gleaner's Kitchen Thanksgiving meal, please let Jody Wilbur know. Pie baking will commence at 8:30 am at the American Legion.