



## Rotary Club of Peterborough April 10, 2017

(Submitted by Stan Pineau)

**President Bruce Gravel** called the meeting to order at 12:12 pm.

The President's memorable moments in Canadian history:

1. John George Pattison (1875-1917) was one of four soldiers to win the Victoria Cross at the Battle of Vimy Ridge. With utter disregard for his own safety he ran forward from trench to trench and disabled an enemy machine gun. Killed June 17, 1917 at Lens, France;
2. Trans Canada Air Lines incorporated by Act of Parliament in 1937 as a subsidiary of CNR. Minister of Transport C. D. Howe (MP Port Arthur) was the motivating force. On the same day in 1978, Judy Cameron became Air Canada's first female pilot. Rosella Bjornson had flown for Transair in 1971.

Grace: Stan Pineau. Four-Way Test led by Colin MacKenzie. Toast to Canada and the Queen led by the President. Oh Canada (with Paul Bodrug at the keyboard).

**Guests:** David Cain, a guest of Lloyd Graham. Diane Allen of the Whitby Sunrise Club.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Joe McCulloch fined Colin MacKenzie \$1 for filling his plate so full that he deprived needy recipients of nourishment. Anyone who did not attend the District Conference or assist at the French Spelling Bee or the Garden Show Parking fundraiser was fined \$1.

**President:** Bruce Gravel

**Past President:** Alan Ingram

**President Elect:**  
Andi van Koeverden

**Treasurer:** Wayne Harding

**Club Secretary:** Ken Tremblay

**Sgt. at Arms:** Linn Thain

**Directors:**

Jaimie Bondy-Donohue

Kevin Duguay

Joe Fleming

Sally Harding

Jason Stabler

Brian Wilson

### April Birthdays:

April 4 - Elizabeth Ichniowsky  
April 9 - Garry Humphreys  
April 13 - Art Turner  
April 14 - John Harvey  
April 18 - Peter MacLoughlin  
April 18 - Bob Parr  
April 18 - Brian Wilson  
April 19 - Audrey Lakien  
April 20 - Kim Zippel  
April 22 - Jim Scates  
April 22 - Marie Press  
April 23 - Bob Phillips  
April 23 - Ross Verner  
April 25 - Will Cleveland  
April 28 - Rick Storey

### April Club Member Anniversaries:

April 2 - Lucas Smith  
April 3 - Jay Amer  
April 4 - Piero Ronca  
April 5 - Ken Tremblay  
April 10 - Dick Kennedy  
April 15 - Lloyd Graham  
April 18 - Ginette Bailey  
April 26 - Martin Parker  
April 27 - Wendy Hill  
April 27 - Joe McCulloch  
April 29 - John Cockburn

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## Upcoming Program Schedule



April 17 - NO MEETING - Easter Monday

April 24 - Canoe Museum Architects - New Canoe Museum design

May 1 - Chris Kawalec - Peterborough Council on Aging

**Announcements:** *Colin MacKenzie:* Five members are leaving the Habitat Youth Council and will have to be replaced. Today's extra food went to Casa Maria refugees. *Jay Amer:* At the Hill 70 Gala at the Armoury, sat with several celebrities, the most notable of which was Dr. Art Turner. At the meeting, Jay presented Art with a message from Jay's wife - leading to a great deal of speculation. *Lloyd Graham:* Reported that \$3500 raised over the weekend from parking donations at the Garden Show. *Mo Grant:* Announced his retirement from BMO and donated a happy buck for each of his 43 happy years at work. *Kevin Duguay:* Reported on the beer project. Rotary and the Publican Brewery are parting ways and Wellington Brewery in Guelph appears to be the candidate of choice with adequate capacity and a history of involvement with Rotary. A lager is to be the new product. Also, Rotoract held a meeting with 18 attendees – report will follow on club runner.

**Business:** The President reported the Board had hired a part-time bookkeeper, Neil Tucker, to deal with the overwhelming amount of work coming within the purview of the Treasurer. A report as to the duties of a bookkeeper had been prepared for the Board by Ken Tremblay. The meeting unanimously approved the Board's decision to hire a part-time bookkeeper and endorsed the hiring of Mr. Tucker. The President advised that the Treasurer would assist in the training of the bookkeeper and that with the removal from the Treasurer of some of the onerous bookkeeping duties, it was highly likely that the present Treasurer, Wayne Harding, would continue as Treasurer – a comment that drew loud applause from the meeting.

**Program:** **Lucas Smith** on his father **Ernie Smith**.

Lucas presented a very sobering story of his father's participation in the battle of Vimy Ridge, April 9-12, 1917 – the battle that is said to have been a part of Canada's change from a colony to a nation. The Canadians achieved a military goal that had eluded the British and the French and cost them over 150,000 casualties. A drama of noise, artillery, blood, mud, horses, and over 10,000 Canadian casualties. There were pictures of personal interest – including a copy of the telegram to Ernie's mother advising of his wounding and a copy of a soldier's will.

**Marie Press** and **Susan Sharp** introduced by Lucas Smith and thanked by Mo Cox.

Marie and Susan reported on various initiatives in Honduras. In February, nine Rotarians including three from Peterborough (Marie, Susan and David Abramsky) visited Honduras. Two of the major initiatives are a School for Girls in the capital city with the goal of educating underprivileged girls for gainful employment and a Teacher Training Centre, nearing construction completion, in a remote village with the goal of teaching teachers. There are a myriad of projects in process including distribution of water filters, building of garden barrels, painting and repairs, a pacemaker project, education for blind children and a proposed walking cane project. The ultimate goal of the Honduras projects is to train local Hondurans in sustainable outcomes. Another trip is planned for June and more members are invited to attend and assist with their special skills.

President Bruce advised that there is no meeting Monday April 17 – Easter Monday.

President Bruce asked that anyone else interested in the Axe Throwing axetravaganza, Sunday May 7, 1-4pm to advise him forthwith. It's going to be fun!

President Bruce's weakly (sic) humour item: ***“Behind every great man is a woman – rolling her eyes.”***

Meeting adjourned at about the right time – sorry, I did not record it, but approximately 1:20pm.

Can't Attend A Weekly Meeting... Maybe Make-up

Rotary Make-up Meetings may be sent to  
Lucas Smith for your attendance credit.  
Email: [lucsmith@peterboro.net](mailto:lucsmith@peterboro.net)

#### POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

If you are bringing a guest to Rotary, who may be interested in joining our club, please make sure you introduce this person to Martin Wormald or someone else on the Membership Committee. Martin or a committee member will look after talking to the guest and seeing them through the membership process. The Membership Committee has some information at the Holiday Inn that potential Rotarians can take away with them.