

Rotary Club of Peterborough August 14, 2017

(Scribe for last time in this Rotary year Alan Ingram)

Congrats to President Andi van Koeverden for arranging our Rotary night at 4th Line Theatre. In watching both the Bombers: Reaping the Whirlwind at 4th Line Theatre and the present box office hit movie Dunkirk, I could not help but think of two of members of our Rotary club who flew many overseas European missions during WWII: **John Turner** who flew 32 missions over Germany as a gunner on a Bomber receiving 7 medals and **Gord Farquharson** who flew spitfires at D-Day and at Normandy and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Not surprisingly, after their service to their country and to the Allies, they continued in service to their community upon their return.

We have a lot to be thankful for as a result of the dedication of these and many thousands others. Would you like to live anywhere else than in Canada?

Meeting of August 14, 2017

Following lunch catered by our own Tracey Ormond, President Andi opened the meeting with Grace by Andrew Welk, the unaided leading of the 4 Way Test by Nick Avlonitis, a Toast to the Queen & Canada and O Canada led by the famous Italian tenor, Piero Ronca.

There was no welcome song as the only guest was the guest speaker and fears were rampant that the club would be asked to sing the national anthem at a Petes' game if our chorus was heard.

Sergeant-at-Arms Softie Gord Fallen confined his remarks to kudos for the organizers of the fabulous Rotary Hoedown and the Friday night socials and even refused to fine those who have yet to purchase a fine exemption card and then tricked all by fining those who have not seen a Petes hockey game during the summer!

Happy Bucks: *Atul Swarup* was proud & pleased for the wedding of his daughter Alanna, in Ottawa during the August long-weekend and happy that family members including his mum were visiting from Delhi, India. *Doug Armstrong* was happy for the treatment he received in the cardiac unit at PRHC during the past week although Joe McCulloch suggested that Doug did not have a heart, obviously a touch of men's golf club humour. *President Andi* was happy to be part of a great organization called Rotary.

Announcements: *Joe McCulloch* is organizing a bus to go to Guelph on August 30 for the official launch of our new beer together with the Guelph Rotary Club





September 11 – Quin Club Dinner Meeting October 16 – District Governor Mike Kinsey – District Update November 6 – Remembrance Day recognition President: Andi van Koeverden Past President: Bruce Gravel President Elect: Ken Tremblay Treasurer: Wayne Harding Club Secretary: Ken Tremblay Sgt. at Arms: Linn Thain

> Directors: Marie Press Stan Pineau Jason Stabler Joe Fleming Kevin Duguay Peter Thomas Lloyd Graham

August Birthdays:

August 12 - Kevin Duguay August 12 - Jason Stabler August 15 - Jane Parr August 24 - Milan Ichniovsky August 25 - Dan McWilliams

August Club Member

Anniversaries: August 12 - Linn Thain August 13 - Martin Wormald August 18 - Dan McWilliams – bus will depart Peterborough about 2:00 and return about 9:00. Call Joe if interested. Joe is also looking for a few more volunteers for the school breakfast program – give him a call if you can do 1/week, 1/month or possibly be added to a spare list. V-Pres & Secretary *Ken Tremblay* distributed the new Rotary Roster under a new format and indicated that it might become a collector's item as future rosters could be done electronically which might be more convenient to members, facilitate updates during the year and save the club the cost of printing. *Brian Wilson* and *Ass't DG Rick Storey* were awarded wine bottles (containing wine) for wearing Petes jerseys at the meeting in honour of the guest speaker from the Petes.

Guest Speaker: Renowned hockey expert and PROUD FAN of MAPLE LEAF NATION, Matt D'Agostino, who is the Senior Coordinator of Group Ticket Sales & Service for the Peterborough Petes was introduced by Colin MacKenzie. Matt came to the Petes five years ago on a student placement from the sports management program at Durham College at a time when his brother Andrew was the netminder for the Petes. Obviously he did a good job as he has remained with the Petes ever since.

Matt emphasized the education opportunities offered to players in the CHL – one year of tuition for each year that they play in the league. In addition players are expected to attend school, whether it be high school, community college or university while playing for the team. Programs are set up to coordinate with their extensive practice and playing schedule.

The players are extensively involved in community service work including programs supported by Rotary such as the Partners in Education dealing with bullying in schools and our own Prince of Wales breakfast program. No doubt these programs that they participate in as teenagers, will make them better citizens in the future.

Working in conjunction with the city there will be a few additions at the arena this year, with better lighting and a better scoreboard which he described as presently the worst in the league. The Peterborough Petes name is likely the most recognizable aspect of the Peterborough community.

At the October 5 game against the Flint Firebirds, service clubs in Peterborough will be honoured with discounted tickets. Hopefully Rotarians will set aside this date now.

Matt was thanked by season ticket holder Joe McCulloch – both of them worried about a potential conflict next spring of the dates of the Memorial Cup parade in Peterborough and the Stanley Cup parade in Toronto.

While many are away for summer vacations our club had many activities since our last meeting:

1. Reception for past exchange student extraordinaire – Leo from Switzerland at Lloyd Graham's – Lloyd & partner Claire Sullivan, Wayne & Sally Harding together with daughter Rachel, Audrey Lakien, Arlene Blunck, Lyn Kimmett, John & Shirley McCormack along with their returning Rotary exchange student granddaughter from Finland Chantel, Alan & Jenny Ingram, Moe Grant & partner Donna Marie, Andi & Joe van Koeverden, Kevin & Barb Duguay along with charming grandson Anderson.

2. 4th Line Theatre arranged by President Andi – Andi & husband Joe, Brian & Dale Wilson, Gord Fallen & partner, Andrew Welk, Marie Press, Stan & Diane Pineau, Mo & Helen Cox, Art & Margaret Jane Turner, Jaimie Bondy-Donohue & His Worship Mark Donohue, Brent & Sarah Perrin, Garry Humphreys, Lloyd Graham & partner Clare Sullivan, Jim & Wendy Coyle, Milan & Elizabeth Ichniovsky, Ken & Siobhan Tremblay, Diane Allen, Peter & Chick MacLoghlin, David Abramsky, Tracey Ormond & Mike Little, Alan & Jenny Ingram.

3. One Roof Diner – under the leadership of Tracey Ormond dinner was prepared & served to approx. 100 of our fellow citizens who may be down on their luck – helping Tracey were Joe McCulloch, Stan Pineau, Andi van Koeverden, Cal Langman & partner Anne Wipper, Alan Ingram – this activity takes place on the 1st & 4th Tuesdays of each month

4. Musicfest – under the leadership of Audrey & Milan the following appeared to sell 50-50 tickets – Jim Moloney, Bruce & Frances Gravel, Martin Parker, Joe Kapron, Sally Harding, Linda Mitchelson, Willis Cleveland, Linn Thain, Peter & Chick MacLoghlin, Milan & Elizabeth Ichniovsky, Audrey Lakein, Neil Campbell – this activity takes place on Wednesday & Saturday nights during July & August.

5. Last Chance Saloon at Ichniovskys – appearing in western gear were Marie Press, Audrey Lakien, Ray Saitz & Patricia Stone, Gord Fallen, Mike & Heather Evans, Andi & Joe van Koeverden, Tracey Ormand & Mike Little, Linn Thain, Alan & Jenny Ingram, Milan & Elizabeth Ichniovsky – great meal, decorations & props prepared under the leadership of Milan, Elizabeth, Marie & Tracey.

6. Friday night social at Boston Pizza arranged by Linn Thain – smaller turnout than normal with so many activities and summer holidays however Gord & Marg Regts, Joe & Ev McCulloch, Mike & Heather Evans, Tracey Ormond & partner Mike Little, Alan Ingram enjoyed a pint – this activity takes place on alternate Fridays and all, including spouses, are welcome.

There are many activities that our club is involved in. Get Involved & Have Fun!

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

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.