



Rotary Club of Peterborough July 23, 2018

Submitted by Bill Crins

President Ken Tremblay called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

Grace was led by David Abramsky. Four-Way Test was led by Chris Fitcher. Toast to Canada and the Queen. Oh Canada (with Paul Bodrug at the keyboard).

Guests: Chief of Police Scott Gilbert, guest of the club and keynote speaker for this meeting; Mayor Daryl Bennett, guest of Dan McWilliams; Peggy Cleveland, guest of the club; Marie Miller and Tristan Miller, guests of Alan Ingram, and Marie is a visiting Rotarian from the Kingston Rotary Club. Head table was introduced by President Ken Tremblay; guests were introduced by Sally Harding.

Tributes: several tributes were presented to guests and members who were not able to attend the awards ceremony at the last meeting. These included a tribute to Willis Cleveland for 54 years of perfect attendance, accepted by Peggy Cleveland, who thanked the club, and indicated that Willis was extremely diligent in searching for Rotary Clubs, even while traveling, and she indicated that "his mission was accomplished". Steve Kylie received his award for 30 years of service, Cal Langman for 35 years of service, Joe Kapron received a Paul Harris Award (+4), and Lucas Smith received his "Service Above Self" award.

Sergeant-at-Arms: acting Sergeant Colin Mackenzie (in place of Sergeant Lloyd Graham) issued fines for members not knowing where this year's District Conference is going to be held (Huntsville).

Happy Bucks: Jay Amer, Wendy Hill, Gord Fallen, Bruce Gravel, Sue Sharp, Peter MacLoughlin, Ken Seim, Andi van Koeverden, Arlene Blunck, Frank Bayliss.

Announcements: Lucas Smith provided an update on the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, indicating that there are now only 11 cases of wild-strain polio in the world (3 in Pakistan, 8 in Afghanistan), and two vaccine-derived cases (1 in Nigeria, 1 in Papua New Guinea). Colin MacKenzie announced an upcoming Habitat for Humanity Build Day in the area; Milan Ichniowsky announced that more ticket sellers are needed for upcoming Musicfest concerts (we're not doing quite as well as we have in the past); Ken Tremblay noted that the club's Centennial

President: Ken Tremblay

Past President: Andi van Koeverden

President Elect: Kevin Duguay

Treasurer: Wayne Harding

Club Secretary: Moe Grant

Sgt. at Arms: Lloyd Graham

Directors:

Marie Press

Morris Cox

John Thomas

Sarah Burke

Wayne Harding

Lloyd Graham



July Birthdays:

July 3 - Peter Eatson

July 7 - Charlie Burge

July 9 - Bruce Gravel

July 9 - Dick Kennedy

July 9 - Karen Laws

July 22 - Martin Wormald

July 27 - Tracey Ormond

July 28 - Eric Steinmiller

July 29 - Lyn Kimmatt

July Club Member Anniversaries:

July 1 - Frank Parish

July 6 - Stain Pineau

July 7 - Audrey Lakien

July 25 - Andrew Welk

July 27 - Abi Adeusi

July 27 - Doug Armstrong

Working Committee has 4 working groups and that the committee is working on plans for the club's centennial.

Program: Dan McWilliams introduced the guest speaker, Chief of Police Scott Gilbert. Dan provided a biography of some of Chief Gilbert's policing accomplishments in Toronto prior to be named chief in Peterborough. He worked in policing in Toronto for 38 years, beginning in September 1980; over those years, he served on the emergency task force, was a specialist in sexual assault and child abuse cases, was also a specialist in finding solutions for persons in crisis, including those with mental health issues and addictions, led the crisis intervention team for the past 7 years, served on the professional standards team, was the main investigator in the mass killing in Toronto this past April, and received several awards for meritorious and dedicated service. He finished the Toronto portion of his career as a unit commander. Dan was a member of the selection committee that hired Chief Gilbert, and Mayor Daryl Bennett later added that Chief Gilbert was the first unanimous choice for Police Chief in Peterborough.

Police Chief Scott Gilbert began his duties as Peterborough and Area Police Chief on July 1st, 2018. He thanked the community for welcoming him to the city, and said that he was humbled both by the thanks he received from his colleagues in Toronto upon his departure, as well as by his new colleagues here. He relayed a story about a Rotarian in Toronto (Bill Phelan of the Scarborough East Rotary Club), who "requested" assistance (persistently and persuasively) from the Toronto Police to help repair wheelchairs for Variety Village, and ever since then, the Toronto Police have helped out on a regular basis. He looks forward to serving the community here and working with the Rotary Clubs. Service has been a key element in his work throughout his life, and he noted that a safe community, adding value, working hard, and developing partnerships are his core values. In some of his anecdotes and answers to questions, he also showed that he has a good sense of humour.

Following his talk, he answered several questions. President Ken Tremblay asked what success would look like over the first 100 days of his tenure. Chief Gilbert indicated that he has been, and will be, asking lots of questions, meeting lots of people,

including members of other services such as the fire service and the paramedics, looking at the ways things are being done now, and working on ways to do things better and to improve operations where necessary. He will also look at the operations of the Police Service as if he were a citizen looking in from the outside, to see if the way things are done would make sense to the citizens of the city. Diane Allen then asked about his roots; the Chief noted that he was born in Whitney, Ontario (near Algonquin Park), with relatives in the Bancroft area, but grew up in the Toronto area. Lastly, Colin MacKenzie asked whether the Police Service had a website where the public could make suggestions; there is no such web page, but the Chief indicated that anyone can call the station or email him with constructive suggestions at sgilbert@peterborough.ca.

Tracey Ormond thanked Police Chief Scott Gilbert for his presentation following the question period.

Meeting adjourned at 13:12 pm.

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 Moe Grant or someone else on the Membership Committee. Moe 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.

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

Rotary Make-up Meetings may be sent to
Lucas Smith for your attendance credit.
Email: smi0166@outlook.com