

Rotary Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2017

(scribe Alan Ingram)

Vice President Ken Tremblay chaired the meeting, suggesting the President Andi van Koeverden was vacationing with mosquitoes in Manitoba.

Grace led by Colin Mackenzie, 4 Way test by Hannah Routly and a rousing rendition of O Canada that brought tears to the eyes of our pianist Paul Bodrug who would proclaim during Happy Bucks that it was the best rendition of the national anthem that he has ever heard from our off key club.

Two visiting Rotarians, Donna Geary (Kawartha) and Ron Toivanen (Bathurst New Brunswick) and two guests, Paul Harris recipient Larry Gillman and Dr. Paul Thistle were introduced.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS Arlene Blunck, acting as if she was an agent from Revenue Canada, fined those who were not fined last week (for no just reason), Jay Amer for answering a call from his wife (a noble gesture) and for those who have yet to buy a fine card (Buy one soon as you will be fined weekly until you have done so).

HAPPY BUCKS

1. Paul Bodrug for joyful club singing
2. Peter Macloghlin for celebrating 49 years of marriage to his lovely wife, “Chick” + being happy for assistance that Lloyd Graham gave him in moving a family member

3. Tracey Ormond - \$40 left over dollars from a baseball trip to Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Cleveland that included a visit to a Rotary meeting in which only 4 club members showed up however they were exceptional members and Tracy is returning next year. Also on the trip was our sergeant-at-arms who did not give a happy buck (Perhaps next week)

4. Rick Storey and Kevin Duguay were both happy that former exceptional exchange student Leo Mieli has returned from Switzerland for a visit – seeing how quickly he picked up the game of baseball and became an avid Blue Jay follower, rumours are that he may be a late season call-up

5. Wayne Harding was happy to one up his good friend Ken Tremblay who again messed up by leaving sausages out of a sausage recipe – Ken had the last laugh (although he too forgot to add a buck) by suggesting that next time Wayne would do the cooking.

6. Gord Fallen was happy that 4 Rotarians (Gord, Colin Mackenzie, Andrew Welk & Donna Geary) joined Rotarian Sarah Tate at a Habitat for Humanity Youth Build

7. Lloyd Graham was happy that his refugee support group, Safe Haven for Refugees has almost reached its new target of an additional \$125,000 to bring eleven more refugee families to Peterborough – quite an admirable feat.

8. Nick Avonlitis was happy to visit his dad in a nursing home and happy to learn that his cousin's wife's cousin, twice removed and adopted by shepherds in Kenya is playing this week in the Canadian Open – what some people will claim to get a free ticket!

9. Ginny Veselskiy was happy to the tune of \$20 that Gord Regts knows his way around a toilet and helped with plumbing issues, refusing to accept anything other than a Rotary donation.

10. Visiting Rotarian Ron Tovianen was happy visiting Peterborough from New Brunswick, renting a cottage and visiting family members.

11. Alan Ingram was happy returning from his first court circuit in Nunavut with many stories to tell but just offering two, one on the way in (sitting across the aisle on the plane from a Mountie and a prisoner in handcuffs who would appear in court the next day and on the way out seeing a man (who was his interpreter) covered in blood running into the airport to check in boxes of a freshly killed caribou.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ken welcomed back Amy Simpson, gave Nick his perfect attendance certificate that was previously announced when he missed a meeting and announced the Board meeting for this week.

2. Moe Grant, membership chair, presented blue badges to both Tracy Ormond and Ginny Veselskiy, two new Rotarians who have quickly become involved with service and fellowship

3. Audrey Lakien and Milan Ichniovsky were thankful to club members for their enthusiasm (special hats off to Past President Bruce Gravel) in selling 50-50 tickets at Musicfest, announcing sales of \$47,199 to date resulting in only \$5,944 in sales to break even with 10 concerts to go. Pray for sunshine on Wednesdays & Saturdays.

4. Tracy (Blue Badge) Ormond announced the One Roof Diner volunteers for Tuesday July 25 and the Country Hoedown at the home of the Ichniiovskys – BYOB + \$20 on August 10 from 4 pm to 9 pm
5. Lucas Smith announced that due to something up Ass't DG Rick Storey's sleeve it is possible to bank meeting attendance to achieve over 100%
6. Linn Thain announced the regular Friday night social at Boston Pizza for those not attending the other social at 4th Line Theatre
7. Kevin Duguay announced the August 30 launch of the Local Lager in Guelph – no one will be more relieved than Kevin who has spent countless hours in bringing this project to fruition. A bus will be available to take members to the launch. Details to follow. A similar launch will take place in Peterborough on September 21.

PROGRAM

Dr. Paul Thistle was introduced by Larry (should be a Rotarian) Gillman. Dr. Thistle has taken the path less travelled, being raised in Toronto but following medical school in Toronto choosing to be medical missionary in rural Zimbabwe for over twenty years. He operates 150 bed mission hospital with 3 physicians and 40 nurses handling 75,000 patients each year covering a district of 250,000.

The hospital is dependent upon both voluntary financial donations, often from Rotary clubs and from volunteer hours – several of our members have taken part in overseas missions to the hospital – if interested see David Abramsky.

Dr. Peter Macloghlin thanked the speaker.

Next meeting – July 31 @ The Mount