

Minutes of the Rotary Club of Peterborough Weekly Meeting
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President Bruce Gravel called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

The Today in History moment recalled that this day in 1952 was the occasion of the first experimental TV broadcast in Canada. On a less wonderful note, in 1917 the income tax war bill was introduced as a temporary measure and was the first tax on income ever imposed in Canada. As we all know, it eventually became permanent.

Congrats to Sarah Burke who, along with Jenny Ingram, has been named one of the 20 most influential people in Peterborough.

President Bruce presented Alan Ingram with a Paul Harris pin with three sapphires which means Alan has made four contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Dan McWilliams was presented with a 35 year pin.

Grace was said by Bill Graham, the Four Way Test was led by Neil Hannan, followed by a Toast to Canada and the Queen and the singing of Oh Canada with Paul Bodrug at the keyboard.

Guests: Sarah Burke introduced the guests. Paul Landau was a guest of Martin Wormold, Tara King and Mike Hendren were guests of the Club, Mike Little was a guest of Tracy Ormond, Andrew Welk came with Eric Steinmiller, and Jessica Rogers accompanied Andi Van Koerverden.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Gordon Fallen reminisced that he has been a member for 30 years and way back then if you were not wearing a tie you were fined. At today's meeting only Dan McWilliams and Gord sported a tie. Gord tried to dispel the rumour that he is a mean person and asked everyone to give \$2 to the Rotary Foundation instead of paying a fine. Gord donated \$30 for his 30 years in the Club.

Induction: *Andrew Welk* was introduced by Eric Steinmiller who told us about Andrew's background and mentioned that he is a fine fellow. In the absence of Atul Swarup, Kevin Duguay performed the induction.

Announcements: No meeting next week. Bruce declared that August 8 will be wild and crazy shirt day and everyone is asked to wear an outrageous shirt, or a tie or scarf if it's not possible to wear a wild shirt.

Alan Ingram: The Paul Harris dinner in November is where we honour five people. Alan asked each member to think of possible candidates. He also said that selections for next year's executive will be made by September 1, so if you are interested in being on the Board please let Alan know.

Audrey Lakien thanked every one who has helped sell 50/50 tickets at Musicfest. Bruce Gravel is the top seller and we are doing quite well. Even though we sometimes have more sellers than needed, on Wednesday we take over the whole thing by ourselves and will need plenty of volunteers. If you sign up please show up. *Milan Ichniowsky* thanked the volunteers as well and told us that we took in \$2000 on Saturday and on Wednesday.

Sarah Burke reminded us of the Rotary meet and greet with the Royals on Thursday and said that everyone who has signed up will get an email about parking and protocol. Please notify Sarah if your name or your guest's is spelled wrong.

Happy Bucks: *Martin Parker* said that he will donate a birding trip to the Rotary auction.

Willis Cleveland was overjoyed to celebrate his 65th wedding anniversary with Peggy. On August 18 from 5 pm to 7 pm there will be a get-together to celebrate in the common room of the Cleveland's condo. Please email Willis at bowtiewill@cogeco.ca if you would like to attend.

Barbara Tomaszewski gave us an update on fellow Rotarian Frank Bayliss. Although he is 95 years old and has had serious surgery he is doing better and is in stable condition.

Alan Ingram was happy that Jenny has been named to the list of the 20 most influential people in Peterborough, although he had no idea she had been named, and since Jenny is at a conference she probably does not know as well.

Lloyd Graham's father will be 94 on Thursday and the details of the Frank Graham Cycle Liberation Tour, named after Lloyd's father, will be announced on the same day. Lloyd mentioned that he saw a dilapidated bench on the trail near Douro and mentioned it to Mike Evans. The bench has been repaired. *Kevin Duguay* spent a short vacation with his wife just outside Fenelon Falls and he kayaked on Burnt River. He also mentioned that his youngest daughter was vacationing on the east coast and her boyfriend proposed to her in front of a lighthouse (she accepted).

Program: Mike Hendren is the executive director of Kawartha Land Trust. He gave an outline of the main priorities and activities of the organization. The purpose of the trust is to "protect the land you love." Kawartha Land Trust celebrated the saving of Pigeon Lake's Big (Boyd/Chiminis) Island with a community gathering of approximately 250 people on Saturday July 9th, 2016 at Lock 32 in Bobcaygeon. The event was an opportunity to thank donors, volunteers and supporters who helped realize the dream to save Boyd Island. He emphasized that "it's about caring and sharing". An upcoming event is a salamander walk with Martin Parker. Bill Crins took to the podium to share some of the activities in which he has been involved, such as the trails in Bethany, helping save Boyd Island, and doing biological inventory. You can find our more about Kawartha Land Trust at its website at <https://kawarthalandtrust.org>.

The meeting was adjourned at about 1:14 pm.