

Rotary Club of Peterborough

Meeting July 31, 2017

The Mount

(scribe Alan Ingram)

The theme of today's meeting was LOVE, initiated by meeting chair President Andi van Koeverden, wearing a blouse that had LOVE written every which way.

Today's caterers were Don & Vicky from the Shish Kabob Hut.

Grace – Colin Mackenzie, 4 Way Test without any cheat sheets by Lloyd Graham & Toast to Queen & Canada led by Andi. Paul Bodrug on keyboard was again smiling with the enthusiasm of the national anthem.

Sarah Tate introduced the guests, Frances Gravel (PP Bruce's spouse) and Erin Ostadel who was visiting Milan and Elizabeth Ichniowsky from Australia, not wanting to miss, their marital celebrations.

Welcome song was sung with vigour.

Sergeant Arlene Blunck had a lot to say.

First she announced the ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH - both Bruce & Frances Gravel (MORE LOVE) for their energetic sales of 50-50 tickets at Musicfest, amassing sales of almost \$10,000 this month – not sure if Kawartha Rotarian Lou Hamel has been surpassed? Bruce also read a story that he is submitting to the Examiner of his ticket sales techniques & humorous anecdotes, no doubt to be included in one of his series of published books.

She then announced,

FINES

1. Colin Mackenzie was exempted due to a favour bestowed upon the Sergeant – sounds like a pay-off, collusion or graft – take your choice
2. Everyone was fined \$1 as it was a beautiful day, another message from the sergeant to buy the Fine Exemption Card – it pays off
3. Grumpy Joe McCulloch, the oxymoron was fined for being nice as was Stan Pineau for the same reason, although aren't all lawyers nice?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Audrey Lakein & Milan Ichniowsky announced \$57,000 in ticket sales already – perhaps a record year coming up – got to LOVE that.
2. Milan mentioned the August 10, Hoedown (named as the time farmers put down their hoes to party) - 4:00 pm to whenever - \$20 for Rotarians, guests free

3. Jim Stewart announced the start of the Peterborough Canoe & Kayak Club endorsed by the Canoe Museum to be put on land donated by Parks Canada. The club will train paddlers of all ages and abilities and may become a centre for breast cancer administration (2 dragon boats have been donated). Jim would like a few more volunteers (3 Rotarians on Board) and would like to see a large Rotary wheel on the outside of the proposed Clubhouse of 5,000-6,000 square feet)

4. Colin Mackenzie indicated that last week's food leftovers went to the Casa Maria House for Refugees and today's would go to the Brock St. Mission

5. Lloyd Graham announced a LOVE IN this Thursday 5-8 at his home on Armour Road to celebrate our past exchange student Leo who is visiting from Switzerland - \$5/pp and you could bring a pot luck item – email announcement will go out this week

6. GGG Marie Press (Global Grant Guru) mentioned \$26,000 flowing from the federal government as part of an education grant – she is working on a new destination for work in Africa (more details to follow) and announced a 3rd Honduran trip for our club to take place in February 2018 with support from clubs around our District. Let Marie or Sue Sharp know if you are interested in being part of a team. She mentioned that Rotary International is interested in sustainable projects.

7. Pres Andi van Koeverden and V-Pres/Secretary Ken Tremblay have been contacting Joe Hall, who chairs the next major project committee, to provide details as to presentation to the club – likely the 3 finalists to make a presentation in August with a vote, proxies allowed to be completed shortly thereafter.

7. BIRTHDAYS – LOVE must have taken place at some time – Peter Eatson, Charlie Burge, Bruce Gravel, Dick Kennedy, Karen Laws, Shirlanne Pawley-Boyd, Martin Wormald, Tracey Ormond, Eric Steiniller, Lyn Kimmett

8. ANNIVERSARIES – More LOVE – Atul Swarup (Charlotte – 12 yrs), Nick Avlontis (Tina) 36 years, Jay Amer (Moe O'Rourke) 39 years although none of the 3 have been happy enough to celebrate such with Happy Buck\$\$\$

A special anniversary mention for one of our two Rotarian couples, Milan and Elizabeth Ichniovsky as:

a) They had a big celebration of friends to renew their vows after 40 years – LOVE

b) On the anniversary report from clubrunner it indicates that Elizabeth has been married for 40 years and Milan for 41 –perhaps a bad year along the way??

c) an unusual but true story –on one occasion when they were new to the club they both wore red blazers to a meeting at which a Liberal politician was the guest speaker – this upset one member who rightly recognized that Rotary was non-political, not realizing that the reason for the red blazers was because it was Valentine's Day – a true LOVE story repeated each year.

9. HAPPY BUCKS

- a) Sgt Arlene was happy to donate her leftover US money from the baseball trip
- b) Jim Stewart was happy to have competed in the Canadian Master's Championships with his son (that's LOVE) in Carleton Place and to have his granddaughter also in attendance and competing in other events.
- c) Sue Sharp was happy to be working with Marie Press on the Honduran trip and would like others to sign up.
- d) Linn Thain hopes to avoid future comparisons with Chester from Gunsmoke (older members will understand) when he gets a new knee on August 28 – Good Luck to Linn on what has become a common operation in Canada.
- e) Cal Langman had 2 family LOVE stories, visiting with distant family that he had not seen for 15 years in British Columbia followed by a fishing trip in Saskatchewan with 15 who have got together as a young family member has been given word of terminal cancer – definitely a time to appreciate the importance of family.
- f) Two LOVE birds, Bruce & Frances, have become senior citizens together and Bruce received a new toy to replace his lawn mower – a new tractor. Next week he will announce what Frances received, of equal value.
- g) Lloyd Graham was happy to be returning to the Board to fill the vacancy created when Jamie Bondy-Donohue stepped down.
- h) Wendy & Jim Coyle, our other Rotary married couple (more Rotary LOVE) were happy & sad as they are about to set off on their boat on the inland waterway, reaching Kentucky by end of September, returning briefly and then continuing on to Sarasota for the winter.
- i) Ken Seim was pleased to spend time with his granddaughters in Timmins, camping, dodging mosquitoes & black flies and attending kids' baseball games.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 7 – No Meeting as we celebrate one of Civic Holiday, Simcoe Day or Colonel By Day, all recognized names in Ontario – take your pick but be happy

August 14 – meeting will take place at the Canadian Canoe Museum