

Be a gift to the world

Rotary Club of Peterborough June 20, 2016

(Submitted by Susan Sharp)

Oh Canada. Even though we were prompted with the new lyrics to Oh Canada, we still stammered the old lyrics out. Our Sarg said we are too old to change!

Guests were introduced by Linn Thain and they heard our lovely Welcome Song!

Happy Bucks: *Andi* was happy to have spent time walking in the Parkinson's walk. *Joe's* daughter was called to the bar last week and he was proud to have attended. *Sally and Wayne* are happy to have two children who graduated with honours. *Lloyd* for celebrating Fathers Day with his dad. *Bruce* is happy to be back from the RI convention in Korea. More details about his trip to follow at another meeting.

Announcements: *Lloyd* announced a youth exchange committee meeting for today after Rotary. *Ross* gave an update on Frank Bayliss as Frank is back home but not in his apt. He is in a different room so ask at the front desk. *Peter* announced a Parks and Trails meeting after Rotary today. *Stu* spoke to Tom Lyons and he's doing well in Warkworth and he passed along greetings to our club. *Allan* spoke about Fort McMurray and how our club will help. Our club is donating \$1500 to their Rotary District and he encourages members to donate directly as they wish and may have already done so.





June 27 – Alan Ingram & Bruce Gravel – Changeover

President: Alan Ingram Past President: Kevin Duguay President Elect: Bruce Gravel Treasurer: Wayne Harding Club Secretary: Brian Wilson Sgt. at Arms: Ken Tremblay Directors: Jaimie Bondy-Donohue Mike Evans Joe Hall John Thomas Andi Van Koeverden

June Birthdays:

June 1 - Frank Parish June 8 - Sharon Lees June 9 - Shirlanne Pawley-Boyd June 11 - Brent Perrin June 13 - Cal Langman June 14 - Joe Kapron June 16 - Ray Saitz June 20 - Peter Norris June 24 - Stan Pineau

June Club Member Anniversaries:

June 10 - Bob Phillips June 16 - Gord Fallen June 16 - Mark Donohue June 21 - Willard Chapman June 21 - Shirlanne Pawley-Boyd

> Our Exchange Student info: Leo Meili Cell: 705-875-3508 leo.meili@bluewin.ch is residing with

> Andi & Joe van Koeverden 313 Blacksmith Way Peterborough ON, K9L 0B5 Andi Cell: 705-927-4433

Mark Donahue headed our Canada Day meeting.

Over 200 students participated in the Canada Day essay contest. Mark welcomed the winners to our meeting. All participants who entered receive a certificate. Mark thanked our notable guests in attendance.

Special thanks to the Black family for their donations which have taken place for over 20 years and bring this event to life. Mark thanked his fabulous committee as they work very hard.

First place winner Maryam Abdella, grade six from Westmount Public read her essay which spoke of our diversity and acceptance of different cultures and kindness and generosity. Maryam won a bicycle today!

Jaimie read some greetings from Maryam Monsef, Member of Parliament, who could not join us in person. She thanked the children and their parents and our Rotary club as well.

Second prize winner Davey Bolduc, grade five from St Joesph in Douro spoke of farming, his family and sports (especially hockey!) and how fortunate we are as Canadians in the "true north strong and free".

Davey walked away with a bicycle too!

Jeff Leal, MPP thanked David Black for the tradition of the Rotary essay contest and spoke about our Canadian history and war veterans.

Third place winner Molly McLean is a grade six student at King George Public school and her essay spoke also about diversity and freedom and she received an iPod.

Mayor Daryl Bennett was pleased to hear the students today and how they touched upon history and our ability to accept one another's differences. He thanked the Black Family as well for bringing this program to our students.

Fourth place winner Justin King grade six from Highland Heights school spoke about Canada's natural resources such as oil, wood and fresh water. A great reminder to all of us! Justin won a iPod!

County Warden J Murray Jones spoke about visiting a WW1 memorial in Amsterdam and how moving it was to consider their sacrifice. Additionally, a time capsule was found while fixing the Buckhorn bridge (from 1976) and it communicated how life was simple and pleasant and how wonderful that is.

Naser Miftari was introduced as a new Canadian who lives in the Peterborough area. He was proud of the kids who spoke about what Canada really is. He has his own personal journey of hardship and perseverance, although he didn't say where he was from. Nasar is a teacher who commutes abroad to to teach. YMCA, little league, parades are all very nice aspects of living in Peterborough.

Mark thanked his committee and some photos were taken of the winners with their prizes.

Allan thanked our guests and thanked everyone for all their participation while he acted as President. Thank you to the children for their commitment to the environment and community.

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.