

Rotary



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

Rotary Club of Peterborough March 12, 2018

Submitted by Bruce Gravel
(historian, humourist, hairless)

Today in Canadian History: 1930 - WWI ace Billy Barker was killed in a plane crash at Rockcliffe air base, Ottawa. Barker shot down 53 enemy planes during WWI, and won the Victoria Cross for his single-handed dogfight against 60 German planes.

President Andi opened today's meeting at 12:15 p.m., welcoming everyone.

Milan Ichniovsky said Grace. Lloyd Graham said the 4-Way Test. We sang O Canada, sounding pretty good thanks to Maestro Paul Bodrug on the keyboard.

Guests: Arlene Blunck introduced our guests: Simon Evans, son of Mike Evans, our speaker Carissa McIntyre, and her mentor Carey McMaster. Our guests considered leaving when we sang our infamous welcome.

Exchange Student Moment: None! Mati was still in South Carolina for March Break with her host family.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Moe Grant levied various fines, revelling in his terrible power.

Happy Bucks: *Jay Amer* coughed up \$20 in memory of the late Stu Stovel, wishing that the Queen of Hearts draw and the free wine would come back, in his memory. He also welcomed back John Thomas. *Carey McMaster* happily announced the formation of her own company. *Colin MacKenzie* was pleased that his team of Joe, Stan, and Gord R. had spectacularly restored the dining room at Cameron House (and got their picture in the paper). *Ginette Bailey* was happy to have spent one wonderfully warm month in Florida. *Lloyd Graham* was happy for his parents' new living arrangements, and for a recent Florida vacation with Moe Grant & their companions. *Alan Ingram* was happy to be back from court duties in Nunavut, which had a TB epidemic. *Peter Norris* was leaving for Mexico this week after suffering through his first winter in Canada in 20 years.

President: Andi van Koeverden

Past President: Bruce Gravel

President Elect: Ken Tremblay

Treasurer: Wayne Harding

Club Secretary: Ken Tremblay

Sgt. at Arms: Moe Grant

Directors:

Marie Press

Stan Pineau

Jason Stabler

Kevin Duguay

Peter Thomas

Lloyd Graham

Vacancy



March Birthdays:

March 4 - Frank Bayliss
March 14 - Hannah Routly
March 14 - Lucas Smith
March 24 - Bob Prentice

March Club Member Anniversaries:

March 2 - Jason Stabler
March 2 - Marie Press
March 7 - Sally Harding
March 7 - Elizabeth Ichniovsky
March 7 - Cal Langman
March 8 - Peter Eatson
March 13 - Susan Sharp
March 16 - Ray Saitz
March 16 - Ross Verner
March 21 - Paul Bodrug
March 23 - Will Cleveland
March 28 - Bill Graham

Our Exchange Student info:

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is residing with

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Upcoming Program Schedule



March 19 - Rotary Carl Oake Swimathon

April 9 - Terry Guiel - Executive Director, Downtown Business Improvement Area

May 7 - Angelica Cooper - Peterborough Independent Podcasters

Re-Induction: Membership Chair Moe re-inducted John Thomas, a former Rotarian. John said his return was thanks to harassment from Alan and Jenny Ingram. *Welcome back to Rotary, John!*

Program: Colin MacKenzie introduced Carey McMaster, a representative from Ontario Works at the Innovation Centre. Carey introduced our speaker: Carissa McIntyre. Carissa related her “journey through hell” to becoming a writer. Now a self-published author, she has produced three books of adult erotic fiction in just one year! A single mother of 4 (3 of hers and 1 adopted), she had always wanted to write. In March, 2017, she self-published her first book, *Cuffed*, all by herself, including the cover. (Your humble scribe can attest that’s quite a feat!) She wrote two more books in quick succession as she dealt with a traumatic upheaval in her life: leaving an abusive relationship and staying at the YWCA Crossroads Women’s Shelter. She went into the Ontario Works program at the Innovation Centre, where she met Carey, her mentor. She took classes at the Centre and created a business plan, resulting in establishing her own publishing house in November, 2017. Her latest novel, *Heist*, just came out last month. Here is the link to the PeterBio feature on Carissa published in a February 2018 *Peterborough This Week* newspaper: www.mykawartha.com/community-story/8106864-peterbio-carissa-mcintyre/

Fellow self-published author Bruce Gravel thanked Carissa (their books were neighbours in the Local Authors section of Chapters on Lansdowne). He attempted to present her and Carey with our priceless Local Lager glasses, but alas, he was glassless.

Announcements: Alan Ingram said his One Million Meals initiative would be held on April 7, and he had 37 of 42 slots filled. Contact him if you want to share in the fun. There was no Kawartha Foodshare tonight; it would be held next Monday. Lucas Smith said Past District Governor Doug Vincent from the Woodstock-Oxford Club was leading trips to Mexico to administer the polio vaccine. Contact Doug at vincent@execulink.com if you want to join a future trip. Lyn Kimmett reported this year’s Swimathon should net **\$46,500** after expenses (**Bravo!**). 25% of that would be presented to Easter Seals at the wrap-up event at this hotel next Monday, starting at 11 a.m. He hoped many Directors and members would attend. We will need a new Swimathon chair next year, as his doctor had ordered Lyn to step down for health reasons. Ken Tremblay, on behalf of Treasurer Wayne, apologized for the late sending of tax receipts from the RI Canada Foundation. Lloyd Graham said parking volunteers would be needed

for the Garden Show on April 13-15, which raised about \$4,000 for our club, which covered our Youth Exchange expenses.

Member Resolution: Ken & Lloyd proposed the following Resolution: That the membership of the Rotary Club of Peterborough endorse its support and participation of the 2018 MusicFest season and authorizes the Board to enter into an agreement with MusicFest and the Peterborough Kawartha Rotary Club. Moved by Joe McCulloch, seconded by Alan Ingram, and carried.

Classification Talk: Karen Laws gave her Classification Talk; an excellent presentation with slides. A Peterborough native and graduate of Kenner & Trent, she had a B.Sc. in Fish & Wildlife Management and a B.Ed. She worked for MNR for 36 years, mostly up north, and was also a teacher. She retired in 2014. She had started a second career: Ontario Dog Trainer was her business. She was a certified trainer and dog food specialist. She also regularly visited local nursing homes with her therapy dogs. She had been instrumental in leading the fight to save Boyd Island in Pigeon Lake from developers, culminating in ownership by the Kawartha Land Trust in 2015, so it could stay wild forever. She was a member of the Women’s Business Network and was on their Dragon Boat team.

President Andi adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Your Smile:

*“Happiness is having a large, loving, caring,
close-knit family - in another city.”*

—George Burns

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.
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