



## Rotary Club of Peterborough March 13, 2017

(Submitted by Ray Saitz)

**President Bruce** called the meeting to order at 12:13 pm and gave us two moments in history. In 1859 John Brown brought the first freed slaves to Canada via the underground railroad, and in 1928 Eileen Vollick became the first Canadian female pilot.

Grace was said by Wendy Hill who was decked out, according to President Bruce, as an Irish Viking. This was followed by the Four Way Test led by Lyn Kimmett, the Toast to Canada and the Queen, and the singing of Oh Canada with the incomparable Paul Bodrug at the keyboard.

**Guests:** Ray Saitz introduced the lone guest who was our guest speaker Mike Skinner. Lais arrived shortly afterwards which brought the total of guests of the Club to two.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Moe Grant let us know that those who wore some green were exempt from fines, and regular fines were levied for not wearing a pin or badge. Each member was asked to pitch in \$2 with the opportunity to get one buck back if he or she could correctly answer a question based on content in the current Rotarian magazine.

**Birthdays:** Hannah Routly, Lucas Smith, Bob Prentice, Frank Bayliss, and Jim Tapsell were all celebrating birthdays in March.

**Exchange Student moment:** Lais said that she had become ill and was not planning on doing much during the March Break, although

**President:** Bruce Gravel

**Past President:** Alan Ingram

**President Elect:**  
Andi van Koeverden

**Treasurer:** Wayne Harding

**Club Secretary:** Ken Tremblay

**Sgt. at Arms:** Linn Thain

**Directors:**

Jaimie Bondy-Donohue

Kevin Duguay

Joe Fleming

Sally Harding

Jason Stabler

Brian Wilson



### March Birthdays:

March 4 - Frank Bayliss  
March 14 - Hannah Routly  
March 14 - Lucas Smith  
March 24 - Bob Prentice  
March 26 - Jim Tapsell

### March Club Member Anniversaries:

March 2 - Jason Stabler  
March 2 - Marie Press  
March 3 - Steve Mills  
March 4 - Mel Headon  
March 7 - Elizabeth Ichniovsky  
March 7 - Cal Langman  
March 7 - Richard Morgan  
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 23 - Tina Johnston  
March 28 - Bill Graham  
March 28 - John Harvey

### Our Exchange Student info:

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## Upcoming Program Schedule



March 20 - Det. K. Calderwood, City of Peterborough Police

March 27 - Brian & Dorothy Menton, National Polio Immunization Day in Africa

April 3 - Bill Lockington, LLB, Business Succession Planning

President Bruce had sent out an email asking any member who could help entertain Lais during the March Break to volunteer. On Saturday she had a party for some of her friends and she thanked her host Atul for letting her have some friends over. Last Wednesday she was on TV.

**Announcements:** *Eleanor Down:* We need volunteers to help out at the Garden Show which is running from April 7 to 9. She is going to try to put the notice of the event and sign-up options on our website. *Colin MacKenzie:* Last year we entered a Dragon Boat team and this year we will do so again. The Dragon Boat Festival is on Saturday, June 10. The Club will pay the registration fee but we need 20 volunteers and a captain. Colin also told us that on March 25 The Habitat for Humanity Youth Council is holding a fundraiser from 3 to 6 at The Spill with local talent; admission will be \$5.00. In May they will present a new house and we will be notified of build dates. This week the food is going to Brock Mission. Colin mentioned that last week a Club member donated some money which will be donated to a local shelter. *Joe Hall:* He gave us an update on The Major Projects Partnership. There are 9 proposals so far and the deadline for submissions is April 14.

**Happy Bucks:** *President Bruce* donated 50 happy bucks which represented the \$50 he got from Amy who was the auctioneer and successful bidder for the restaurant gift certificate at last week's meeting. *Lloyd Graham's* father is out of hospital and on another note *Lloyd* did a makeup in Sault St. Marie while refereeing at a basketball tournament. *Susan Mackle:* She let us know that the next social event will be an afternoon of tea and cookies for the wives of Rotarians, female Rotarians, and wives of former Rotarians, on Sunday April 30 from 2 to 5. The event is being hosted by Jenny Ingram at her home and she will do a presentation about care giving. *Susan* will be sending out invitations directly. *Atul Swarup:* His family is hosting Lais and on Saturday they presided over a teen party for Lais and her friends. He also mentioned that one day a year he

reveals his alter ego and on Friday he will be Atul. Your loyal scribe is not sure what this means.

**Program:** Michael Skinner is the president and CEO of the Innovation Cluster and he gave a presentation about it and its goals. The initiative has evolved over time with various names and now it is the Innovation Cluster of Peterborough and the Kawarthas, which includes Lindsay. It is funded by Trent University, Sir Sanford Fleming College, the Ontario Centre for Excellence, the City of Peterborough, and the Peterborough Angel Network. The have expanded into the downtown with an office and a staff of four. The Innovation Cluster has three mandates which are strengthening innovation, assisting new companies in formation and growth, and growing our knowledge-based economy. It focuses on four major areas: healthcare technology, advanced agriculture, clean or environmental technology, and digital technology. At present there are two incubators: the Trent Cube and the Downtown Cube. Further details are available at the Innovation Cluster website at <http://www.innovationcluster.ca/programs/faststart/>

The meeting was adjourned at about 1:06 pm.

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](mailto: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.