



## Rotary Club of Peterborough March 19, 2018

Submitted by Bruce Gravel  
(auctionaut, aquanaut, but not astronaut)

**Today in Canadian History:** 1914 - The Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) was officially opened by the Duke of Connaught, Governor General of Canada and 3rd son of Queen Victoria.

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

Colin MacKenzie said Grace. Andrew Welk said the 4-Way Test - from memory! (Bravo!) We sang O Canada, sounding pretty good thanks to Maestro Paul Bodrug on the keyboard.

**In Memoriam:** Past District Governor John Cockburn delivered the sad news that long-time Rotarian Willis Cleveland had died. Will was a Past District Governor and Past President renowned for his perfect meeting attendance; the only 2 meetings he ever missed were these last 2 weeks as he lay sick in hospital. He had received a 53-year Perfect Attendance pin at our June 2017 Presidential Changeover meeting, when he (along with the late Stu Stovel) also received our club's Lifetime Achievement Award. Will had made countless contributions to our club over the decades. Details of his Celebration of Life on April 21 at Highland Park will be emailed to all members. John led us in a minute of silence in Willis's memory.

*(Editor's Note: upon my return home, Frances & I toasted Will with his famous 10-year-old Sipping Tequila, a bottle of which he had donated to our Auction for years. Frances was the winning bidder at our 2018 Auction for this bottle; Willis had said it was the last from his cask.)*

**Guests:** Joe McCulloch introduced our guests of the club: Stephanie Gates, Rotarian Frank Parish & his wife Bonnie, Graham Hart, Coralie Jacobs, former Rotarian Stephen Vass, Easter Seals Ambassador Mitchell McColl & his mom Yvonne, Venessa Oake Hogan (Carl's daughter), and Harry Huffman (all these guests because of our recently-concluded 2018

**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

Morris Cox

Jason Stabler

Kevin Duguay

Peter Thomas

Lloyd Graham

Jaimie Bondy-Donohue



### 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 Ichniowski

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



## Upcoming Program Schedule



April 2 - NO MEETING - Easter Monday

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

April 16 - Mike Skinner - Innovation Cluster - Peterborough and the Kawarthas

### Our Exchange Student info:

Matilde Giannoni

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is residing with

Stephanie Fox-Comery & Dave Comery

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Swimathon), and Mati, our Exchange Student. Our guests gamely endured our infamous welcome song.

**Exchange Student Moment:** She's back! Mati had returned from 1 week at Williamsburg, VA., and 1 week at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina (where she saw dolphins and gators), during March Break with her host family. She also met Assistant Governor Rick Storey there and attended a Rotary meeting.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Moe Grant levied fines, his omnipotent power having gone to his head.

**Happy Bucks:** *Andrew Welk* was happy the Swimathon was over, as he had produced over 250 charitable tax receipts for donors. *Stan Pineau* was happy to clear out Happy Bucks from his wallet. *Bob Prentice* was happy for his upcoming milestone birthday, but kept his age secret (he'll be 80). *Peter MacLoghlin* contributed money because he'd missed the last 2 meetings due to curling. *Ginnette Bailey* unhappily paid a fine 'cause her phone rang loudly. *Diane Allen* was happy for 2 weeks in Florida. *Ken Tremblay* appreciated the Birds of Costa Rica book he had received from Birdman Martin. (Who needs a book to ID a bird? If it has feathers and wings, it's a bird.) *John Cockburn* happily spent 2 weeks in Lima, Peru visiting his daughter, then a further week on an Amazon River cruise.

**Announcements:** *Colin MacKenzie* detailed where our recent leftover food had gone to various shelters and charities. Available Rotarians were invited to a build day on April 7 for the Habitat for Humanity home at 450 Wolfe Street from 9 - 12, when lunch would be provided by the recipient family. *Eleanor Down* said sign-up sheets for parking volunteers were on the tables for the Garden Show on April 13-15, which raised about \$4,000 for our club. This normally covered our Youth Exchange expenses, but would not next year (2018-19), as we were skipping a year on the program. *Kevin Duguay* said our Centennial Committee would meet soon, with those who had responded to his earlier messages. Willis Cleveland had been the first respondent.

**Program:** Lyn Kimmett and Vanessa Oake Hogan, co-chairs of our 2018 32nd Annual Swimathon, provided wrap-up details. It appeared our club's largest - and wettest - fundraiser would gross just over \$51,000 this year, with a net after expenses of over **\$48,000**. **Bravo to all involved!** Lyn thanked all stakeholders and sponsors, including our premiere sponsor: Collins Barrow. Our top media sponsor was Corus Entertainment (CHEX TV, Fresh Radio, the Wolf). Various plaques

were presented at today's wrap-up meeting at 11:00 a.m., plus a cheque for 25% of the proceeds to Easter Seals. Peter MacLoghlin was the top fundraiser, raising \$3,470 from the 2 teams he headed. Team Mitchell was the best-dressed team. St. Anne's School was the top school fundraiser.

Vanessa said she and her siblings were happy to have taken over from Carl. They greatly appreciated Rotary's ongoing support. She gave special thanks to Lyn, who was supposed to have retired as Swimathon Chair, but had to step up again.

Lyn thanked our 2 event photographers: Stephen Vass and Bill Crins. He said the event had 2 co-chairs at the start of the year, but both had to drop out due to work pressures, so he had to resume the chair. He thanked Jason Stabler and Mark Donohue for the work they had done at the start of the year. He repeated that **we will need a new Swimathon chair or 2 co-chairs next year**, as his doctor had ordered him to step down for health reasons. Next year's Swimathon date: February 15, 2019.

Rotarian Frank Parish, a polio survivor, told us what Rotary and the Swimathon meant to him. He always swam as a member of Team Rotary each year.

President Andi thanked all the volunteers from Century 21 who had participated. She led us in a standing ovation for Lyn for his dedicated hard work. She adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

### Your Smile:

*"Friends are therapists  
you can drink with."*

—cushion in a store window

### 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.  
Email: [smi0166@outlook.com](mailto:smi0166@outlook.com)