



Rotary Club of Peterborough March 27, 2017

(Submitted by Ray Saitz)

President Bruce called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm. He told us that on this date in 1855 Halifax, inventor Abraham Gesner received a patent for distilling kerosene and in 1920 Mary Pickford, born Gladys Smith, married Douglas Fairbanks.

Grace: Doug Armstrong. Four Way Test: Martin Parker. This was followed by a toast to Canada and the Queen and the singing of Oh Canada, with Paul Bodrug at the keyboard.

Guests: Joe McCulloch introduced the guests who were our guest speakers Brian and Dorothy Menton, and Dawn Straka from the Kawartha Club.

Exchange Student Moment: Lais told us that she is no longer sick and has moved to Lucas and Ann Smith's house which is great except that she must listen to Lucas's jokes. She had her first English monolog in drama this morning for which she had been practising every day. She also mentioned that she is doing a Brazilian dance next week.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Linn Thain introduced the fines. He said that this is a good time of year to be happy so it's hard to fine people BUT.... The Garden Show is on April 7, 8, and 9 and if you had not volunteered that was a \$2 fine. Linn reminded us that being the Sergeant-at-Arms is a tough job and when a member says "no" to a request it adds to the work, so if you said "no" to a request during the meeting, it was a buck fine.

Announcements: Gord Regts had a request from Henry Clarke to help with the installation of 600+ ceramic trilliums at the cenotaph on April 9 and although some people will be helping with the parking at the Garden Show he would appreciate five or six volunteers to help drill

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

April Birthdays:

April 4 - Elizabeth Ichniowsky
April 9 - Garry Humphreys
April 13 - Art Turner
April 14 - John Harvey
April 18 - Peter MacLoghlin
April 18 - Bob Parr
April 18 - Brian Wilson
April 19 - Audrey Lakien
April 20 - Kim Zippel
April 22 - Jim Scates
April 22 - Marie Press
April 23 - Bob Phillips
April 23 - Ross Verner
April 25 - Will Cleveland
April 28 - Rick Storey

April Club Member Anniversaries:

April 2 - Lucas Smith
April 3 - Jay Amer
April 4 - Piero Ronca
April 5 - Ken Tremblay
April 10 - Dick Kennedy
April 15 - Lloyd Graham
April 18 - Ginette Bailey
April 26 - Martin Parker
April 27 - Wendy Hill
April 27 - Joe McCulloch
April 29 - John Cockburn

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Upcoming Program Schedule



April 3 - Bill Lockington, LLB, Business Succession Planning

April 10 - Kelly Hadfield, TBC, Ghana Medical Help

April 17 - NO MEETING - Easter Monday

holes in the ground for the trilliums. *Rick Storey* said that there would be Spelling Bee meeting on Tuesday, March 28 and the French Spelling Bee is being held at the Wenjack Theatre on Tuesday, April 8. *Milan Ichniovsky* announced that on Thursday, March 30, at 8:00 pm there will be a comedy night at the Red Dog Tavern to raise money for Haitian medical supplies and care workers. The tickets are \$30 each and available from Milan. *Lloyd Graham* needs 11 volunteers for The Garden Show to help with parking. *Alan Ingram* said that on Saturday, April 1 volunteers will be packing dehydrated meal packages for Nunavut, Haiti, and the Food Bank at the Wellness Centre in two hour shifts and he needs six more volunteers. *President Bruce* is organizing a tri-club social at the Axe Club on May 7 from 1 to 4. 50% of the proceeds will go to the Rotary Foundation. There was a sign-up sheet at the registration desk.

Happy Bucks: *Ray Saitz* had a somewhat macabre buck when he said that the State of Arkansas was having trouble finding members of the public to witness 8 executions by lethal injection during April. Apparently the head of the Arkansas Department of Correction approached the Little Rock Rotary Club for volunteers because the Rotarians “do not have felony convictions and are over the age of 21.” This may be the most bizarre request for Rotary volunteers in history but does affirm our value to the community. None of the Rotarians stepped forward to volunteer. *Linn Thain* was happy that the Ennismore with which he is associated had moved on to the championship finals. *Andi van Koeverden* related how she showed up to assist at the Wednesday morning breakfast club but when she arrived everything was already prepared so she sat around and drank coffee, much as Joe always does. *Lloyd Graham* said that his parents had spent their third week at a retirement home. Also his basketball team won the first round of the championships and will be in the final this Sunday. *Joe McCulloch* and his wife were back from three weeks in Arizona with fellow Rotarian Stan Pineau and his wife. They went to the Rotary Club of Meza where they had a great time but they noticed that the lunch was almost identical to what we get at the Holiday Inn. Stan deduced that all Rotary lunches are prepared and shipped from a giant Rotary lunch warehouse. *Ken Seim* spent five days in Timmins and endured -37° C temperatures. *Brian Wilson* was happy that on March 10 he and his wife got a new grandson and went on to remind the Membership Committee of the meeting right after this meeting. *Martin Parker* missed three

meetings because he was in Vietman to see birds. He told us a strange story about the border agent at Vancouver airport noticing that Martin was a Rotarian and asking him to recite the Four Way Test in order to hasten his passage through the security check. *Susan Mackle* showed us the “lovely” invitation to the Rotary tea on Sunday, April 30, from 2 to 5 at Jenny and Alan Ingram’s residence which she is sending out to the spouses of former and present Rotarians, female Rotarians, and widows. However, she needs more current information.

Program: Brian and Dorothy Menton gave us a fascinating presentation about their trip to Nigeria, the most densely populated country in Africa, to vaccinate children during the National Polio Immunization Day, which turned out to be a life changing experience. Nigeria is not considered polio free any more and 11 million children up to five years of age will be vaccinated. Vaccine delivery, storage, distribution, and processing is an expensive process and children are also given vitamins as well. Over three days they inoculated 5000 children and altogether 4 million were done. You can find out more details at <http://www.endpolio.org/>

During the answers to several questions we found out that getting the vaccine as often as possible is recommended and that it is a live virus and the oral route is preferred over injection. The cost is only 11 cents per vaccination but the greatest cost is processing and getting the vaccine to the children. The Mentons were thanked by Willis Cleveland.

The meeting was adjourned at about 1:10.

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.