

Rotary Club of Peterborough May 7, 2018 Submitted by Stan Pineau

President Andi van Koeverden called the meeting to order at 12:19 pm. There were 59 members present.

Grace: Sue Sharpe

Four Way Test led by Diane Allen.

Toast to Canada and the Queen by President Andi..

O Canada with Maestro Milan Ichniovsky at the keyboard and the Peterborough Rotary Chorale.

President Andi called on all members with 40 or more years of service to stand and be recognized.

Guests: The sole guest was exchange student Mati Giannoni who insisted on the trademark Peterborough Rotary welcome song. Mati reported that she had volunteered at the One Roof Diner on Tuesday May 1, had been to Huntsville to meet an exchange student and attended a prom there and went with Rick Storey to Ste. Marie among the Hurons.

Announcements: *President Andi* announced that volunteers were required for the Rotary Fireworks presentation Saturday, May 19 and this has been followed up by an email to all club members. *Tracey Ormond* announced that plans were in the works for a lawn bowling session. *Cal Langman* announced that the May 14 meeting would feature local candidates for the provincial MLA election. He also advised that he had not heard from the incumbent Jeff Leal and asked that anyone who knew Mr. Leal call him and encourage his attendance.





May 14 – Provincial Candidates Panel – 2018 Provincial Election May 21 – NO MEETING – Victoria Day June 4 – Rick Storey and Amy Simpson – Rotary Spelling Bee and RYLA Students 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



May Birthdays:

May 1 - Alan Ingram May 2 - Piero Ronca May 3 - Abi Adeusi May 7 - Arlene Blunck May 11 - Lloyd Graham May 13 - Jim Coyle May 15 - Bill Morrison May 26 - Al Kloosterman May 27 - Ken Tremblay May 29 - Mo Cox

May Club Member Anniversaries:

May 3 - Peter MacLoghlin May 8 - Diane Allen May 16 - Steve Kylie May 30 - Jim Coyle May 30 - Al Kloosterman

> Our Exchange Student info: Matilde Giannoni Cell: 705-875-3508 is residing with

> Sally and Wayne Harding 1730 Keppler Crescent Peterborough ON 705-740-2053

Business: Sergeant at Arms Moe Grant, briefly reviewed his April 30 presentation to the club regarding the new format for meetings and the payment method for meals. He reviewed the club survey results and pointed out that there was a deficiency of \$7920 per year as a result of not meeting the Holiday Inn minimum guarantee. He stressed that the solution to meeting attendance and the deficiency remained a work in progress. The floor was then opened to questions and comments. Sally Harding suggested that the Committee should deal first with the new meeting structure and deal later with the deficit problem. Colin MacKenzie asked whether any consideration had been given to changing the time and day of the meetings. *Jim Coyle* suggested advance notice of speakers and meetings and reinstating attendance rules. To encourage new members, he also suggested the concept of associate members. Cal Langman stated that one of the purposes of the meeting schedule change was to attract new members and he wondered how the suggested changes would achieve that. He also

said that classification speeches should be featured including speeches by long term members. Sue *Sharpe* suggested "shorter, nicer" meetings. *Wendy* Hill talked of the formation of the 100 Women Who Care club. *Doug Armstrong* wondered why if survey choices 2 and 3 were "the same" they were presented in the survey as two separate choices. He also said that meetings could be made more interesting. *Peter Eatson* asked about attendance by those on leave of absence. Moe said there was a specific exemption for leaves of absence for health reasons. Several *members* expressed the view that we can look beyond the Holiday Inn to find a venue that suits the clubs concerns of attendance and deficit. Eleanor Down advised that she had spoken with a couple of venues (including the Naval Club) which seemed to be attractive alternatives to the current venue. Moe Grant again stated the the meeting format was a work in progress.

The meeing adjourned at 1:32pm.

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