

Rotary Club of Peterborough

May 8, 2017

(Submitted by Pete MacLoghlin)

May Birthdays:

May 1 - Alan Igram
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 16 - Steve Kylie
May 17 - Stu Stovel
May 30 - Jim Coyle
May 30 - Al Kloosterman

Upcoming Program Schedule

May 15 - Cham Shan Temple, Bethany – Project Progress

May 22 - NO MEETING – Victoria Day

May 29 - Dean Ostrander, CEO – Community Care Peterborough

President Bruce opened the meeting with his weekly “Today in Canadian History”. 1945 VE Day as Canadian troops entered Amsterdam. 1987 – The loony was unveiled replacing the \$1 bill, note that it is made from an alloy of nickel, copper and recycled tin.

Grace by Lucas Smith and the 4-Way Test by Willis Cleveland. Willis recited the 1st line in Spanish, then reverted back to English.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians introduced by Arlene Blunck: Michael Seim, son of Ken, Phil Davreaux – Jamie Donohue, Diane Pineau – Stan’s wife, Jackson Harding – Wayne and Sally’s son, Karen Laws – Betty Halman-Plumley and Sally Harding, Stephanie Burlien-Hall, our guest speaker.

Martin Wormald presented David Abramsky with his “Blue Badge” and introduced Rotarian Diane Allen who has transferred from the Whitby-Sunrise Rotary club.

Sergeant-at-Arms Linn Thain: \$1 for not wearing a Rotary pin at the Axe Throwing event. Mo Cox, a \$1 fine for stating that he didn’t pay fines. \$1 if you did not attend supper at Boston Pizza or Sunday’s Axe Throwing.

Happy Bucks: *President Bruce* for the Axe Throwing

event, announcing that PGG Brian Melton was the winner with our own Stan Pineau in 2nd. *Willis Cleveland* for completing 13 radiation sessions in Oshawa, *Stan Pineau* for Linn Thain's explosive throws, Gord Regts for throwing an axe up into a tree (outside), Gord Fallen for hitting metal and Frances Gravel for making a bullseye throw. *Amy Simpson* for another successful RYLA weekend and meeting Art Turner in a local eating establishment (? Rolands), *Wayne Harding*, \$10 for having Jackson home, *Ginette Bailey*, \$5 for the Axe Throwing, *John Cockburn*, \$5 for visiting daughter Gail in Peru, *Lloyd Graham* for turning 66 during another successful Frank Graham Liberation Tour in Holland, *Pete MacLoghlin*, \$2 to tell Doug Armstrong that we did use up the porridge and Chick's successful Jubilaire concert celebrating Canada's 150th.

Announcements: *Lucas Smith* gave a an update on The Teacher Training School in Honduras; *Susan Sharpe* asked for volunteers to join the District Honduras team in Feb 2018. *Jamie Donahue*, an update on Canada Day; a Rotarian will be assigned to each school to collect and review the essays. *Rick Storey*, an update about the Senior Spelling Bee on Tuesday and the Kids Bee Saturday at Fleming on Saturday. *Tracey Ormond* with dates to remember: **July 13** – David Abramsky is hosting a Hawaiian Luau Potluck (40 max), **July 28** – Rotary 4th Line Theatre evening, **Aug 10** – Elizabeth and Milan are hosting a Country Hoedown and **Aug 29** – the Globus Theatre social. *Jim Maloney* – that Rotary golf shirts can be picked up. *Ken Tremblay* has a few items from the Rotary locker + you will need an erasable marker to use the "presentation cheque". *Bill Crins* looking for volunteers to help with pruning in Ecology Park Thursday, May 18. *President Bruce* that the Rotary files are now safely stored at TVA and the Kawartha Club's invite to attend a Blue Jays game Saturday, May 27 – contact Gunter Schubert 705-742-2600.

Programme: Stan Pineau introduced today's speaker Stephanie Burlien-Hall who described her Rotary Exchange Student experience in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) during 1974-75. Stephanie grew up in Sault Ste Marie, graduated with BSc in nursing and later completed a Masters in Adult Education and for the past 25 years has been a Nurse-Educator in the Sunnybrooke O'Dette Cancer Centre where she worked with Diane Pineau. Stephanie was 17 when she left Canada to spend a year in Rhodesia which was her 1st choice. She was hosted by 2 clubs, Chiredzi & Fort Victoria (now Masvingo) where she attended school graduating with a Senior Matriculation diploma. At that time Rotary was still an all male bastion with wives being members of "The Inner Wheel" as Rotary-Anns! Some of her memories include seeing a lemon tree, a Rotary tour thru the Kalahari desert, a 3 day canoe trip beside crocodiles and hippos, 35° C Xmas Day, and a visit to Victoria Falls. Stephanie was proud to represent her home, Rotary, and Canada. She has lost contact with her hosts and friends because of the political turmoil since independence. Stephanie was thanked by Rick Storey who mentioned that Eric had represented our club last year in Finland. Bruce closed the meeting as usual with this joke. 2 elderly friends were sitting on a bench when one asked the other why he was getting a tattoo. "To have my name and address in case I forget!"