



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

## **Rotary Club of Peterborough May 14, 2018**

**Submitted by Stan Pineau**

President Andi VanKoeverden called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

**Grace:** Colin MacKenzie. **Four Way Test:** Stan Pineau. **Toast to Canada and the Queen** by President Andi. **O Canada.**

President Andi introduced Doug Armstrong who acted as moderator for the "Behind the Ballot" meeting of candidates running for election to represent Peterborough in the Ontario Legislative Assembly.

The four candidates present began with an opening statement.

**DAVE SMITH**, Progressive Conservative Party candidate, attacked (1) the cost of electricity which he said has gone, by province, from the lowest to the highest in Canada, (2) the loss of jobs in the province, (3) the large number of families in The Peterborough area that lack a family doctor, and, (4) the large debt accumulated by the Province. He asserted that Ontario was the most indebted province/state and that a PC government would be accountable and transparent, respect the taxpayer, bring back jobs and improve health care. He stated that Ontario was once the engine that drove the country but was now a "have-not" province.

**JEFF LEAL**, Liberal Party candidate and incumbent MLA, thanked Rotary for its contributions to the community and to the ideal of the four freedoms and the opportunity to fulfil one's goals. He stated that government was not a business but an entity whose object was to serve its citizens. He cited his party's policies such as (1) the minimum wage which would assist those with lower income to better care for themselves and their families, (2) the encouragement of the elderly to remain in their homes as long as they comfortably could, (3) assistance to youth and seniors, and, (4) free university education for children of families with limited means.

**SEAN CONWAY**, New Democratic Party candidate, said he admired the Rotary motto of "service over self" and that his goal was to care for and love his neighbours. He stated that (1) hospitals were overcrowded, (2) school classes were too large with inadequate resources, (3) the poor cannot afford prescriptions and (4) caring for the planet was a good thing. He proffered that the choice was for bad, worse or change.

**GIANNE BROUGHTON**, Green Party of Ontario Candidate, stated she found politics like love in that it makes your heart beat faster and you can't sleep. She expressed deep concern about our path to self-destruction in destroying the planet and depleting its oxygen. She noted that up to this point the three other candidates had not mentioned their leaders and that her leader, Mike Schreiner, was a man of honesty and integrity, who wanted to change the status quo.

**President: Andi van Koeverden**

**Past President: Bruce Gravel**

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**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 MacLoughlin

May 8 - Diane Allen

May 16 - Steve Kylie

May 30 - Jim Coyle

May 30 - Al Kloosterman

### **Our Exchange Student info:**

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## **Upcoming Program Schedule**



**May 21 - NO MEETING - Victoria Day**

**June 4 - Rick Storey and Amy Simpson - Rotary Spelling Bee and RYLA Students**

**June 11 - In Club Meeting**

## QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY ROTARIANS WERE PUT TO THE CANDIDATES BY THE MODERATOR.

### HOW DO YOU SOLVE THE DOCTOR SHORTAGE?

**SMITH:** Invest in front-line workers and stop fighting with the doctors.

**LEAL:** The government has been gradually restoring levels after the previous PC administration depleted the numbers of health workers. LHIN is attempting to attract doctors and the Province covers doctors' liability as an inducement.

**CONWAY:** Mike Harris depleted the health system which still has not been fully restored under the Liberals. The NDP proposes complete body health care.

**BROUGHTON:** The problem is one of funding and the Green Party proposes funding through royalties on resources which would provide for stable funding and help husband resources. She advocated more in-depth care with more nurse-practitioners.

### WHAT ABOUT THE ELDERLY – AN ESCALATING CONCERN IN THE PETERBOROUGH AREA?

**LEAL:** The province is providing various grants to seniors to assist their remaining at home as long as possible. Also increasing long-term care beds.

**CONWAY:** Provide even more long-term care beds but with more personal care and keep couples together.

**BROUGHTON:** Long-term care facilities were thought to be the answer but the Green Party would seek individual approaches (e.g. housing and care facilities combined).

**SMITH:** Need 30,000 long-term beds over the next 10 years and need to free up hospital beds as they were not designed for long-term care and too expensive.

### WHAT ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING?

**CONWAY:** 25% of carbon pricing revenue should go to municipalities.

**BROUGHTON:** Cap and Trade is not the best route, suggests a carbon fee and dividend. In summary, a dumping fee for carbon which fee is to be forwarded to the residents of Ontario.

**SMITH:** A tax grab. You can't tax demand. Attack the supply side.

**LEAL:** The former PC leader and candidates were agreeable to the Liberal solution with monies going back to the province.

### I LIKE YOUR PHILOSOPHY AND PRESENTATION BUT AM DUBIOUS ABOUT YOUR LEADER. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

**BROUGHTON:** Go to the internet "mikeatthemc.ca" and find out about him. He can identify the issues and put together policy with funding.

**SMITH:** Doug Ford is a great person and is not at all like the leader of another jurisdiction. He is a family man and approachable. He inspires people. His "fault" is that he supported his brother. I am proud of Doug Ford.

**LEAL:** Kathleen Wynne gave me the opportunity to act as a minister in a portfolio that has relevance to the Peterborough area. I am proud to serve Peterborough in her cabinet. Mr. Ford is volatile and was prepared to give away the greenbelt - "just farmers' fields".

**CONWAY:** She is the reason I am here, I think of her as working class – ground level.

### WHAT ABOUT THE COST OF ELECTRICITY?

**SMITH:** The cost of electricity has tripled in 15 years. "Green" is a good concept but has been poorly executed in Ontario. The hydro dividend

should go to Ontarians. PC Party will reduce rates 15%.

The salary of the Ontario Hydro CEO is outrageous at \$6.2 million and if "pay equity" is applied he should be in the \$385-\$450 thousand range.

**LEAL:** A study of electrical systems after the Northeast blackout of 2003 revealed that an investment of \$50 billion was required to bring the Ontario system up to standard – a legacy of the Harris-Eves. It was an investment that had to be made and I have no problem that part of the debt will be passed on to future generations as those generations will benefit from the system.

**CONWAY:** I pay \$200 per month for hydro at a one-room apartment in Peterborough. I favour eliminating rural pricing and repurchasing the distribution system.

**BROUGHTON:** Rationalize and balance the budget. Decommission nuclear plants as they reach their life end. Purchase hydro from Quebec and Manitoba. Investigate other means of generation particularly on a smaller scale.

### CLOSING REMARKS

**BROUGHTON:** She moved to Peterborough to be closer to her parents in Toronto. She sees the task at hand as determining how the party is going to help everyone pull together. She wants to focus on fiscal responsibility, ecological awareness "green and clean", the provision of a basic income to everyone and affordable drug pricing.

**CONWAY:** Stressed the importance of these types of debates as essential to democracy and our community.

**LEAL:** Strategic deficits will not harm the future but are an investment in the future. He cited the example of the long string of deficits of the Bill Davis government. He stated that politics are about people and his aim was to help those in need, "You know who I am".

**SMITH:** He thanked the Rotary Club for the invitation. He said that he had no notes and spoke from the heart about PC policies. When told that something "can't be done" he says he does it and gave several examples of organizing hockey events in Peterborough. He said he wanted to "turn Ontario around" and asked to "let me show you we can do it".

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Alan Ingram – Kawartha Foodshare sorting tonight at 5pm. Tracey Ormond – Lawn Bowling event May 23, 4-6pm. Bill Graham – Reported on successful Rotary Spelling Bee.

Meeting adjourned shortly after 1:30pm

### 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)