

Rotary



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Rotary Club of Peterborough May 16, 2016

(Submitted by Bruce Gravel)

President Alan Ingram opened today's meeting at 12:10 p.m., welcoming everyone. Lucas Smith said Grace. Linn Thain led us in the 4-Way Test. We sang O Canada, sounding pretty good thanks to Maestro Paul Bodrug on the keyboard.

Guests: Joe McCulloch introduced our guests: our speaker, Jeremy Ward; Ann Whipper, guest of Cal Langman; Chantel MacMormack, guest of John McCormack; Bill Morris, guest of Atul Swarup; Tracey Ormond, guest of Martin Wormald; Elizabeth Eggenberger, a visiting Rotarian from Port McNeil, BC; and Leo Meili, our YE student from Switzerland. Our guests were gobsmacked when we sang our world-famous welcome.

Exchange Student Moment: Leo updated us on his recent activities, which included his team winning 2 baseball games and him getting his first run. For a kid who never played baseball before, we say: Huzzah!

Sergeant-at-Arms: Amy Simpson terrorized us by singling people out for special fines (including Yours Truly for being "glowing" and Tracey Ormond who wasn't even a Rotarian yet!). Then she levied a canoe-related general fine; most of us lost \$2.

Announcements: A glowing *Bruce Gravel* modeled one of the 20 new day-glo yellow safety vests purchased for our club's activities, which stated "Rotarian at Work" on the back. See Secretary Brian Wilson to borrow them, or new Secretary Ken Tremblay after July 1. Bruce also said that updated Committee Members lists would be emailed later this week. *Colin MacKenzie* said there would be a practice on June 4 from 1-4 pm for paddlers on our Rotary Dragon Boat team. Our race would be at 1:00 pm on June 11. *Jim Moloney* said June 2 would be a GE Employee Day of Service at the Zoo, fixing things up, and he invited any Rotarian to join in. (An ideal event to use our new safety vests!) *Steve Kylie* said more volunteers were needed to help with the Rotary Fireworks this Saturday at Del Cray Park; 65 people were needed from the 2 clubs. Contact either him or Andi Van Koeverden to sign up. (Another ideal event for our new safety vests!) He also warmly invited us to The Mount for our offsite meeting on May 30, to be chaired by President-Elect Nominee Andi. *Alan Ingram* reported on the successful

President: Alan Ingram

Past President: Kevin Duguay

President Elect: Bruce Gravel

Treasurer: Wayne Harding

Club Secretary: Brian Wilson

Sgt. at Arms: Ken Tremblay

Directors:

Jaimie Bondy-Donohue

Mike Evans

Joe Hall

John Thomas

Andi Van Koeverden

May Birthdays:

May 1 - Alan Ingram

May 2 - Piero Ronca

May 3 - Abi Adeusi

May 7 - Arlene Blunck

May 10 - Willard Chapman

May 11 - Lloyd Graham

May 13 - Jim Coyle

May 15 - Bill Morrison

May 26 - Al Kloosterman

May 27 - Lisa Smith

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

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Upcoming Program Schedule



May 23 – NO MEETING – Victoria Day

May 30 – Andi Van Koeverden – Offsite Meeting & Tour at the Mount

Fenelon Falls Showcase on May 12, hosted by the Rotary Club there and featuring a First Nations speaker. He said our Board would discuss donating for long-term aid for Fort McMurray at its June 8 meeting and will report back. Individual donations can be coordinated through Ken Tremblay. John Thomas was in London, Ont., due to the death of his mother. *Brian Wilson* asked the members to approve a Board motion to provide MusicFest with \$10,000 for the 2016 season; moved by him and seconded by Susan Mackle. The funds would come from sales of 50/50 tickets at MusicFest; we usually raised more than \$10,000. Motion passed.

Happy & Grumpy Bucks: (With all the negativity in the world today, do we really need Grumpy Bucks at Rotary?) *Frank Bayliss* was happy to have achieved his first par playing golf in the Seniors League last week. *Linda Mitchelson* was happy to have spent 3 weeks in Zambia working with Global Village/Habitat for Humanity to build a house there. *Martin “Birdman” Parker* was happy for 4 days spent birding (surprise!) at Point Pelee National Park and for assurances from Supreme Court Justice Michael Moldaver that teasing a certain local judge about the Leafs was not a jail-able offence. He was grumpy at not receiving his bee for helping with the Spelling Bees. *Rick Storey* thanked everyone involved in our 3 Spelling Bees. He had attended the Canadian National Spelling Bee in Toronto, because MCing our 3 local bees simply was not enough spelling for him. (Can you spell “obsession”?) *Jim Moloney* was happy that the Zoo’s lonely male Takin now had a companion, a yearling bull. (They were hopeful of receiving a female soon.) He was pleased to have served on the Spelling Bee committee, being very impressed with co-chairs Rick & Kim. *Kevin Duguay* had just returned from a week in Jamaica, where he achieved approval for a new community centre in Treasure Beach and would also be working on a new retirement home there. *Betsy McGregor* was happy to have delivered a framed photo of our club to Supreme Court Justice Moldaver in Ottawa, for her nephew being appointed special ambassador for Special Olympics Soccer, and for Ann Whipper sitting at our head table. *Art Turner* entertained us with a golfing joke, which even the non-golfers understood.

Program: Cal “Pierre” Langman, resplendent in his authentic Voyageur garb (except for the hat which was stolen from Davy Crockett) introduced our speaker: Jeremy Ward, Curator of our Canadian Canoe Museum. He had been involved with the museum for 2 decades, leading many projects and programs including TV documentaries. He researched and led a team that built an authentic 36-foot birch bark Voyageur “master canoe”. He welcomed Bill Morris, Chair of the Museum Board, and Ann Whipper, widow of museum founder Kirk Whipper, who had started the collection with a single dugout canoe. The word CANOE spelled out the museum’s core values: Collection, Aborigines, National, Organization, Experience.

Jeremy’s slide show included their exhibit on Sprint Paddling, showing the evolution of racing canoes from the 1890s onwards,

including 2 canoes from multiple-Olympic Gold Medalist Adam Van Koeverden (Andi’s step-son) in which he won gold at the 2004 and 2008 Olympics. The museum was currently restoring a canoe from the American Revolution, brought here after spending over 200 years in England. Peterborough was once the global centre for canoe manufacturing; the museum had the largest collection of manufacturing records from the Peterborough Canoe Company.

Last year, the museum had 26,634 visitors, 4,150 students & youth visitors, 514 Voyageur canoe trippers, and 10 weddings (including Kevin Duguay’s daughter). Jeremy outlined plans for the new museum next to the Lift Locks, using an Irish firm’s design with the largest green roof in Canada: 2 acres! Government approval for the build was now being sought. A capital campaign was coming. Audience questions included the potential hazard of dozens of canoes with neophyte paddlers and dozens of power boats in the narrow canal. Voyageur Stan “Jacques” Pineau thanked our speaker.

All Rotarians were invited to a brief ceremony in Del Crary Park immediately following this meeting, where Mayor Bennett would formally declare Rotary Week. President Alan adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m., with this program-appropriate saying: “In life, it’s not where you go, but who you paddle with.”

Author’s Note: Sadly, this will be my last Bulletin for at least a year.

On June 27, I take on the role of your President for 2016-17.

On May 25, Frances & I leave for Korea to represent our club at the RI Convention (over 41,000 delegates!), followed by a vacation in Japan, returning June 13.

“Life does not begin at the moment of conception or the moment of birth. It begins when the kids leave home and the dog dies.”
—Unknown

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.