



Rotary Club of Peterborough November 14, 2016

(Submitted by Colin MacKenzie)

Meeting Started: 12.10 pm. Grace: Lucas Smith. 4-Way Test: Andrew Welk.

Joe named our guests and they were welcomed with the usual sing-song: Dave Patterson, Peterborough Distribution Inc., Club Guest; John Stephenson, Peterborough Distribution Inc., Club Guest; Dave Bignell, Peterborough Distribution Inc., Club Guest; Kevin McAlpine, Northumberland Sunrise Club; Moe Grant, Barrie Rotary Club; Susan Hillock, Guest of Martin Wormald; Rick Davis, Guest of Susan Mackle; Mike Winslow, Guest of Carl Oake.

President Bruce with a distinctive low, scratchy voice, due to a soon to go head cold, opened the meeting with the following newsy stuff: In 1914 Canadian actress Marie Dressler starred with Charlie Chaplin. In 1981 the Canadarm operated for the first time flawlessly aboard the space shuttle Columbia.

Birthday announcements duly accompanied with song by the Rotary Club Ensemble. Linc Evans, Sally Harding, Andrew Welk, Mike Evans, Gord Regts and Neil Campbell.

Exchange student moment: Lais thanked all Rotarians for their support and company in a variety of events, adding that she felt so comfortable and welcomed by everybody. She said she had a great Brazilian supper with Alan and his wife, went to a curling party with Jim and Wendy, and went to the theatre with Hannah Routly.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Linn Thain walked to the podium with a piece of string on his finger and meaning business but surprised everybody by fining himself for forgetting the bell at the golf club after last week's meeting. The string was a reminder. He fined himself \$10 to much applause. Way to go, Linn! Fines also to Martin Parker for forgetting to pick up Lais last week and everybody else was fined a \$1 just because Linn could not think of another way to fine everybody.

Jason Stabler: Jason gave an overview of the Rotary Foundation as November is Rotary Foundation month and what it does for so many communities around the world, as it approaches its 100th anniversary next year. The RI Conference in Atlanta next year coincides with the anniversary. Why Atlanta? Well, in 1917 Art Klumpf set up an endowment and in 1928 it was first named the RI Foundation with the first payment of \$26.50. Over time RI Foundation has helped projects all over the world including clean water, education, peace, polio eradication, economic development to name a few. An example of this great work can be found with our own member Marie Press, who has been involved with great work in Honduras, along with other club members. Jason explained that a donation of \$500 to the Foundation will be matched by the club and this will contribute to a Paul Harris Award. Finally, Jason showed a short video of the RI Foundation. Contact Jason for any further information.

Bruce added that the Rotary Foundation and the work that is associated with it touches lives across the planet that includes mothers, children, health and welfare of communities and so much more. He reminded us that the Paul Harris Awards night is next Monday November 21st.

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

November Birthdays:

November 7 - Mike Evans
November 8 - Sally Harding
November 11 - Jim Moloney
November 14 - Andrew Welk
November 15 - Neil Campbell
November 18 - Linda Mitchelson
November 25 - Frank Gishman
November 29 - Wendy Hill-Coyle
November 30 - John Cockburn

November Club Member Anniversaries:

November 2 - Milan Ichniovsky
November 2 - Peter Thomas
November 3 - Sharon Lees
November 14 - Lyn Kimmett
November 15 - Wayne Harding
November 15 - John Thomas
November 19 - Arlene Blunck
November 27 - Rick Storey
November 28 - Eleanor Down
November 29 - Joe Kapron
November 30 - Linda Mitchelson

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Upcoming Program Schedule



November 21 – Evening Dinner Meeting, PG&CC – Paul Harris Awards Presentations

November 28 – Chuck Ealey – Former CFL & MFL Football Player, Financial Industry

Atul Swarup – Club's Strategic Plan: Atul outlined a renewal of the plan for the next 5 years from July 2017 and that all members will have an input. At a meeting in January 2017 the entire meeting will involve cluster groups where members can talk about some changes, plans and a vision for our club for the next 5 years. Atul also wants input from our stakeholders such as Habitat For Humanity, the Foodbank and others so that all demographics are captured in the 5 year plan. The Plan's committee comprises of Ken, Kevin, Neil and Andi.

Kevin McAlpine: A former member, Kevin was welcomed back and many will know Kevin, a former Chief of Police. He is now a member of the Northumberland Sunrise Club and he informed us of the Cobourg Christmas Function.

Announcements: Swimathon – Jason said the Swimathon Committee will be meeting at Ricky's this Friday (18th) and that volunteers will be needed for the swim event at the YMCA on Feb 17/17 at 7.30 am onwards. **Breakfast Program** – Joe mentioned the success of the Prince of Wales program and that the volunteer program has reached out, through Joe and Stan, to the Queen Elizabeth School where the Principal Nancy Calder expressed her thanks through a note to Joe and Stan for the supply of kitchen equipment. (juicers/blenders/cutting boards.) The kids love the smoothies! **Holiday Activity:** Susan Mackle reminded everybody to fill in the forms circulated to give her an idea of what activity members would like to be involved in over the Christmas period. **Paul Harris Night:** Bruce reminded everybody of the Paul Harris Award Night at the PG&CC next Monday evening (no lunch time meeting) November 21st. Tickets should have been bought by now but any questions contact Gord Fallen. **Auction Night:** Bruce reminded everybody about the Auction Night at PG&CC on Saturday January 17, 2017. Something new and easy for everybody wanting to buy tickets now....go online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/rotary-club-of-peterborough-foundation-inc/events/rotary-club-of-peterborough-dinner-and-auction>. Buying online will give you instant charitable tax receipts, instant tickets to bring with you and receive 2 reminders of the upcoming event. Tickets are \$125 of which \$60 comes back as a charitable tax receipt. The auction benefits the Habitat Youth Program (the only club in Canada with such a program). The theme of the evening is "Serving Humanity One Bid At A Time." Silent auction at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:45 pm. Bruce thanked Lou Hamel, past President of the Peterborough Kawartha Club for setting up the auction page with Canada Helps with help from Auction Vice Chair Amy. Bruce asked that we all reach out to friends/family for donation items. **December 5th** will be an in club meeting and the board members for 2017-2018 will be introduced but if anybody wants to apply as a board member contact Bruce. A **thank-you** was received from the Kawartha Club for Rick for helping with a book drive for the Spelling Bee Program. 3500 books are required. For more info, contact Rick. **An application for funding** under \$5000 should be directed to the Donations Committee and funding over \$5000 to the Major Projects Committee. And **thanks to Garry Humphreys** for his work on the Remembrance Day meeting last Monday and **thanks to Ken Seim** for his work with arranging and entertaining the visit by the Scots curlers. A good time was had at Jim and Wendy's as well, Och, aye, Laddies and Lassies!

Guest Speakers: The following three men from the Peterborough Utilities Group were introduced by Doug Armstrong – Dave Patterson, Dave Bignell and John Stephenson, President and CEO.

An excellent power-point presentation was provided so to avoid repetition in this bulletin Doug Armstrong will provide an e-mail

attachment of the presentation that you can review. Therefore, this bulletin will contain abbreviated information.

Dave Patterson said that there was a lot of misinformation in the community about the sale of the Peterborough Distribution Group (PDI) to Hydro 1 that he and his colleagues thought our members would like to receive some information. (Again, check that power point presentation for much more detail.)

Dave said Ontario's electricity system involves Generation, Transmission, Distribution and Consumers. The OEB (Ontario Energy Board) regulates all licensed distributors regardless of ownership. The Peterborough Utilities Group (PDG) provides electricity generation in the form of development and operation, metering and unregulated services, water treatment and distribution through PUC and Riverview Park and Zoo. With 170 employees, 35,000 customers PUC returned \$70 million to the city since 2000 with \$5.34 million returned in 2015.

Dave Bignell said Hydro 1 is the lone distributor of Transmission which means delivery of your services. In 1990 there were 307 electrical distributors and in 2016 there are 50 or so distributors so changes to delivery is emerging and will affect consumers, so much so that in the next 5 years it is expected that your hydro bill will have risen by about 40%

John Stephenson said that we have 36,000 customers surrounded geographically by Hydro 1 so will there be a retention of employment and/or bring jobs to this area in any future changes. A proposal is that Hydro 1 plans a large Operation Centre in this area providing an extra 30 jobs, in addition to 70 Hydro 1 jobs and the retention of PDI employees. The purchase price of PDI to Hydro 1 is set at \$105 million and that could mean a reduction of hydro distribution rates of 1% and a freeze of distribution rates for the next 5 years. In years through 6 to 10 Hydro 1 can ask the OEB for a rate increase. The sale transaction could net the City \$50-\$55 million and the community value would be \$100-\$150 million.

After some questions from members, Ken Tremblay thanked our speakers for their presentation. The facts and figures can be overwhelming and you are probably wondering how this will affect you in the months and years down the road, so John invited anyone to call his office for further clarification.

Bruce concluded the meeting with his quote of the day... Common sense is like deodorant.....those who need it the most, don't use it!

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.