



Rotary Club of Peterborough November 21, 2016

(Submitted by Colin MacKenzie)

Peterborough Golf and Country Club.

Paul Harris Awards Night. Master of Ceremonies – Alan Ingram.

5:30 pm-8 pm. With a full house of members, guests and special guests, everybody mingled and caught up with each other's friendships, while dining on a wonderful meal prepared by the kitchen staff at the PG&CC.

8:00 pm – President Bruce opened the meeting. Lais, our exchange student, said grace in Portuguese first and then in English. 4-Way Test: Ms. Paidamoyo Mukondiwa, Rotaract Member, (Guest of Kevin Duguay).

The normal meeting format was eliminated for this evening but President Bruce said.... in 1921 King George V proclaimed Canada's coat of arms and designated red and white as Canada's official colours. And.... in 1976 Orillia's Gordon Lightfoot had a number 1 billboard hit single entitled "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald."

MC Alan introduced DG Margaret (with her husband Ron) who travelled from Bracebridge. Margaret said there was complete respect for Rotary around the world and that there were more Rotary Clubs in the world than United Nations countries. She added that our club was one of 42 in the District and that Rotary members involve themselves in so many volunteer events, one being the eradication of polio. In 1985 there were 385,000 cases of polio and today there are 5 cases. Governor Margaret thanked everyone for their dedication and commitment to Rotary.

Bruce reminded everybody about the Annual Auction 2017 being held at that the PG&CC on January 17, 2017, a major fund-raising event for the benefit of the Habitat Youth Council. Our club is the only club working with youth. Tickets can be obtained for \$125 of which \$60 is returned to you in the form of a tax receipt. Tickets can be obtained from Gord Fallen and members can go to the Rotary Club Page to see the link to buy tickets on line instantly along with and instant tax receipt. The theme of the auction is Serving Humanity One Bid at a Time.

Main Event – The Paul Harris Awards Ceremony: The Award recognizes not only individuals who contribute or who have contributions made in their name of \$1000, but acknowledges those who have and continue to serve humanity, and who have made a difference in their community.

1. **Kenzu Abdella:** (introduced/nominated by Jason Stabler) Kenzu is an Ethiopian Canadian and a Professor at Trent University, as well as President

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

December 5 – Annual General Meeting –Reports and Election of Officers

of the Kawartha Muslim Religious Association, a charitable organization that promotes interfaith and cultural understanding and a greater awareness of Islam in the Peterborough area. After the local mosque was the subject of arson, various organizations came to its aid and raised over \$100,000. Mr Abdella can be described as a leader and an agent of change and is fully involved in the refugee settlement program here. Professor Abdella is awarded the International Service Award.

2. **Dr. Judith Buys:** (introduced by Joe McCulloch in place of Chantal Bailey, his daughter-in-law and very close friend of Dr. Buys.) Dr. Buys receives the PH Award posthumously because of the fact she died very suddenly this past summer over a very unfortunate accident at a cottage. Dr. Buys operated her own dental practice in Peterborough called Cornerstone Dental Practice. She would always make time for those with special needs, especially children, and she was known for her care and compassion for patients who were perhaps struggling with life. An avid golfer, a supporter of the Crossroads Women's Shelter and many other charities, a loving wife and mother, Dr. Buys always believed in living life to the fullest and her departure from our community was a shock and still is. Her husband Dr James McGorman provided a touching tribute to his wife and thanked Rotary for the nomination. Dr. McGorman accepted the Youth Services Award on behalf of his wife.
3. **Father Leo Coughlin:** (Introduced by Andi Van Koeverden) Andi's funny and touching tribute to Father Leo exemplified what Father Leo means to so many people. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1958 and over the years has served as pastor in a number of parishes, as well as Director of Diocesan adult education office and pre-marriage counseling. In 2001 he retired from pastoring and served as chaplain to the Sisters of St Joseph and as Faith Animator to the Catholic School Board staff. He is a life long student of spirituality and new cosmology and quantum physics. His presence in our community is a special gift and, as we all noted from his funny joke in his "thanks" to the club, he has a wonderful sense of humour. Example – his red convertible Mazda with a sign that reads "Parking for the Irish only." Now 83, Father Leo does not know the meaning retirement, as he continues to believe and work in his community. Father Leo is given the Community Service Award.
4. **Paul Hickey:** (Introduced by Jan Skates, co-worker) Paul is the founder of BrandHealth, one of the country's leading advertising agencies located in Peterborough. He has sat on a number of boards in the Canadian advertising and business sector, past Chair of the Board of Lakefield College School. The 4th Line Theatre and was on the founding board of the Greater Peterborough Innovation Cluster. Paul and his wife are also active and support many local arts and culture projects. BrandHealth's corporate support of local capital projects

includes the Market Hall renovation and the new YMCA. Jan explained that Paul is loyal, an excellent communicator, has integrity, is passionate about his business, lives by high ethical standards and imparts this on the 37 employees of the company whose mission is to be creative and make meaningful changes in peoples lives. Paul receives the award for Vocational Service.

- 5.: **Lyn Kimmett:** (Introduced by Peter MacLoughlin) Most of the club members know Lyn who was born in Napanee and began a career in banking, later to recruit fellow Rotarian Lloyd Graham. After 46 years with the Bank of Montreal he retired in 2011 and while working in various communities Lyn became involved with different clubs and organizations such as Kinsmen and Rotary. Since December 2011 Lyn has been the Chair of the Carl Oake Swimathon held at the YMCA and this event is one of the club's biggest fundraisers. Lyn continues his involvement in this event and paid tribute to Carl Oake himself who has been the driving force behind this event for many years. Lyn said he was honoured to be nominated with outstanding nominees, adding he accepts the award on behalf of the entire Swimathon Committee. He paid special tribute to Rick Storey, Mike Evans and Peter MacLoughlin. Carl paid tribute to his friend and colleague for his dedication and hard work with the Swimathon. Lyn is awarded the Club Service Award.

As the evening's activity was about to end, Bruce reminded everybody to go on line and purchase tickets for the Auction in January 2017. He thanked the Committee members for arranging this very special evening.

Bruce also quoted Arch Klumppf, who founded Rotary many years ago, that we should not live our lives for ourselves but for the joy of others.

Bruce also asked everyone to look at the banner by the podium that details all the Rotary activities and projects and think about them as we approach our 100th anniversary in 4 years.

Finally, Bruce's quote of the day – "When my boss asked me who is the stupid one, me or him? I told him everyone knows he doesn't hire stupid people."

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.