

Rotary Club of Peterborough November 26, 2018

Submitted by Colin MacKenzie

President Ken opened the meeting at 12.15 pm. 4 Way Test (without glasses!) by – Dave Abramsky. Grace – Lucas Smith.

Introduction of guests by Ray Saitz: Leigh Ramsay – guest of Sue Sharp; Donna-Marie Fennel – guest of Moe Grant; Mel Crow – guest of Milan Ichniowsky; Marie Virgoe- guest of Atul Swarup.

President Ken provided an overview of some Rotary business that included Andi van Koeverden has applied for long term absence until June 2019, that at the AGM on Dec 10th announcements will be made about dues will stay the same, Nominations Committee will be extended until July 2019, that Atul and his committee are still involved in a membership drive, that there has been a decline in funding money (\$2000 to play with at the moment), Wayne will provide an update on our finances, that there will be Honorary Membership awards and 2018 Lifetime Achievements Awards at the December 10th meeting, at ADG Rick will have prizes for the ugliest Christmas sweater at the next meeting. President Rick also said that to avoid taking up time for announcements any announcement that is not major could be e-mailed to members.

Announcements: *Colin* – said that in the past weeks he asked Lisa Mallette, the Holiday Inn catering Manager, to request her staff at the hotel to donate gloves/ socks/scarves etc. that would be delivered to homes and shelters. Colin has delivered three large bags of clothes so thank-you to Lisa and the Holiday Inn staff for the donations that went to the Warming Room on Brock Street. He also said that any left over food today will go to the Cassa Maria Home For Refugees on Downie Street where a new family had just arrived. *Peter MacLoughlin* – chair of the Swimathon Committee – is looking for Rotary Swim Teams for next year's event at the YMCA. For more details contact Peter. *Rick* said the Children's Easter Seals Christmas Party is on Sunday Dec 16th 9 -12 noon at the Peterborough Square – all are welcome but let Rick know if you intend to go. Lunch by Tracey Ormond. Rick also invited members to bring him old cell phones not being used to the Dec 10th meeting. They will be adapted for use by Women's Shelters. *Jim Coyle* said his curling trip with 21 others to Scotland was a hit! They played at different venues and were given various pins. Also, a wheel-chair curling league is very successful and a banner was given to Jim by the Wheel-Chair Scots. The Scots in turn expressed how much they enjoyed

President: Ken Tremblay

Past President: Andi van Koeverden

President Elect: Kevin Duguay

Treasurer: Wayne Harding

Club Secretary: Moe Grant

Sgt. at Arms: Lloyd Graham

Directors:

Marie Press

Morris Cox

John Thomas

Sarah Burke

Wayne Harding

Lloyd Graham



December Birthdays:

December 2 - Mark Donohue
December 3 - Ken Seim
December 8 - Neil Hannam
December 21 - Bill Graham
December 29 - Ginette Bailey

December Club Member Anniversaries:

December 1 - Kevin Duguay
December 7 - Jim Moloney
December 9 - Sarah Burke
December 11 - Peter Norris
December 12 - Colin MacKenzie
December 18 - Atul Swarup
December 22 - Bruce Gravel
December 31 - Art Turner



Upcoming Program Schedule



December 10 – AGM + Holiday Celebration

January 14 – Mayor Diane Therrien

January 28 – Club Assembly

their visit here. Och, aye, laddie!! *Kevin* invited members to purchase the Rotary Lager gift packs of which our club will receive \$6.80 from the sale of each pack, consisting of 4 cans and two Rotary glasses. He added that the sales are going very well. *Bruce* said that being a first-time Grandpa has him navigating the 115 and the 401 to do his baby-sitting but being an able bodied multi-talented Rotarian, he is enjoying it and rising above it all. He reminded members to donate one item to the Auction in January or reach out to contacts to make a donation. One prize in particular will be repeated again and that is the African Safari trip worth \$5000, and won last year by *Bill Crinns*. Leading on from *Bruce*, *Bill Crinns* provided a brief slide show of his stay at the Zulu Nyala Heritage Safari Park late September and early October this year, where he saw wonderful animals, scenery and bird life. *Ken* reminded members that the Auction is the club's biggest fund-raiser with the proceeds going to the Homeward Bound Support and Resource Centre. *Ken* also acknowledged our Paul Harris Award winners, *Ray Saitz*, *Mo Cox*, *Marie Press* and *Sue Sharp*. *Lloyd* made Rotarian of the Month presentations to *Marie Press*, *Mo Cox* and the Club's Honduras team.

Speakers: *Sue Sharp* and *Marie Press* gave a wonderful overview and slide show of their trip to Honduras. Our additional members were *Mo*, *Paul*, *Moe Grant* (the "fine-master"), *Leigh Ramsay* and *Donna-Marie Fennel*. Rotarians from North Bay also helped, as did members of 2 local Rotary Clubs in Honduras. First, comments were made by *Paul Bodrug*, *Mo Cox* and *Moe Grant*, all saying what a great trip it had been, great fellowship, a life-changing experience that they would not have missed. However, it shocked everybody to know that "fine-master" *Moe Grant* implemented a fine program for those late, untidy, uncooperative, but his fine bucket was very empty, except for a 5 cent fine imposed on hairy *Mo Cox*!! *Moe Grant* said that he was surprised to learn from the President of one of the club's there that his club adopted an island with the help of RI, that his club with 25 members, has a very healthy bank account...again with just 25 members in his club. How do they do it?

Sue and *Marie* explained that there was nothing but cooperation and a show of happiness and gratitude by the local Hondurans who rolled up their sleeves and pitched in to help where they could. Living on about \$350 a month, the locals were simply happy that somebody was there to help them with their lives. *Marie* explained that what was done in Honduras was to be "sustainable" in the key areas of the work they did and that was for a Girls School, a Community Garden and a Teachers Training Centre. There was a particular focus on health and education, with 1000 pairs of glasses being donated, distribution of women's sanitary pads to 250 girls, teaching students to sew and make their own pads, teaching students about finances, saving, growing vegetables and re-selling them to sustain their lives

Repairs and painting was done to the girl's school including installing a security system. A green-house was erected with special netting to keep out insects, a tilapia pond was dug out and prepared for the fish, again with sustainability in mind, from growing the fish, selling them and ensuring there would always be a supply of fish. A solar pump was installed for water retention, irrigation and distribution. One cannot drink the local tap water so bottled water had to be used all the time.

The building of the Teacher's Training Centre was complete, finally, and *Marie* said one teacher's training costs were paid by Rotary and that person is responsible for networking, training of teachers and working with students. The Centre is used on a daily basis.

Lee and *Donna-Marie* said that the distribution of eye glasses and sunglasses were a hit with everybody. Many Hondurans could not read and with their new glasses they were so very happy, making the entire volunteer team see their time and effort in everything they did very fulfilling and... they will be ready to return to Honduras in February 2020!

Of course, hard work has to be rewarded with some down-time and this was done at Roatan where the team relaxed by the ocean and recalled the many highlights of their trip including the many hugs, laughter and gratitude shown by the Hondurans towards the entire team for all their hard work to make their (the Hondurans) lives so much better.

In closing *Ken* provided reminders of upcoming activities and *Marie* said that members should consider wearing the most ugliest Christmas sweater to the next meeting on December 10th. A prize will be awarded. And *Milan* reminded Musicfest volunteers they are invited to his home at 7 pm on Dec 12th for a celebration. Contact *Milan* for more details.

At 1:15 pm – *Ken* closed the meeting.

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