



Rotary Club of Peterborough October 3, 2016

(Submitted by Gord Regts)

President Bruce Gravel opened the meeting at 12:10 PM. We started with Grace by Colin MacKenzie and the 4-Way Test was lead by Jim Maloney. Our rendition of Oh Canada was good thanks to Paul Bodrug's fine work on the keyboard.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Our guests were introduced by Sarah Burke. Guest of the Club was our guest speaker Dave Pogue. Other guests were Rick Zagorsk (David Abramsky, Dani Buck (Joe Fleming, Danielle Balair and Dean Ostrender (Andi Van Koeverden). Visiting Rotarian was Moe Grant of Barrie.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Sergeant this month is Amy Simpson who fined Andi's table because Andi didn't know what important baseball game is on Tuesday (Blue Jays wild card game). Dave Abramsky because he's new and going away for a while and Ken Tremblay for having a new dog.

There was no Exchange Student report as Lias Vianna had a dental emergency and had to miss the meeting.

Resolution #1 Moved by Lloyd Graham and seconded by Susan Mackle that \$70,000 of existing surplus funds be sequestered for the Club's 100th anniversary project and that the project be selected by June 30th 2017. After some discussion the resolution was carried. Stu Stovel wished to be recorded as opposing the resolution.

Resolution #2 Moved by Joe McCulloch seconded by Peter MacLoughlin that \$20,000 from the 2017 Rotary Auction be donated to Habitat for Humanity Youth Program and that the Major Projects Committee develop a RFP process to select a major project for the proceeds of the 2018 Auction before June 30, 2017. After some discussion the resolution was passed.

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

October Birthdays:

October 1 - Steve Mills
October 2 - Susan Sharp
October 9 - Steve Kylie
October 10 - Joe McCulloch
October 19 - Tina Johnston
October 22 - Eleanor Down
October 24 - Ginny Veselskiy

October Club Member Anniversaries:

October 4 - Joe Hall
October 4 - Gord Regts
October 18 - Amy Simpson
October 19 - Lisa Smith
October 21 - Kim Zippel
October 23 - Nick Avlonitis
October 29 - Betty Halman-Plumley
October 31 - Joe Fleming

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Upcoming Program Schedule



October 10 – NO MEETING – Thanksgiving

October 17 – District Governor Speaker – District Events and Rotary International

October 24 – Dr. Rosanna Salvaterra, Medical Officer of Health – Public Health Matters

Announcements: **Ken Seim advised that our Remembrance Day Meeting will be Nov 7th at the Peterborough Golf and Country Club.** As we will be hosting the Scots Curlers at that meeting, it is important to know how many Rotarians will be attending as well as any guests you may be bringing. *Rick Storey* advised that Lias will be joining his family in the CN Tower stair climb to raise funds for the United Way. Please sign the pledge sheets on the tables. *Susan Mackle* advised there were sheets on the tables from the Social Committee. They are looking for input as to what type odd social activities we'd like to do. *Marie Press* advised that plans for the Honduras project are proceeding with some 8 Rotarians of our club signed up along with other district Rotarians. Contact Marie if you're interested in going and helping. *President Bruce* asked that everyone going to the District Conference advise him. Also there will be a meeting of the Auction Committee immediately after our regular meeting.

Programme: Doug Armstrong introduced our guest speaker Dave Pogue of Team 55. Dave was born in Selwyn and still lives there on the family farm. He has been married to Heather for 29 years. In addition to farming he ran a transportation company - E.G. Gray Transport which he sold a few years ago. Dave also runs a storage business. In his spare time he is on the Board of the Peterborough Petes and works with the Peterborough chapter of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Dave spoke of a family that was heavily involved in farming, work and sports. Life was good. Then in August 2013 his son Mitchell committed suicide. Mitchell was 23 years old, married and a father with a good career as a fire fighter. There were no indications of pressures or problems. The family with support from friends and the community formed Team 55 (55 was Mitchell's number in football at Adam Scott Collegiate). Their goal was and is to remove the stigma from mental disease. They want to give people at risk an opportunity to talk. Team 55 has run a number of fund raising events and to date has raised \$230,000 for Mental Health.

They have run courses for Grade 9 students at Adam Scott on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention as well puppet shows for kindergarten to grade 4 classes in Peterborough. They also support Four County Crisis Centre with funding for phone lines and safe beds.

In the Peterborough area they started SAFE TALK (Suicide Awareness For Everyone, Tell Ask Listen Keep Safe.) This 3 hour program provides information for people to learn the signs of people at risk. Team 55 was instrumental in providing this training to the Peterborough Petes organization and subsequently to the OHL and later the WHL and QHL. On November 21st they will host an evening with Michael Landsberg and friends. The event will be at the Trentwinds. Tickets are \$125 with a \$75 tax receipt.

Dave pointed out there are over 4,000 suicide deaths each year in Canada and that they are preventable if help is provided at the right time. No one is immune.

Dave answered questions on providing training to 1st Responders (they do), retired military personnel and First Nations people.

Dave was thanked by Kim Zippel and advised we would be making a donation to Sleeping Children Around the World in his name.

Our President reminded us there will be no meeting next week as it is Thanksgiving. On October 7th District Governor Margaret Walton will visit our club.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15.

Editor's Note: Did anyone else notice that Mike Evans was sitting in the guest speaker's chair right next to the President? There was no explanation. I want to know what he did. Whenever I had to sit up front of the class next to the teacher it wasn't because I did something good.

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.