



## Rotary Club of Peterborough October 16, 2017 (Submitted by Gord Regts)

President Andi Van Koeverden opened the meeting at 12:17. In past bulletins I'd have listed the Head Table members but we no longer have a head table. I for one miss it. Did we have a vote to delete the head table or was it an executive decision?

**Grace:** Linn Thain said the grace.

**Four-Way Test:** Willis Cleveland lead us in the 4-way test. I didn't hear what he said before he started but I think the first test was in Spanish. I understood the rest of it.

**O' Canada:** Not even Paul Bodrug's good work on the keyboard could save our dismal attempt at our national anthem.

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians:** Our guests were introduced by Sarah Burke and included Sister Francis Baker (Lucas Smith) and the following guests of the club Mati, Lyn Zimmer, Christian Harvey, Meagan Laplante and Bill McNabb. Apparently, our singing of the welcome song was better than the national anthem as Christian Harvey said he liked being welcomed in song.

**Exchange Student Report:** The people I sat with at lunch were a little talkative so I didn't get the all of Mati's report. She went to BURG with Sally Harding and her daughter and had a great time.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Just to keep things simple, the Sergeant fined all who don't have an exemption card \$2:00. There was considerable groaning from those fined. I agree they should have been fined more.

**Happy Bucks:** Willis Cleveland "new spokesperson for Stewart Travel" told of his wonderful experience flying from Peterborough airport to Charleston N.C. and back. Garry Humphreys has been doing a lot of walking lately and donated a dollar per day that he's walked this year (\$289). If I donated a dollar for every day I've walked over a kilometer this year Rotary would have gotten zilch. (Maybe he just forgets where he parked his car?) Lloyd Graham donated \$5 bucks for 3 weeks vacation and for attending his Mom's 92nd birthday party. Stan Pineau donated \$25 for losing his name badge. He thinks he just lost it and that it wasn't revoked by the Club. (I think we revoked it but he hasn't received the letter yet.) Moe Grant was also happy for a 3 week European vacation and that Dawn Marie will join him in retirement in early December. Kevin Duguay was happy that the Guelph MP stood up in parliament and spoke about the joint Guelph Peterborough Rotary Clubs' Local Lager project. Frank Bayliss was just happy to be able to attend a meeting.

**Announcements:** Rick Storey: The walk to end polio is Tuesday October 24th . It goes from Lakefield to Trent U to PGCC to City Hall to Holiday Inn. You can walk any or all sections or none and just join them at Holiday Inn at 3:00 PM. December 10th is our Rotary Social

**President:** Andi van Koeverden

**Past President:** Bruce Gravel

**President Elect:** Ken Tremblay

**Treasurer:** Wayne Harding

**Club Secretary:** Ken Tremblay

**Sgt. at Arms:** Linn Thain

**Directors:**

**Marie Press**

**Stan Pineau**

**Jason Stabler**

**Joe Fleming**

**Kevin Duguay**

**Peter Thomas**

**Lloyd Graham**

### October Birthdays:

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 23 - Nick Avlonitis

October 29 - Betty Halman-Plumley

October 31 - Joe Fleming

### Our Exchange Student info:

**Matilde Giannoni**

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**Sally and Wayne Harding**

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## Upcoming Program Schedule



**October 23 – TBA**

**October 30 – TBA**

**November 6 – Remembrance Day Recognition**

but it is also Easter Seals Christmas Party day. Thanks to Investors Group for stepping up to sponsor the meals. And putting on his Assistant District Governor hat he presented Past President Bruce Gravel with a Presidential Citation from the DG for our Club's work last year. *Joe McCulloch*: Rotary will be working at the Foodbank at 4:45 tonight and probably retiring to The Porch and Pint afterwards to discuss further good work in the community. He also mentioned that the school breakfast program has been asked to provide 5 sandwiches daily for kids who don't have a lunch. We could use assistance to make these sandwiches. It'll only take about 15 minutes or so. Call Joe if you can help. *Ken Tremblay*: Was pleased to have attended the recent District 7010 Conference but was disappointed by our Club's low participation level. Think about the International Convention in Toronto. Also there is a leadership conference in North Bay in April 2018 for anyone who wants to learn more about how Rotary operates. *Jason Stabler*: Our BIGgest, wettest, wildest FUNdraiser, The Carl Oake Rotary Swimathon (32nd edition) occurs February 16th, 2018 at 7:00 AM at the YMCA. They need more committee members. There is a committee meeting on November 3rd at 7:30 AM at Ricky's All Day Grill. Jason is also our Social Media contact person. Send him pictures and info on Rotary stuff that you want on social media. If you are having problems with Facebook or other social media he'll be glad to help. *Bruce Gravel*: Thanked Rick for the award. Also advised that our 2nd biggest and driest (physically) fundraiser will be held January 27th, 2018 at PGCC. The auction committee was having a meeting directly after our meeting so if you're on the committee and this is the first you hear of it, then you missed it. Bruce also advised that the Paul Harris Award Night will be Nov 20th at PGCC.

**Programme:** Our guest speakers today were Lynn Zimmer, Executive Director of the YWCA, Meagan Laplante Executive Director of YES, Christian Harvey, Reverend & Director of The Warming Room and One Roof Community Ministry, and Bill McNabb Executive Director of the Brock Mission. The topic of our meeting was Housing, Poverty and Homelessness in Peterborough.

Lynn Zimmer advised that after using other buildings, having a purpose-built property was amazing. She thanked Rotary for their funding of the children's room but advised that due to overload, it was occasionally used as an emergency shelter. She felt the housing issue was very much an income issue. They deal with women and families. Women in general earn less than men and are more likely to be victims of abuse and violence. She is watching the pilot programs for a guaranteed income so she feels this has hope for alleviating housing and poverty problems for their clientele.

Bill McNabb advised that the Brock Mission and Cameron House operate on a 24/7, 365 a year basis. They provide food and shelter as well as laundry facilities and clothing to those who need their services. Their clientele demographic has changed in the last 20 years. Initially they were mainly event/casual homeless. These are people, who due to a major event i.e. job loss, illness, find themselves unable to pay rent and have lost their home. They need temporary support and then get back on their feet and move on. Now their clientele is mainly "chronic" homeless. These are people who face mental health challenges or addiction problems. They face extreme challenges finding suitable safe, affordable accommodation. Brock Mission is in the process of tearing down their current facility and having a custom built facility with a 30 bed shelter mixing short and longer term accommodation.

Rev. Christian Harvey advised that the Warming Room is open from October to May and works with other shelters taking people they

can't accommodate. The One Roof Community Centre serves some 7,000 meals per month. Regarding homelessness, most people think it is a problem caused by people making poor decisions while really the problem is insufficient income to acquire safe, secure housing. The community does not push its politicians to solve the problem so it continues. He also felt a guaranteed income would go a long way to solve the housing problem. The Ministry's housing program deals with landlords to acquire low cost accommodation and then provides it to their clientele.

Meagan Laplante told us that the YES shelter serves young people aged 16 to 20 as well families needing emergency shelter. They have noticed 77% increase in need for family accommodation. There are now more 16 to 18 year old individuals needing shelter while 5 years ago it was mainly 18 to 20 years, up to 12 months. Youth are provided with counselling and support and access to education to get their high school diplomas. They can always use food donations.

**Questions:** Rotarians asked how the shelters work with Peterborough Housing to accommodate their clientele. How is Brock funding their new building? Actually, Peterborough Housing will construct and own the new building and lease it to Brock Mission. Brock will however require funding for its leaseholds and will start a fundraising campaign soon. From whom do they receive their primary funding and who provides better support? The YWCA is primarily provincially funded and the province provides a higher level of funding than municipalities. One Roof is about 60% municipally funded and 40% community fund raising support. The YES shelter is municipally funded with community fundraising support for the transitional housing. Bill McNabb pointed out that the province closed its mental health "institutions" in 1998 without giving the inmates sufficient training to survive on their own in the community. They also did not give community groups such as shelters sufficient support to deal with the increase demand on their services.

Our President thanked the speakers for sharing their knowledge with us.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM.

**Editor's Note:** So, I volunteered Monday night at the Kawartha Foodshare. Being a newbie, I was paired with Stan Pineau. In no time we had a system to speed the sorting of the product. Despite sabotage from other parties, we did far more than our share of sorting. (Just sayin.) The camaraderie at the Porch and Pint afterward was terrific. If you've never volunteered at Foodshare you should try 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](mailto: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.