



ROTARY:
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DIFFERENCE

Rotary Club of Peterborough October 30, 2017 (Submitted by Gord Regts)

President Andy Van Koeverden opened the meeting at 12:17.

Grace: Ami Simpson said the grace.

Four-Way Test: Ray Saitz recited the 4 way test.

Oh Canada: Again despite Paul Bodrug's fine work on the keyboard our rendition of our National Anthem was a little weak in the middle, improved at the finish though. Definitely need the help of those professional singers from Showplace.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Guests were introduced by Joe McCulloch. Today's guests were exchange student Mati, speaker John Armour and Glen Fisher, all guests of the club. Also attending was Bill Drummond, guest of Stan Pineau. Our only visiting Rotarian was Dean Ostrander of the Kawartha Club.

Exchange Student Report: Due to time restraints Mati was booted to the last place on the agenda. She gave us all a friendly "hello" and "thanks for coming" and then rang the bell dismissing the class – oops Club.

Sergeant-at-Arms: NO SERGEANT THIS WEEK??????

Special Announcement: President Andi asked if any one had a contact at The Hearing Aid Society and could line the Club up for "Front Row to Go". Apparently they provide hearing assistance devices for special situations. Maybe I'm paranoid, but is this a shot at me because I keep saying I can't hear the speakers because of background noise from membership? If so, I all ready have hearing aids. If not please help Andi help whomever needs this device.

Announcements: *John McCormack:* gave a report on our "send a kid to camp" programme. Our Club donates \$10,000 to Camp Kawartha which they match with other donations to send about 25 kids to camp for 1 week. Most of the recipients come from Prince of Wales, St Catherine's or New Canadians Centre. *Dean Ostrander* of the Peterborough and Kawarthas Rotary Club gave us the details on their on line auction. Bidding opens Nov. 18th and closes on Dec. 3rd. *Rick Storey:* advised that the walk to end Polio was a great success. BUT walking from Lakefield to Peterborough is just foolish, that's why cars where invented. I agree. Although it was meant to raise awareness not funds, \$1039 was raised for Polio Plus. Also, there are

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Marie Press

Stan Pineau

Jason Stabler

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Kevin Duguay

Peter Thomas

Lloyd Graham

November Birthdays:

November 4 - Gord Regts

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 21 - Diane Allen

November 29 - Wendy Hill

November 30 - John Coburn

November Club Member

Anniversaries:

November 2 - Milan Ichniovsky

November 2 - Peter Thomas

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 28 - Joe Kapron

November 30 - Linda Mitchelson

Our Exchange Student info:

Matilde Giannoni

Cell: 705-875-3508

is residing with

Sally and Wayne Harding

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Upcoming Program Schedule



November 6 – Remembrance Day Recognition

November 13 – Adam Noble and Dr. Andressa Laceda – Noblegen

November 20 – Paul Harris Awards evening – PG&CC

pledge sheets on the tables to support Mati in the climb at the CN Tower in support of United Way. Our Auction is on Nov 5th. December 10th is both our Christmas get together and Easter Seals Kids Christmas party. Call Rick if you can/want to help out. *Alan Ingram:* Tonight (Oct 30) is Rotary Night at at Kawartha Food Share to help sort and repack food. On December 12th from 6 to 8 PM he will need volunteers to pack Christmas Food Hampers in partnership with the Salvation Army. On Saturday, December 16th he will need help to deliver the hampers.

Contact Alan at alan.ingram@jus.gov.on.ca if you can help.

Bruce Gravel: Tickets for our auction will be \$135 with a \$70 tax receipt. They are available on line through Canada Helps website. If you just want to make a donation to the cause, there is a button on the Canada Helps site for that also. The modified donation request letter is available to help you request items for the auction. *Diane Allan* was \$2 happy for being a volunteer at Showplace – the Fling at 20 was tremendous. Also happy to have helped sew pads for Honduras project. *Lyn Kimmett:* announced that the Carl Oake Swimathon will be held on Feb 16th 2018 at the YMCA pool. There will be a committee meeting Friday, Nov 3rd at 7:00 AM at Ricky's All Day Grill. There has been good progress on the Commercial Sponsor area thanks to the efforts of Vanessa Oake-Hogan. An announcement on Commercial sponsors will be made at the meeting.

Happy Bucks: No Happy bucks (except Diane) this week.

Budget: In the absence of Treasurer Wayne Harding, way Past President Moe Grant presented the 2017-2018 Budget. He outlined line by line details and explained the necessity of certain cuts and changes as well as the effects of Exchange rates on our disposable income. It was moved by Mo Cox and seconded by Joe McCulloch that the Budget be approved as presented. The motion was carried.

Programme: Our guest speaker John Armour was introduced by Colin MacKenzie. John is a water quality specialist employed by Peterborough Utilities. He grew up in Selwin Township. He likes to play hockey and is a fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs and also the Mann Cup Champion Peterborough Century 21 Lakers Lacrosse Team. He has worked with the University of Toronto Civil Engineering Water Quality Research Team.

John gave some background on water treatment in Peterborough. Originally envisioned by private enterprise in 1870, for fire protection/prevention, the first plant was built in 1882. In 1902 the operation was purchased by the municipality and the Peterborough Utilities was formed. The pump house and dam facilities were built in 1910-1912. Peterborough was the 2nd municipality in Canada to use chlorination for water treatment mainly for concern of typhoid. The plant has a capacity of 104 megalitres per day. While Peterborough once used 70 to 80 megalitres per day during peak periods, conservation efforts have brought usage down to about 40 to 60 ML per day.

In 1933 PUC General Manager Ross Dobbin was attending AWWA Conference in Florida. He was given 2 small alligators

which he brought home. They created a space for them on the PUC Water St property. Later additions of an injured bear cub and some deer led to the formation of The Riverview Park and Zoo. The Zoo is Canada's only free admission CAZA accredited Zoo and has some 300,000 to 400,000 visitors per year.

The water plant takes its water from the Otonabee River which is fed from some 15 lakes upstream. While our lakes are very clean, there are elevated organics i.e. rotting leaves and vegetation which must be dealt with. The organics also cause some seasonal issues with water quality by creating some odor and musty taste in late August and September. While there is no health hazard it is unpleasant.

John described the water intake system and the steps involved in the purification process. He explained why Peterborough adds chlorine and fluorides to its water. Interestingly, the plant produces only about two dump truck loads of solid waste each day. The waste is taken to the Peterborough Waste Management facility where it is spread over waste to hold it down. While a source of some pollution at the waste facility, this is still the preferred method of disposing of the solids.

There was lots more information in John's talk but there's not enough room in the bulletin to report it all. Besides you should have come to the meeting.

Martin Parker thanked our speaker. The speaker was given a "Rotary Beer Glass" which apparently is also suitable for water. Who knew? Not me, I don't drink water.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 PM.

Editor's Note: Went to the Rotary works at Kawartha Food Exchange tonight. Stan Pineau brought his guest Bill Drummond. I hate to admit it but I think Stan and Bill deserve the most efficient working badge. He may however have scared Bill away from Rotary. So, on the Budget, I bemoan the loss of Small Donations. While they may not give us "promotional "bang" for our buck, they are very important to the recipient. Hopefully our fundraising will improve to where we can reinstate this community assistance in the future.

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.

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