

Rotary Club of Peterborough October 15, 2018

Submitted by Ray Saitz

President Ken Tremblay called the meeting to order at 12:17 pm.

Grace: Peter MacLoghlin. Four Way Test: Ross Verner. Toast to Canada and the Queen followed by the singing of Oh Canada with Paul Bodrug at the keyboard.

Guests: Ray Saitz read the names of numerous guests. Mo Cox brought along Doug and Joyce Armstrong, Helen Cox, and Bob and Maxine Prentice. Kim Zippel and Kemi Akapo were guests of Lucas Smith; Lloyd Graham brought along Paul Rellinger and Claire Sullivan. Linn Thain was a guest of Colin MacKenzie and Brian Wilson was the guest of Marie Press; Andrew Davidson and Paul Archer were guests of Atul Swarup, while Robb Bennett was hosted by Brent Perrin. Carl Oake brought along Vanessa Oake Hogan and the guests of the Club were our guest speakers Diane Therrien, assisted by Shivanne Burke, and Daryl Bennett who was accompanied by Jewel Bennett.

Moment of Silence: Morris Cox said a few words in memory and led us in a moment of silence for long-time Rotarian Bill Morrison who passed away recently.

Announcements: *Peter McLoghlin* gave a brief update about the annual Swimathon which will take place on Friday, February 15, 2019, at the YMCA. He introduced us to the new co-chair Vanessa Oake Hogan and told us that Lyn Kimmett is secretary and Joe Kapron is treasurer. There have been two meetings so far and the committee is up and running and counting on Rotarians to form swim teams. *Amy Simpson* told us that the annual Rotary Auction is on January 26, 2019, in support of Homeward Bound. The committee is taking donations of auction items and this Monday there will be a meeting at Amy Simpson's office. *Rick Storey* said that the annual Easter Seals Children's Christmas party is December 16; give Rick the names of any children who will be attending. He added that the annual Spelling Bee is approaching in May of 2019 so contact Rick if you would like to be on the committee. This weekend's District Conference is in Huntsville and he mentioned that it will be

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



October Birthdays:

October 2 - Susan Sharp

October 9 - Steve Kylie

October 10 - Joe McCulloch

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



Upcoming Program Schedule



October 29 – Offsite at Fleming College

November 5 – Remembrance Day

nice to see some of the older members. On a sad note, Rick mentioned that his mother passed away on the Thanksgiving weekend. *Andi van Koeverden* reminded us that the Paul Harris Dinner is on Monday evening, November 19, and you can submit the names of nominees to Andi. *Alan Ingram* let us know that this evening, Monday, is another work duty at Kawartha Food Share followed by some social time at the Porch 'n Pint. *Colin MacKenzie* listed the members of the Membership Committee and said that the Committee is always looking for new members. Each of us is asked to "cultivate" a new member. If you bring a prospective member both of you will receive a complimentary lunch. *Marie Press* is one of eight Service Champions in our Rotary area and her function is to reach out and talk about service projects. She advised us that a new protocol is that anyone who does a service project must apply every year for funds. If you have a service project you'd like to do please talk to Marie. She reminded us of the Ugly Christmas Sweater and Ugly Christmas Outfit Contest that will happen at the last meeting before Christmas. *Sue Sharp* said that this was the last meeting before the team leaves for Honduras next Friday. There was a good response to her last appeal for donations and she reiterated her request for donations. The team will return on November 10. *Jay Amer*, Program Chair, reminded us that the October 29 meeting is at Fleming College. Parking may be an issue but he will send out details. *Arlene Blunck* presented a Rotary moment about why people are Rotarians. This week she recited the 10 top reasons why she loves participating in the breakfast program at Prince of Wales school.

Program:

Vote on Homeward Bound Project – Moe Grant and Marie Press led the voting procedure. In summary, the Motion was to approve support for Homeward Bound by providing two donations in two yearly instalments of \$13000, for a total of \$26,000 to come from the Auction proceeds. Moved by Marie Press and seconded by Lloyd Graham. The motion was carried by a show of hands.

Presentation by the two mayoral candidates in the upcoming Peterborough municipal election.

Candidate Diane Therrien led off and spoke about her background, political experience, and platform. She asserted that Peterborough needs her type of leadership that can support forward thinking and can adapt to a changing community and society. She said that the City's roads are in bad shape and the aging infrastructure must be dealt with, as well as fixing dangerous intersections, reducing speeding in residential areas, and the adoption

of a smart traffic light system. Public transit must be more accessible and efficient and she is in favour of local initiatives and technology to develop ride sharing. Other issues are enhancement and expansion of the trail system, housing affordability, public ownership of public resources, traffic calming, and the creation of a vibrant and healthy downtown. Two key words in her presentation were that leadership by the mayor must be adaptive and transparent.

Incumbent Daryl Bennett said that during his present term the City has built momentum and seen the continued expansion of business. He elaborated on his list of accomplishments and said that the City needs to be open for business and not hinder 3500 new housing starts, while at the same time protecting the environment and expanding infrastructure. The City needs to be a positive partner with business and community groups and during his term hundreds of units of affordable housing have been added. He stressed that we need a sustainable property tax system and that property taxes were not meant for income redistribution, which is essentially the role of income taxes. We must all work together and he will pursue leadership not hampered by an entrenched ideology. We must recognize that the City must act between various competing interests and we need to decrease bureaucracy, control expenditures, and look for other forms of revenue. Questions followed the presentations and on a code of conduct for councillors and the need for an integrity commissioner both candidates were in agreement. Other questions asked about ride sharing, the opioid crisis, the problems of creating a vibrant downtown, and community safety.

President Ken thanked the candidates and the meeting was adjourned at about 1:30 pm.

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