



Rotary Club of Peterborough October 17, 2016

(Submitted by Gord Regts)

President Bruce Gravel opened the meeting at 12:10 PM. We started with Grace by Exchange Student **Lais Vianna** and the 4 Way Test was lead by P.D.G. Willis Cleveland. Our rendition of Oh Canada was dismal and even Paul Bodrug's fine work on the keyboard didn't help.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Our guests were introduced by Joe McCulloch. Guest of the Club was our guest speaker and District Governor Margaret Walton. Other guests were Amanda Nichols (Andrew Welk) Chandini Sujatha (Kevin Duguay), Neil Horne (Betty Plumley) and Jim Patterson guest of visiting Rotarian Brian Patterson of Napanee. Other visiting Rotarians were Will Britton (Kingston Waterfront) and Dan Grady (Kawartha).

Brian and Will were in Peterborough to tour the Publican Brewery and meet with Kevin. They have already arranged for the Roaring Rotarian to be available in 4 Brewers Retail outlets in the Kingston area. They were introduced to "OUR" beer this summer when Jim saw Roaring Rotarian at the Publican and brought it to his brother Brian (the Rotarian) when he was going for a visit.

President Bruce announced the passing of Rotarian Jim Coyle's mother on October 7th.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Sergeant this month is Stan Pineau. Stan said he had a great involved fine plan but was forced to abandon it. He then took the easy route and fined everyone \$2 for general malfeasance unless you were willing to stand up a state why you should be exempt. There were no takers on the amnesty offer.

Exchange Student Report: Lais had plenty to say as she missed our last meeting. She went to Kingston on a Rotary study. They toured Kingston, met the mayor, and toured the former Penitentiary. They had a typical prisoner's meal at the Pen, which she stated wasn't that tasty. Too many vegetables. For some reason Lais doesn't like veggies. She coerced her drivers to stop at McDonald's on the way home so she could get some good old junk food. My kinda person. She had Thanksgiving dinner at the Hardings along with some exchange students attending Lakefield College. She said it was good but I didn't hear if her host parents made her eat vegetables. They visited a "Franken farm?" I'm not sure what that is but Lais didn't really enjoy it. She was probably frightened by all the vegetables growing there never mind the clowns and other scary props. If you haven't already please sponsor Lais on the CN Tower stair climb for United Way.

Head Table: The head table consisted of President Bruce, District Governor Margaret Walton, Arlene Blunck, Frank Bayliss and Willis Cleveland. I think it was nice of President Bruce to welcome Frank back after his absence due to surgery but he might have taken the opportunity to introduce the others at the head table.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Ken Tremblay read a motion proposed and passed by the Board at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 31 2016.

"That the membership of the Rotary Club of Peterborough approve a recommendation of the Board of Directors (August 31, 2016 meeting) to support the 2017 Musicfest season with a donation of \$10,000". Moved by Martin Parker and seconded by Brian Wilson. Approved by show of hands.

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

Ken also tried to explain the reasoning behind our recent motions concerning a new program to be funded by the Auction and the plans for use of the segregated fund for our centennial project. If you still have issues with these two resolutions please contact President Bruce directly.

Announcements: Jason Stabler announced a meeting of the Swimathon committee immediately after our regular meeting. He also advised that November is Rotary Foundation month. When you donate to the RI Foundation they track donations and when they reach \$1,000 US you receive a Paul Harris award. So if you donate \$500 US the Club will donate 500 of it's accumulated points and you'll receive a PH Award. Awards of less than \$500 will also be matched to help you on your way to a PH Award or a second or third etc.

Rick Storey is looking for volunteers for the Easter Seals Children's Christmas party to be held Sunday Dec 11th at Peterborough Square.

Susan Mackle advised there were sheets on the tables from the Social Committee. They are looking for input as to what type of social activities we'd like to do. She said she'd keep putting those sheets on the table until she got some input. Sorta like forcing us to eat our vegetables which Lais mom obviously didn't do.

Past President **Alan Ingram** advised that the Paul Harris Dinner will be November 21, 2016 at the Peterborough Golf and Country Club - 5:30 reception, 6:30 dinner. Cost is 2 lunch tickets or \$40 per attendee. Contact Gord Fallen for tickets. Recipients this year are Lyn Kimmet, Dr Judith Buys, Paul Hickey, Father Leo Coughlin and Kenzu Abdella.

Kawartha Foodshare will be starting up again tonight at 5:00 PM if interested in helping contact Alan. Apparently its not as much about sorting food as a pint and friendship afterward at the Porch and Pint.

Our annual General meeting will be held early in December. At that time we elect our new Board for July 1, 2017 to June 30 2018. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Alan if you are interested in serving on the Board.

Assisting the *Salvation Army* with packing and delivering food donations will happen December 13, 14 and 17. Call Alan if you can assist.

Linn Thain reminded us that our November 7th meeting will be our Remembrance Day meeting. It will be held at The Peterborough Golf and Country Club. Also attending that meeting will be the 22 member Scottish Curling team. It is very important that Lynn has an accurate number of Rotarians and guests who will be in attendance. Contact linn@cogeco.ca

Dan Grady (Kawartha Club) advised that there will be clean up on River Road on Sunday October 22nd at 10:00 AM. Our club is invited to assist the Kawartha Club.

Colin MacKenzie might have had an announcement but I didn't catch it. He did however have a compliment for Lais on her first attempt at playing squash and gave her a water bottle so that in future games she won't become dehydrated

President Bruce that our DG will be looking for help for a project in Haiti. More info will be forthcoming on how to donate for shelter boxes. Alos the Auction/Dinner evening will be Saturday January 21, 2017 at PGCC. Cost will be \$125 per ticket with a charitable receipt for half (?) of that. Please start asking friends acquaintances and anyone for donations. The Auction committee

will have a meeting immediately after the regular meeting. New members are welcome.

Programme: President Bruce advised that he and Assistant Governor Rick Storey took District Governor Margaret Walton of Bracebridge on a tour of Rotary projects which included the most recent Habitat for Humanity build, Rotary Greenway Trail, Five counties Children Centre and Rotary Education Centre at the Riverside Zoo. The District Governor was introduced by Assistant Governor Rick Storey. Margaret is a Land Use planner by vocation and joined the Bracebridge Rotary Club in 2003. She was president and on the Board of her Club for 5 years. She and her husband have been involved in many Rotary projects locally and internationally. They started a programme called Wheels for Learning which delivers bicycles to Africa to Students who have to travel long distances to school. Margaret explained that although she is a "relative" newcomer to Rotary, she became involved as a Rotary Anne when her husband Ron joined Rotary in 1984 in Yellowknife and prior to that had assisted her father doing door to door peanut sales for Rotary. She outlined the requirements for a Presidential Citation and explained why RI wants so much information on our community involvement. As 2017 will be 100th Anniversary of the Rotary International Foundation which was started in Atlanta, the 2107 Convention will be in Atlanta. The fund which was started by Rotarian Arch Klumpf from the \$26.50 surplus that the Convention committee amassed that year has grown substantially and donates millions each year. She explained how local donations to RI are returned 50% in 3 years for use by the local district while the balance is used for grants for matching funds etc. She also touched on Polio Plus and how Rotary which is in more countries than are members of the UN was a natural to spearhead the fight against Polio. Polio now occurs only in 3 countries Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria. The last case in Canada was in 1994. After explaining the District's role as a support for local Rotary Clubs, Margaret made a pitch for volunteers for District positions, All were invited to the District Conference at Rosseau on October 27 thru 30th.

Our speaker was thanked by our President who contrary to Rotary policy gave her a gift of a 6 pack of Roaring Rotarian

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10.

Editor's Note: The President made some comment about Carl Oake perhaps staying for a whole meeting. Well it wasn't today as he snuck out about 12:45. It's OK Carl, I attended the Swimathon meeting after the regular meeting until about 2:00PM and I'll bring you up to date Wednesday as long as you buy the coffee.

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.