

Rotary Club of Peterborough September 12, 2016

(Submitted by Martin Parker)

President Bruce Gravel called the meeting to order at 12:12 pm.

This Date in History: in 1846 the two ships of the Franklin Expedition became ice bound off King William Island with the eventual loss of both ships and all the men. After the meeting it was announced the remains of the second ship, the Terror, have been found. (Ed comment – President Bruce can predict the future.) In 1959 the first broadcast of Bonanza, starring Lorne Green occurred. It was the first western in colour and ran for 16 seasons.

Grace given by Ross Verner, **Four-Way Test** was led by Gord Regts, with the aid of working on a can of Roaring Rotarian. **Toast to Canada and the Queen**, followed by **Oh Canada** with Paul Bodrug at the keyboard.

President Bruce welcomed Frank Bayliss back to the meeting and his attendance was recognized by members present.

Joe McCulloch introduced our guests: Helene Denis, Noah Storey, Bill Crane, Pat Hooper, Jim Stewart and David Abramsky, visiting Rotarian Len Lifchus of the Kawartha Club, and exchange student Lais Viana.

Exchange Student Minute: Lais Viana thanked her host family, the Harding's, noted her first week of school went well, and the District Exchange Student Trip was wonderful except for the outdoor washroom. She also spent the weekend on Stoney Lake with the Coyle's and went jet-skiing.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Stan Pineau fined members \$2 as part of the club's contribution to the Italian Earthquake relief who did not sing the new words to O'Canada, did not sing, or did not sing loud enough to influence others. Pineau paid a major fine for past indiscretions.

New Member Inductions: Alan Ingram introduced Jim Stewart to the club and reviewed his work and volunteer experience. Gord Fallen introduced



Upcoming Program Schedule



September 19 – Dr. Sally Harvie, Leslie Heighway – Breast Cancer Assessment Centre September 26 – Peter Jennings, author – Shark Assault, an Amazing Story of Survival October 3 – David Pogue – Team 55, Suicide Awareness **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

September Birthdays:

September 1 - Amy Simpson September 2 - Jaimie Bondy-Donohue September 2 - Andi Van Koeverden September 6 - Barbara Tomaszewski September 13 - Joe Fleming September 18 - John McCormack September 19 - Carl Oake September 27 - Richard Morgan September 28 - Colin MacKenzie September 30 - Joe Hall

September Club Member Anniversaries:

September 9 - John McCormack September 11 - Jim Scates September 25 - Brent Perrin September 30 - Neil Campbell

Our Exchange Student info: Lais Viana Cell: 705-875-3508 Laisvianab@hotmail.com is residing with

Sally & Wayne Harding 1730 Keppler Cres. Peterborough ON Wayne's Cell: 705-761-0833 David Abramsky, a past Rotarian, and reviewed his work and volunteer contributions over the years. Peter MacLoghlin welcomed the two individuals to the Rotary family and reviewed the accomplishments of Rotary and this club. President Bruce presented the two new members with their pins. They were recognized by all members present.

Announcements: Peter MacLoghlin announced he and *Jim Stewart* are participating in the BEL Rotary bike ride of Hospice and pledges from club members are welcome. Alan Ingram announced that the sorting at Kawartha Food Share will commence after Thanksgiving. He announced the deadline for District Grants is September 30. Each grant is for \$2,000. (Two applications are being submitted on behalf of our club's World Community Service committee). Colin MacKenzie reviewed the donation of surplus food from the luncheon and today's food is going to the Youth-Family Emergency Services. He announced the meeting with Chief Williams will be on Fridav and committee members should confirm their attendance with Betsy McGregor. Rick Storey reminded members of the upcoming Spelling Bee and invited members to join the committee. Marie Press requested members of the World Community Committee to confirm their attendance at the upcoming meetings. Lyn Kimmett announced the Swimathon Committee will meet after lunch next Monday. Eric Steinmiller reviewed the top ten reasons for being a host family for our Youth Exchange Student. Kevin Duguay reviewed his family's experience as a host family for ten exchange students. Eric and Kevin urged members to consider being a host family. Bruce Gravel added being a host family is a life enriching process. *Bruce Gravel* announced **Susan** Mackle is the new chair for the Social Committee. The Ways and Means Committee will now be called the Major Projects Committee. In order to register for the District Conference, October 27 to 30 at the JW Marriott Resort, Muskoka please contact Don Watkins at dswatkins. home@gmail.com .Bruce Gravel announced the club will be contributing \$1,000 for Relief for the recent Italian Earthquake. Individual donations from members and this week's fines will be added. The funds will be submitted to a Rotary Club close to the Earthquake site. Donations to be made payable to the Rotary Clubs of Peterborough Foundation. He noted the September issue of Snap has a photo spread on our Exchange Students and the Royal Reception. Len Lifchus announced on behalf of Showplace Centre, details for the upcoming musical 'Ain't Misbehaving' which runs from September 30 to October 2. This performance will honour the 20th Anniversary of Showplace and will feature 14 of Peterborough's finest performers. The meeting was entertained with the presentation of two musical numbers from the show.

Happy Bucks: deferred to the next meeting.

Programme: Lloyd Graham introduced Noah Storey, the club's 2015/16 Exchange Student, who spent a year in Finland.

Noah Storey thanked the Peterborough Rotary for permitting him to be our outbound exchange student and for the outstanding year in Finland. He noted he was one of four exchange students from Canada. His year in Finland started with an Orientation camp with the other exchange students where they were introduced to the Finnish language and Finnish customs. He gave an illustrated presentation of some of the highlight of his year. He instructed us on Finnish foods and how to pronounce their names properly. He had four host families and spoke favourably about all the host families. He was fortunate that one host family took him skiing in the French Alps. He showed photos of various locations he visited in Finland and area, including to Lapland, St. Petersburg in Russia and to the Swedish border. He reviewed his end of year tour of central Europe with a video showing him doing a back flip at the major destinations. He again thanked the Club for providing him with this outstanding and memorable experience.

Bruce Gravel thanked Noah Storey for his presentation and representing the club in Finland.

President's Closing Thought

from comedian Henny Youngman: If at first you don't succeed, so much for sky diving.

Meeting adjourned.

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.