



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

## Rotary Club of Peterborough September 18, 2017

(Submitted by Martin Parker)

**President** Andi Van Koeverden called the meeting to order at 12:15pm.

**Grace** by Colin MacKenzie and the **Four-Way Test** was led by Diane Allen. This was followed by the **Toast to Canada and the Queen**. Group sang **Oh Canada** with Paul Bodrug at the keyboard.

Ray Saitz introduced our guests: Mati Gianonni, our exchange student from Italy, and Camille Press Boily, one of our RYLA representatives and guest of Amy Simpson.

**Sergeant at Arms:** Lloyd Graham fined everyone not present \$2.00 and \$1.00 for everyone present.

**Announcements:** Present Andi Van Koeverden reminded members that payment for the special 5-club dinner meeting would be appreciated. Tracey Ormond reviewed upcoming activities of the Social Committee: Oct. 5 Peterborough Petes Service Club night and the Beer Launch on Thursday, September 21. She announced a Billiards nights is being planned for October, details to be available shortly. Tracey reported on her presence at Club Day at Trent University. Tracey also requested that when members are unable to attend their Breakfast Club shift to let the team know so adjustments in the menu and workload can be made. Rick Storey noted the Annual Rotary Spelling Bee is on Mother's Day 2018 and new volunteers are welcome to join the Committee. Marie Press announced plans for a Rotarian bus trip to attend the musical 'From Away' in Toronto on April 12, 2018. It is hoped to have sufficient participation to rent a bus. Please advise Marie regarding tickets. Bruce Gravel announced nominations for the Paul Harris Award for 2017 are need, with a deadline of October 2. Bruce Gravel announced the nominations committee is seeking nominations for the 2018/19 club year.

**Exchange Student Minute:** Mati Gianonni gave an illustrated presentation about herself and her background. She is from Sarzanna, Italy in northwestern Italy. She showed some photos of Sarzanna. She noted she goes to high school in La Spezia, a neighbouring city. Mati highlighted aspects of Sarzanna

**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

### September Birthdays:

September 1 - Amy Simpson

September 2 - Jaimie Bondy-Donohue

September 2 - Andi van Koeverden

September 13 - Joe Fleming

September 18 - John McCormack

September 19 - Carl Oake

September 28 - Colin MacKenzie

September 30 - Joe Hall

### September Club Member Anniversaries:

September 9 - John McCormack

September 12 - David Abramsky

September 12 - Jim Stewart

September 25 - Brent Perrin

September 30 - Neil Campbell



## Upcoming Program Schedule



September 25 – Kate Suhr – Singer, songwriter, actress and Peterburian

October 2 – NO MEETING (attend Oct. 5th PK Club at PGCC)

October 16 – Panel Style Presentations – Housing and Homelessness in Peterborough

### Our Exchange Student info:

Matilde Giannoni

Cell: 705-875-3508

is residing with

Sally and Wayne Harding

1730 Keppler Crescent

Peterborough ON

705-740-2053

including the Palio Del Colfo festival and the rowing competitions. Her personal passion is golf and is an active soccer fan.

In response, there was a show of hands of members who are golfers and one member offered to loan Mati a set of clubs. Piero Ronca provided a special greeting to our exchange student in Italian (translation not available). Members were invited to consider inviting Mati to participate in events.

**RYLA Presentation:** Amy Simpson noted the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) is a joint initiative of 30 Rotary Clubs. The purpose of the weekend event is to develop in youth leadership and Rotary skill. This year the Peterborough Rotary sent 5 students to the weekend event at Orillia. Amy Simpson introduced Camille (Cami) Press Boily, one of the students. Cami noted she was one of 60 students who attended the weekend. The age range of the participants was 14 to 18. She spent time learning leadership and interpersonal skills. She networked with youth from around the region. She thanked the Club for sponsoring her to attend the camp. She noted she is looking forward to participating on future club activities.

**Major Project Discussion:** The balance of the meeting was devoted to discussion of the selection of a major project for the next few years by the club. President Van Koeverden reviewed her deliberation and discussions over the weekend regarding the selection of a major project. It has become apparent as a result of the discussions that more discussion is needed before making a final decision. She noted an internet ballot was completed and 47 of the 90 members voted. She noted 43 voted in favour of one of the projects, 4 voted none of the projects and 2 did not vote.

Willis Cleveland noted it was a difficult decision to make whenever a vote is taken. Peter MacLoughlin noted the projects had not been debated internally in the club. Diane Allen wondered why close to 50% of the membership did not vote. There is need to make a group decision. Others members also express concern about the number of people who did not vote. It was noted there were some technical issues for some members and others felt the vote would occur at a meeting, not on-line.

Many members spoke about the need to have time or a meeting to discuss the merits of the three projects internally prior to a decision being made. Cal Langman noted there has to be an open discussion on the projects. Others noted we need to hear from each other.

Ken Trembley noted in order to proceed with more discussion, the results of the vote need to be wiped out.

Motion Moved by Willis Cleveland, seconded by Sara Burke

**That any decision on the selection of a major project be deferred until the Club members have had an opportunity to discuss the proposed projects.**

Carried

Amendment Moved by Diane Allen, seconded by Willis Cleveland

**That the on-line vote previously taken on the major projects be discarded.**

Carried

Peter MacLoughlin noted that for a project to succeed the whole club has to support it. Several members commented on the how to proceed. The need for in-club discussions followed by selection was stressed.

President Van Koeverden outlined a procedure to proceed. The outline of the projects will be e-mailed to all members along with the power point presentations made by the applicants. Next week there will be a general discussion on the projects through an In-Club meeting. The vote will be taken at the meeting in two weeks.

President Van Koeverden and members showed their appreciation for the work of Joe Fleming and Joe Hall in the major projects initiative to this point.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was declared adjourned by President Van Koeverden.

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.