



Rotary Club of Peterborough September 26, 2016

(Submitted by Martin Parker)

President Bruce Gravel called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

Today in History: in 1904 Earl Grey was appointed as Governor General to Canada, serving until 1911. In 1909 he donated the Grey Cup to the champion team in Canadian Rugby Football, and in 1970 Anne Murray's hit song 'Snowbird' peaks at #8 on Billboard's pop singles chart in the U.S.A.

Grace by James Stewart, **Four-Way Test** was led by David Abramsky.

President Gravel sadly announced the passing of Tom Lyons, a former President of this Rotary Club. He reviewed the visitation and funeral arrangements. A moment of silence was held in tribute to Tom Lyons.

Toast to Canada and the Queen followed by the singing of **Oh Canada** with Paul Bodrug at the keyboard.

Ray Saitz introduced **our guests:** Peter Jennings, Bethann Brown, Irene Vetere, Moe Grant, a former President, Ash Kaushik of the Peterborough-Kawartha Club and Lais Viana our exchange student from Brazil.

President Bruce presented Lucas Smith with his pin in recognition of his 7th donation to the Rotary Foundation.

Exchange Student Minute: Lais Viana reviewed her activities over the past week which included making the Cheer Team at school, attending her first Friday Night Lights football game at TASS, and learning how to appreciate Wayne's jokes.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Stan Pineau announced that Martin Wormald is the Rotarian of the month due to his work as chair of the Membership Committee and being welcoming and supportive of new members. In order to reduce the risk of hoarding he requested that all Rotarians rid their wallets of Happy Bucks as a suitable fine. Members who have not hoarded Happy Bucks were fined \$2.



Upcoming Program Schedule



October 3 – David Pogue – Team 55, Suicide Awareness

October 10 – NO MEETING – Thanksgiving

October 17 – District Governor Speaker – District Events and Rotary International

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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Sally & Wayne Harding

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Happy Bucks: *Betty Halman-Plumley* was happy as she is now able to walk to the meeting from her company's new office building and invited all Rotarians to the Open House on October 6 at 1 p.m.; *Gordon Fallen* for his daughter Robin's handbook for Resident Doctors being picked up by Apple as an app.; *Ken Seim* for his 7 am trip to the rink on Saturday morning to take his twin grandsons to their hockey practise and for the planning meetings on the weekend for the upcoming Scot Curling Tour, which are going well. He announced Roaring Rotarian will be featured at the events. *Andi van Koeverden* gave toonies, as she handed in her hoarded Happy Bucks, for the success of the Friday am Breakfast Club with a chef to make exciting breakfasts and for being able attend a meeting (missed several due to work); and *Marie Press* for receiving confirmation of the order of her Tesla 3, which she will probably receive in two years.

Announcement: *Colin MacKenzie* reported that members of the Rotary Dragon Boat team attended the photo session last week and although the amount is not yet announced it exceeds last year's amount. Colin MacKenzie reviewed the thank-you from Sister Ruth Hennessey for last week's food donation to Casa Maria. *President Bruce Gravel* announced there will be a Board meeting on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn and the Membership Committee is meeting immediately after this meeting. He also announced he and Francis will attending the showing of 'Ain't Misbehaving' at Showplace on Saturday, October 1st at 2 p.m. along with members of the Peterborough-Kawartha Rotary Club. Although this is not an official club event, members are welcome to join him and Francis.

Speaker: Alan Ingram introduced our guest speaker, Peter Jennings, and reviewed aspects of his career and accomplishments.

Peter Jennings addressed the club on his book 'Shark Attack' co-authored with Nicole Moore about her experience after being attacked by a Bull Shark off Cancun, Mexico. He reviewed the accolades the book has received and noted it quickly went into a second printing. He reviewed the process on how the book was researched and written. Nicole Moore lost 60% of her blood after the attack and lost part of her left arm and part of her thigh. Her life was saved in Mexico and the medical intervention continued in Toronto. He reviewed her inspiration story Nicole

Moore and her very positive attitude despite the attack. She is an inspiration speaker. He played a video of an interview with Nicole about the attack.

He reviewed the process in researching and writing the book. He noted the many interviews he had with Nicole from different perspectives such the victim and from a medical person. Witnesses to the event were also interviewed along with Shark experts. The story for the attack is a story about a series of events coming together resulting in the attack. The presence of the shark was known by the adjacent resort but no warning was given to the users of the adjacent beach and the bull shark was being harassed by two jet-skiers. The attack of a shark on a human is a very rare event, less than the chance of being hit by lightning.

Peter Jennings read part of Chapter 5 which detailed the unusual events leading up to the attack.

He highlights the medical treatment received in Mexico.

In summary he noted he is a better person for researching and writing the book.

Colin MacKenzie thanked Peter Jennings for his presentation of this inspirational tale.

Thought of the Day: Zsa Zsa Gabor stated 'I am a marvelous housekeeper. Every time I leave a man, I keep his house'.

Adjournment.

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.