

WEEKLY MEETING MINUTES

April 7 2021– (Zoom 43)

ZOOMING: Zoey Lowes, Dave Schulz, Mike Taylor, Andy Glavac, Bob Eamer, Paul Snack, Mel Groom, Annie Holtby, Ann Harrison, Frank Adamson, Gail Levay, Troy, Madison and Quinn Killick, Carolyn Mullin, Lance Wiebe, Keith McConkey

1. Open meeting: – Welcome everyone – Welcome Zoey!

2. Land Acknowledgement: **Bob**

We begin this gathering by acknowledging the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis and Inuit people and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

3. Toast: **Lance**

To the Queen and Canada, To the Office of the President of United States, and To the President of Rotary International

4. 4-WAY TEST: **Dave**

Of the things we think, say, or do

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build good will and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

5. Invocation: **Ann**

Today, April 7, 1948, is the day the World Health Organization was formed. It is considered World Health Day. The WHO works worldwide to promote **health**, keep the **world** safe, and serve the vulnerable. Their focus is a fair and healthier world for everyone. We give thanks and value the efforts of all of those who work, volunteer and support those who work in healthcare to build a happy, healthy and more equitable world.

6. President's Report/Correspondence/Announcements:

John. Great Lakes Clean Up. John noted that re timing, the change in deadline to June 1st makes it more comfortable for those on Ontario side but the timeline still starts with April 24th. Our cleanup sites are being determined and information is coming as soon as confirmed. Frank. T Shirts with the Great Lakes Cleanup logo are being produced. We can purchase them. Frank will pay for them up front and people will pay through club. We can get them for \$7 and sell for \$12. Dave can set up an order form on the website.

Annie. Update on Rotary Spring Online Garage Sale. Everything is on course, deliveries happening on days scheduled. Thanks to Troy for truck and trailer for large item pick up this and next Friday. Thanks for all for taking a good look at home. We're looking for a waiver page for each item or group of items you feel go together – it'll make the entries to system easier at the other end. Further update Friday. With Stay at home, we're regrouping, not doing Thursday

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Friday openings this week and having a meeting on Monday after consulting with Warehouse manager and reviewing the protocols of the Stay at Home. We'll decide at that time whether we can carry on as planned or extend our online dates for actual Garage Sale. I'll let you know after the meeting. In the meantime, Hugh had success with his request of Safe Stor for boxes that will be used to house the 'lots' for easy pick up AFTER auction is done. Thanks, Hugh!!!

Ann. SlapShot. May 2-8 are the dates for the virtual event. Crossley is pleased to announce they have two students who have signed up.

Lance. Canada Day. There is nothing new at this point. There's a meeting in a week. **Hugh.** In our Display it's our 30th and the suggestion was 30 things we've done. We're looking for a volunteer to do this. There is no meeting next week – the next week, the 21st, we'll be looking at our goals.

Birthdays. Roy's Birthday was yesterday. Frank's is at the end of the month. We have birthday information in the membership section but there are a number of birthdays missing. It would be great if you went online and updated your profile. Upload a photo!

7. Speaker: Zoey Lowes – YE Outbound 2014-2015

Introduction: **Mike**

Thanks Zoey for joining us. Zoey was our Outbound Youth Exchange student in 2014-15 to France. She graduated from EL Crossley, her mom Catherine spoke to us about Covid last year and her Dad Chris was a Rotarian with both Fonthill and then St Catharines and had been responsible for the beginning of Early Act in our District. I'll let Zoey take over from here.

Zoey's Presentation. I went to a small city close to Bordeaux and came away with a love and passion for food and drink and so much respect for wine and cognac! I enjoy learning about new cultures; enjoy meeting people and hearing their stories. While in France for the year, I had a wonderful house mother, wonderful home.

My Youth Exchange helped me go from an introvert to an extrovert. I did the Europe trip while there and it was one of the many experiences with Rotary that really shaped me to who I am. I made so many lifelong friends and am still in communication with my two closest friends I met during exchange. It was a great opportunity to stay in touch during Covid with all new platforms to communicate on. These friends came to Niagara and I showed them the highlights – the Falls, the Blue Jays, their first Canadian Caesar. It was great to show them the place I call home.

Another great trip was a one month backpack trip to Thailand where I developed a great appreciation for Asian food. Another trip was the cross Canada train trip to Vancouver, Kamloops, Jasper and Edmonton. This is a picture of Zack who went to France too from another District and we met out west again.

I completed a Bachelor of Business from Brock plus some wine courses with several co-ops in the alcohol industry including 8 months with Carlsberg. I spent 12 weeks in Chicoutimi doing a French immersion course, improving my French and discovering different parts of Quebec. In Toronto, I moved downtown with best friends into Kensington Region by Spadina and Dundas. Right now we're fostering pups for Redemption. We're always looking for the best chai latte in the city. Present Projects include the non-alcoholic beer industry. 'PARTAKE' is similar to draft beer, Argoza and Radler.

I also started a **Food Blog** www.smallkitchenbigplates.ca

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Meghan. Just wanted to say hi. I was on Youth Exchange in 2006, now in Rotary working with Youth Exchange.

Mike. As District Youth Exchange Chair, I have one comment. Zoey *was* quite introverted, completely overwhelmed. Now she's so full of bubbles, exuberance and energy. Zoey said she knew she'd regret it if she didn't go. Sister Gracie went the year before – it was two years without seeing her sister. During this Covid time there's been time with Gracie and parents, living together again.

Thanks: **Hugh**. Thank you so much, Zoey. Drop in anytime. Door is always open to our Youth Exchange Students.

8. Birthdays: Roy (April 6); Frank (April 30)
Rotary Anniversaries: None
9. Rotary Moment: **Hugh**. Today epitomizes with Zoey that Youth Exchange is something of which we're so proud as a club. Not just Youth Exchange; anything we do with youth, these young people growing. After Covid, we'll get things back on course. Nothing beats the personal experience. Thank you, Zoey.
10. Happy Loonies: **Hugh**
Gail. Hope everyone stays healthy. Gail's niece is working in the hospital.
Paul A. Thanks, Zoey. We're going to . Thanks for showing us.
Keith. Joyous day for the McConkeys! Parents got the vaccines yesterday. In-laws – we're trying to help them.
Meghan. Happy to be here. Happy to hear the Youth Exchange students' stories. It brings back great times.
Carolyn. Dad is getting the 'jab' tomorrow. Zoey was the best babysitter we ever had. She was always prepared.
Annie. Wonderful presentation, Zoey. Along with that, I'm happy for the warmer weather.
Frank. Thanks for the presentation. Happy to catch up and happy to see young faces! I'm proud of our club. There's not ONE Youth Project we're NOT about! In 3 months, I'll be back full time. Shout out to John and Dave for the Great Lakes work.
John. Apologies to Zoey for mistaking her for Gracie! So exciting to talk to both of them. Great to see the French did help you. Is it similar, Quebec and Parisienne French? **Zoey**. It translates easily.
Lance. Great presentation. Happy to see you got the travel bug!
Troy, Madison and Quinn. Thanks, Zoey, for presenting. We have a couple of future Youth Exchange students here. Thanks to all for listening to the Butterfly Ranger Presentation.
Ann. Fantastic to see you again, Zoey! Ann's kids and Zoey and Gracie were at play school together. She's been a part of the immune clinics and saw Zoey's mom, Catherine, there.
Mel. So proud of the young woman you've become, Zoey. Youth Exchange is important in our house.
Paul. Can we get together fellow golfers? Sawmill is open!
Dave. The range of families on screen is awesome. I'm getting my vaccination tomorrow. I'm also buying a new bike.
Bob. Last Saturday Rose and Bob got their shots.

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Mike. Thanks, Zoey. We'd taken a break from Youth exchange and you got it started again.

Zoey. It's nice to see everyone. Rotary is important to me. I'm happy the weather's getting nice too!

Hugh. Sandy and Hugh get the vaccines Sunday the 11th. Sandy's ready for her walk, shoes at the door. Mike's done yeoman work on Youth Exchange –his energy and his passions have done so much at club AND district level. Thank you, Mike.

Next Meeting April 21

11. Action items: