



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL

Zooming: Mike Taylor, Keith McConkey, Meghan McNaughton, Paul Allen, Annie Holtby, Paul Snack, Hugh Graham, David Schulz, Bob Eamer, Jan Cripps, Frank Adamson, Andy Glavac, Carolyn Mullin, Gail Levay, Kris McEvoy, Lance Wiebe, Troy Killick, Mel Groom

Regrets: Kevin Vallier has been away because of being with his dad who is going through cancer tests, etc. Our thoughts are with him,

WEEKLY MEETING MINUTES

August 11th, 2021 (Zoom meeting 56)

1. Land Acknowledgement: Jan

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.

2. Toast: Gail

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

3. 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?

4. Invocation: Lance

“People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.
If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.
For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.”
(Mother Theresa)

5. President’s Report/Correspondence/Announcements:

- a.) **Update – Pathstone and the Town of Pelham**
Ann sent a letter to Vicki saying we felt it was a worthy project but something that we, as a service club, didn't feel we should be putting our finances there.
- b.) **Arches.** An Arches letter went out to Major Donors that shows the fundraising at \$93,000. Frank is going out to get a new bid. The Town wants a permanent structure and committee is still working on getting a new quote. Chair of Summerfest met with head of Public Works. Question from **Bob** about Canada Games and Cyclists starting at the Arches. **Frank.** There's going to be a torch run with centre sites and some possibility of indigenous participation.
- c.) Upcoming events and opportunities
 - i.) Bandshell this Thursday and every Thursday – sign up through ClubRunner Next week we need 2 people to replace Lane and Judy for that one week. (April 19)
 - ii) RETURN OF THE BREAKFAST MEETING – Aug 18th 715 to arrive, meeting starts at 730. Checking as to whether Library and/or Wellspring can attend to get cheques.

6. Serve to Change Lives – Breakout Room – Facilitated Discussion

This year's Rotary motto is "Serve to Change Lives". What does this motto mean to you personally? What new actions, strategies or initiatives can our club take to live this motto through this Rotary year?

Breakout Discussion summaries.

ROOM 1. Kris Facilitator, Mel Note Taker, Ann, Bob

What does Serve to Change Lives mean to us

- help others in a positive way
- World is facing environmental emergency...how can we change locally
- Best impact for our club is to work locally to make a difference globally
- We need a good external presence
- We should pick good projects to feel our impact

What new actions or strategies should we introduce?

- We need to educate our new members on what we have done in the past.

New Strategies

- Concentrate on projects that relate to Indigenous and Environment issues
- Recruit a new member that identifies as Indigenous
- Identify and market 3 specific actions that each member can do locally to improve our carbon footprint. i.e. plants that absorb more carbon

ROOM 2. Carolyn Facilitator, Frank Note taker, Meghan, Paul A, Dave, Gail

Action and Service oriented.

Bandshell/Great Lakes Clean Up/Work with Rotaract/Pedal for Polio

High School mentoring

Support Wellspring

Food Drive – encourage everyone to come out and help.

Talked about partnerships

Canada Summer Games Torch Run.

Support the youth from the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, the EarlyAct/ Interact Clubs and Rotaract tree planting.

ROOM 3. Paul S Facilitator, Annie Note taker, Keith, Lance.

A review of what we do now including Family Funfest, Canada Day, Canada Games, etc.

Discussion about our relationship to Fonthill community, if appreciative/aware of what we do - more awareness could increase membership as well. Don't often blow our own horn although

the increase on social media this past year has been awesome and extensive. Club support for all we do? 'Many hands make light work.'

Invigorated by Great Lakes Watershed Clean Up! If we take leadership, it's a great one to build on environmental issues – get partners involved.

'Doing more for indigenous community' in Ann's comments at June 30 meeting – let's act in some capacity to further reconciliation, explore what could be done by our club (e.g. check in with Brian Kon)

ROOM 4. Facilitator Mike, Note taker Hugh, Janet, Andy, Troy

Main focus was about youth - missed opportunities during the pandemic; no motivation to get involved and build relationships

We need to provide opportunities for people to get together, not just youth, in small groups

Connect with Early Act, Interact, Rotaract, Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee

Engage with youth, re-energize them

Get social with events

Ann Appreciate everyone's input and contribution to our going forward.

7. **Rotary Moment and Happy loonies – Bob**

Kris. Signed up for RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute). Going to have fun.

Hugh. Sunday we met up with Sandy's sister and brother in law at a Waterdown Park Rotary Rib Fest up on a knoll. There were people from Rotary that we knew – Bob and Nan Bruce. A small world. A Rotary Moment – Bob introduced the Lighthouse Award many years ago.

Mike. Tomorrow is our 26th wedding anniversary, Parents in Sault Ste Marie have a large property and we've bought the property for our retirement. (Big enough for a Friendship Exchange?)

Jan. Bandshell excitement.

Paul. Touched by Michael Jacques' refreshing attitude and candid observations.

Frank. I got to go kayaking in the River. News about Brianna. Got hit by a car on her bike out west – broke her neck and has a concussion but being discharged is the good part. Sister and mom out there, father joining them.

Annie. On a road trip with my mom in Haliburton.

Mel. Things back to normal, Taking youngest to Hamilton to fly to Halifax. People moving around.

Ann. Daughter drove out west –made it to Vancouver Island, Salt Spring Island. Looking in Victoria for job and apartment.

Dave. Looking forward to next Wednesday to get together again.

Lance. Going country canoe camping in Killarney Park. Asked Dave if her were going to Port Dover Bike event on Friday.

Paul A. noticed Rotary signs and plaques marking Rotary work all over our parks.

Meghan. Got 7 hours of sleep-Declan slept for first time through the night.

Lance. On same note as Lance, we're going to Algonquin of 5 days trip and hoping for good weather.

Carolyn showed us picture of her dad on Medora Lake in boat. He's happy to toddle around the lake. 3 generations gathered together = 'filled up my cup!' WE were centre pic in the Voice this week!

Bob. Happy my brother was with us last week. He provided engineering services to Brockville group when they had projects in Belarus.

Ann. Thanks, Bob. Love that 'cup' phrase. Congrats to Mike and Nancie. Happy Birthday to Birthday people. See you in person at the Pelham Street Grill next week! August 18!

8. Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays, Randy August 19th, Pat on August 28th and Bob on August 30th. Mel and Rick's wedding anniversary is August 30th. Bob, Emma and Michael all joined Rotary in August.

Next Meetings:

Wednesday, August 18th – Pelham St Grille, 1507 Pelham St, back covered patio 7:15 a.m.

No Meeting on Wednesday, August 25th.

September POD will provide their full calendar of events shortly.

PLEASE NOTE: Our new District Governor is hosting a joint meeting of local clubs, including the Rotary Club of Fonthill on Wednesday, September 15th via Zoom. This meeting starts at 7:15 a.m. to align with the start times of other clubs involved.