



Unite for Good

WEEKLY MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Collins Acheampong, Frank Adamson, Paul Allen, Bob Eamer, Hugh Graham, Mel Groom, Phil Hanna, Ann Harrison, Annie Holtby, Fred Leppard, Dave Schulz, Mike Taylor, Lance Wiebe, Guest Speaker Tia Lepp and Parents Erica and Mark (with peaches fresh from their farm for us! – another great reason to attend meetings!)

1. Welcome!

2. Land Acknowledgement – Mel

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. National Anthem –Bob & All

4. 4-WAY TEST – Bob

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?
 Cheers, everyone!

5. Invocation. Paul A

As we gather here today as members of Rotary, we pray that we are ever mindful to render service to fellow citizens and to our community.
 Keeping in mind always the enduring values of life, exerting our efforts in those areas and on those things upon which future generations can build with confidence, let us continue to strive and make a better world.

6.

Frank. Good morning, Everyone! This is already the second month of our Rotary New Year!

Mike. So pleased to announce we have 3 Host Families already! Rich and Lena who hosted Maria this past year, Angela Carter thanks to Mel's work and Troy Killick whose daughter is considering applying for YE. **A uniform YAY! From the club!!**

Mike. Tia Lepp is our outgoing Youth Exchange student.

Tia is leaving for Argentina. She's been working with us since January. I've seen a bit of her presentation.

Welcome Tia. I'm 16. I'm going into grade 11. I have 2 older sisters and one brother, I love horseback riding, hockey, food! Our farm exports peaches. **I'll be going to Santa Rosa, a small town like St Catharines.** Alfajor Marcena – I tried to make myself. I'm interested in cooking and baking. I'm learning Spanish – Spain and Argentina were my choices of where to go.

Alex, friend of my brother, inspired me. He had gone to France and **was excited about its culture.** I'm a bit worried about the language barrier.

Mel asked parents if they were excited for Tia.

Erica. The Argentinian parents are already texting Tia and themselves. I'm excited for her. **Mark.** I'm a little concerned – so far away but happy for Tia.

Thanks for the peaches, Mark. Good luck Tia and we hope to hear from you when you return!

We're going to be going into a business meeting. If you'd like to leave, that's fine. We appreciate the three of you coming all this way on an early morning!

6. Budget Meeting.

Ann. The Board has approved the budget. It's a Debit/Credit, Out and In. There are notes for this year and coming year. I'm not the treasurer, that's Randy.

People pay dues and happy loonies.

The Niagara Auction is a group effort with 6 clubs. We can count on at least \$15,000 for our community work. Starts in September with online viewing available November

Purse Bingo this November 7th is a designated fundraiser because we need a license and therefore need to identify recipients of our fund raising – PATHSTONE Youth Counselling at MCC and Pelham Cares

Donations come in. Kwik Fit donating \$500 toward Legion's Annual Poppy Campaign. \$500 from LG for Youth Services. Paul S and Team Cornhole Tournament \$3000. 4H Plowing Tournament – we'll receive \$\$ for volunteering at the 4H Food truck.

General Expenses include Name Tags, PO Box rental, Host Families \$300/month. YE Student gets \$150 monthly allowance, Interact and Family Cheer at Christmas, \$2000 for Crossley scholarships.

Events we support: Bandshell Concert one night, Temperanceville, Canada Day (Sno Cones do make \$\$), Paul Harris Evening – (try to run at 0 balance - \$500 budget in case), Cluster Grants - \$1300 CDN, District Grant – not this year, \$1000 for Poppy at Legion (500 KF). \$1000 discretionary, \$500 kept for Migrant Workers, \$4000?

Dues. We get invoiced from RI, District 7090.

Clubrunner – we pay for it. Lions 80th. \$1000 for Peace Pole. Reserve Fund in background – we have money in the bank.

Dave Schulz. Thank you for doing this, Ann.

Ann. Hugh, Mel, and Bob serve on our Finance Advisory Committee. **Randy is our treasurer.**

EVENTS TO COME Cycle for Polio in memory of Dr. Ron Mergl – Saturday September 13th
 Lions Park in St Davids is the start and finish. Fireside Restaurant at Noonish for lunch after.
 Lincoln Bike the Bench Ride. Frank is doing it. Fred may accompany him. **Big Bike for Heart.**

Commitment to MCC. \$25,000. We paid initial \$5000, and the remainder is paid \$5000/yr for 4 years via the flow through profits from Purse Bingo to Pathstone Youth Counselling that happens at MCC.

Polio. In 1979 there were 1000 ne cases every day. Now there are two countries not polio free. You need to be free for three years before you can say polio free.

Lots of countries do tests on H2O – Do it for Polio! Recently Polio was found in waste treatment in Israel!

RI has started the Polio Plus Society – commit to \$100/year and you'll be a member of the Society.

7. **Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies.**

Dave Schulz – Look at Mike's shirt. Pretty Cool! (Mike – Jamestown does shirt for each incoming group of YE. It has each of the YE students' names)

Lance Canada Day Committee. Kinsmen and Lions have joined the Committee.

Collins. Best summer ever! First meeting for me. Looking forward to this year as Assistant Governor!

Fred. Love the youth things we do!

Phil. Time flies. Youth Exchange resonates with me. I hope Tia does well.

Paul A. Mike, great seeing the kids before and after. Thanks!

Ann. I noticed Tia went to Havergal. I used to walk by. Our air conditioning broke Monday night. After much concern, it turned out to be the thermostat was short-circuiting.

Frank. Thanks, Mike, for Youth Exchange. Algonquin is a great experience.

Collins. I'm never going.

Frank. I'm putting together a **Peace Pole** committee. You can place 8 messages on a Peace Pole. Maybe our Youth Exchange could be up there too. I'm always encouraged and proud of our work with our Youth Exchange students!

8. **Meetings/Events to come**

Weekly Meeting August 20, Speaker Emily Fieguth, Fundraising Coordinator, Start Me Up Niagara

Board Meeting Aug 28th in Concession Area MCC 1st Floor. All members welcome.

Bandshell and Martin Kerr, our sponsored Bandshell event- Sept. 4 Wear Rotary if you're there!

