



## WEEKLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022- Hybrid Meeting

**Present.** Carol Nagy, Maria Maida, Pat Duncan, Frank Adamson, Janet Cripps, Carolyn Mullin, Troy Killick, Gail Levay, Paul Snack, Bob Eamer, Hugh Graham, David Schulz.

1. **Welcome Rotary MEGA TV Auction Speakers**

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 - Carolyn**

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 - Carolyn**

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 – Bev**

With our friends beside us, and no person beneath us, With the bonds of Rotary between us, and our worries behind us, With our goals before us, and no task beyond us, With a thirst for knowledge, and a dream for a polio-free world, We are thankful for our Rotary friends and the meal we are about to share.

**Presidents Report, Correspondence and Announcements. Troy. Frank** is running for Mayor of Pelham and we, of course, wish him well in this endeavour. As a Rotary Club we have to be impartial but as individuals, we can help Frank in his campaign. The Mayoral Debate will still go ahead, just without our participation as before. The Chamber of Commerce has the lead. We can participate as individuals. Other things like the Arches don't go through Frank.

**Social.** Mel is good for September 21<sup>st</sup> at her daughters' new B&B (read historic). An evening get together – bring your spouse/partner.

**Fireside Chat** – next week will be good and then have another in October, more along the lines of Speed Dating.

Annie asked for someone to take notes for her while she's away in BC for 2 weeks. Thanks Hugh!!!

### **Guest Speakers: Hugh and Annie**

**Hugh** started with a historic perspective. The auction has been going on for over 40 years. When Hugh first joined Fonthill, about 20 years ago, he made it a priority to get our club to work with Welland again. We added Port Colborne and Fort Erie and had the first weekend of December as our auction. 14 years ago, Cogeco could no longer sustain the three weekends. They asked us to figure out how to do the Auction on one weekend with 7 clubs. Thus began the MEGA Rotary TV Auction. This year is our 14<sup>th</sup> one and after the first two years, Hugh became, and still is, chair of the Steering Committee that has representation from each club. Hugh shared that he still has reluctance to make the 'ask.' On the other hand this is the FIRST year he has already sent out his 'asks' and received some replies!

**Annie** had a slide presentation of the process for canvassers to follow. I'm just going to have some bullet points in chronological order.

- Auction Chair – Hugh. Canvass Chair – Annie. Opportunities for doing more than canvassing. More later. We NEED everyone to canvass. AND enter on Wizard – see Annie if that's a concern.
- Last year we brought in \$16,316 net with items valued at \$24,130. 2022 Goal is \$25,000 net. One way to do this is increase value of donated items to \$35K and get 65% of last year's value.
- Let's expand our donor base! Let's have fun doing it!
- Let donors know where our proceeds get allocated. (Paul bringing our newest cards so you have on hand)
- Most important dates for Canvassers – **October 14** is cutoff for donation commitments- **don't worry** if item not in hand or entered. Still have a week! **October 21** wizard closes to members so there's that week in between for admin to finish entering items.
- End Game Nov 15 - Online Auction site available for viewing/Nov 16 Online Site open for Bidding/Dec 1,2,3 Auction Live on Cogeco
  - Link below is also in your materials and you'll be taken to **1rotary\_root BY COPYING AND PASTING TO YOUR SEARCH LINE**  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1NTtS3hGcdlZK\\_sQE105BhfUORQ6NSt\\_n?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1NTtS3hGcdlZK_sQE105BhfUORQ6NSt_n?usp=sharing)
- **Donor letter** can be edited for personalizing
- **Donation Form** can also be edited – for businesses that don't have their own gift certificates – this works well. Make sure your contact info is on here Y Donor Letter & that Donor signs (our permission to continue)
- Wizard instruction Letter for when you're ready to enter a donation– UPDATE –WIZARD IS ONLINE NOW. Log on will be <http://www.rotaryvauction.ca/wizard>
- Our **user name is welland** and our **password is 4waytest** – that goes for all of Fonthill members
- Once in, you start typing in canvasser block and your name will pop up and the next entering instructions will be there to prompt you. Everyone in club is entered on the Wizard.
- Instructions for writing a good script (needed details) and tabloid description (title) You **get maximum return for having everything in your blurb that they recommend.**
- Every donation must have **value of \$50** or more
- **Only cash** donation **eligible for charitable** receipt.
- **If someone says they've already given, just say Thanks for helping Rotary.**
- Once you've entered on Wizard, you can print off **two copies for an item and one copy for a gift certificate**
- Bring item/GC to **Seaway Mall Warehouse TBA. If it's heavy, we can help!!!!!!!**

### **6. Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies – Carolyn NO TIME**

**Next meeting: Fireside on Wednesday September 7, 730 am**