



WEEKLY MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Collins Acheampong, Frank Adamson, Paul Allen, Bob Eamer, Mel Groom, Ann Harrison, Paul Hewitt, Annie Holtby, Dave Schulz, David Sherlock, Mike Taylor, YE Maria Araujo, Guests Becky Utz and Ryan Bradley, and Guest Speakers, The Boyce Family – Will, Ben, Trent, Abrielle and Jen and Kevin Boyce.

1. Welcome - Collins

2. Land Acknowledgement – Ann

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 & National Anthem Paul

- a) To the King and Canada, To the Office of the President of United States, and To the President of Rotary International
- b) National Anthem

4. 4-WAY TEST – Paul

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 – David Sherlock

"As we gather here today as members of Rotary, we pray that we are ever mindful of opportunities to render our 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."

6.

Rotary Auction Niagara. Hugh. Justone item was not picked up at end of Warehouse pick up. **Fonthill had the highest return in value** -62.5% The others were in the 50's percentile. We have just over \$2000 in cash donations. Those who donated cash will receive tax receipts. The Maple Pen brought a bid equal to the person who initially was winner but didn't pick it up. Bob revealed his family had once owned the acreage that the Comfort Maple is on and is won it with

a bid of \$200. Once the books are finished for sharing of expenses based on size of club, we're expecting a cheque that with the donation will be more than \$15,000.

Crosley Christmas Families. Ann. 9 am on Tuesday is pickup time for delivering to Salvation Army who is organising the distribution. They're looking for non-perishable items for families. Members buying items can bring toys/food/nonperishable to my place by Sunday. Tuesday's pickup time changed to 830 am.

Guest Speaker today is The Boyce Family sharing Will's Power Foundation. The six members of the Boyce family delivered this presentation together. Ben, Trent (both at EL Crossley), Will (at St Anne's), Abrielle, Jen and Kevin, mom and dad. **Presentation.** Will's Power Foundation and the Family itself helps other kids who develop this rare disease, **Lymphangiomatosis.** **Both Foundation and Family** raise awareness in the public and the right information gets out there.

In 2019, Will became ill. The lymphatic system that drains the lymph was not working properly. Will's version is life threatening. The PPT will show the medical information. WillsPower.org is the website.

The main goal of the Foundation is to provide hope because it's poorly understood and there is not ONE centre in Canada doing the work. Vascular doctors do see them but there is no help at home, 150 kids are seen by 1 Doctor. Usually, he sees kids with cancer!

Will's Power's big goal is to establish a clinic in Canada, to educate the public as well as provide practical support to patients.

Q. How rare is the disease? The Clinic at Sick Kids has 150 kids. There are 2 of Will there. You have to be your own best advocate.

Q. What's the network like in the US? There are 4 major centres that do research as well.

Q. Any environmental causes? Not that we know.

Becky Utz. Will. You're an excellent young man – I wish you were in my class – if I were still teaching!

Jan. Will has been stable this last year: puberty and the trauma of Covid could be a trigger.

The WillPower PPT Presentation:

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/167cbdda-f011-4280-9beb-43a071e42245/1/>

Painting the Town. The town is seeking different Community groups to paint panels of a mural. Rotary is signed up for Jan 2nd. MCC. 1 PM

Temperanceville Set up is not happening this year because work needs to be done – woodworking, painting. Town knows it's not happening and also knows we'll be back next year.

Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies –

Ann. Looking forward to the holidays and Christmas Cheer.

Paul A. Great presentation – good to know.

Paul H. My son is coming home for Christmas!

Bob. My granddaughters are asking questions about history!

Becky Utz. My son is 44. He's still our 'boy.'

Lance. Vancouver Island contingent is coming for Christmas.

Mike. Love this time of year. Exhausted but fun. 3 feet of snow up north. Spent the weekend in Buffalo – fun to watch their excitement.

Mel. Thanks re the Auction. Our Christmas tree is up. Colin has a job with Correctional Services. His first shift was 7 pm to 7 am. All is good!

Mystery Person. I'm happy looking forward to enjoying Christmas Day. My daughter is in nursing.

Carolyn. We have hockey tickets! And a Tim's Christmas gift in memory of Doug giving each year to YE. At work good news that we're the #1 Research College! Looking forward to David's guitar.

Ryan. I'm happy Will is back to health.

Maria. It was great to be with friends!

Hugh. Great presentation! A family like today's is often by itself. Kudos to Will.

Collins. Happy to be here. Wed night I ate something that didn't agree. I had no energy. I went walking at the Seaway Mall. I can't get an ultrasound, frustrating. No one's taking new patients! Listening to Will. His resilience is inspiring.

Paul S. I feel great! Family Christmas at Lori's mum. 51 people came and got things rolling again.

Board Meeting. MCC Concession. Not till January 29, 2025.

Holiday Evening Dec. 18, The Rose Manor. Register on Clubrunner.

No Meeting Dec. 18, Dec. 25. January 1

First Meeting of 2025. January 8. Social Breakfast at Domenic's.

January 15. DG Dave Alexander's Club Visit.

January 22. Tricia Cosgrove