



## ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL

### WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA

December 8th, 2021

Hybrid – In Person at MCC and Zoom Meeting

Present. Bob Eamer, Andy Glavac, Michael Jacques, Keith McConkey, Carolyn Mullen, John Cappa, Dave Schulz, Paul Allen, Mike Taylor, Troy Killick, Ann Harrison, Janice Sargeant, Dick Goode, Dave Schulz, Annie Holtby, Gail Levay, Paul Snack, Mel Groom.

1. **Welcome Guests.** Welcome Janice Sargeant.

2. **Land Acknowledgement – Keith**

*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: Bob**

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: 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?

5. **Invocation: Gail**

Let us take a moment to remember all the religions represented in the worldwide Rotary family. Let us recall that when we were invited to join this Rotary club, we were not asked if we were a Protestant, a Hindu, a Muslim, a Jew, a Catholic, or a Buddhist. We were not asked because all religions are welcome in the Rotary family. Please join me in a moment of reflection and thanks with these words: 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.

**Another Invocation. Janet.**

As Rotarians, we are generally blessed with lives of relative luxury, and opportunities unknown to many. Help us to review our checkbooks, and, indeed, the registers of our lives with honesty as we consider

our priorities, and our opportunity to help others. Open our hearts, and our accounts, to those in need, which still providing us with appropriate fruits of our own labours. Help us to share not only our tangible wealth, but also our intangible riches of knowledge, leadership, and creativity to make our city, our nation, and our world, a better place filled with peace and love that you can bring through us.

*Joseph D Coons, Bellingham, WA.*

## 6. **Presidents Report, Correspondence and Announcements. Ann.**

**Thanks** to Hugh and Annie for their leadership with our TV Auction.

**Thanks** to Mel, Andy and Annie for the Paul Harris Evening. I received lots of reach out after.

Thanks to Pat and Jeanette for buying our Christmas Family their gifts and groceries. We have one of the 17 families at EL Crossley this year.

Kris is going on holidays on the 15<sup>th</sup> December – get any receipts to Ann to be reimbursed.

Mel and Ann met with others re District Grant. Our focus is on the environment and indigenous issues.

We have a speaker next week.

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>** is listed as being a social. It's in Bob's Pod's timeframe.

## 7. **Guest Speaker – Janice Sergeant – Principal, E.L. Crossley – introduced by Janet Cripps**

This is Janice Sergeant's 4<sup>th</sup> year at Crossley. Born, raised, schooled in Thorold, Janet spent many years at Eastdale. She showed her talent for helping students. We're very happy to have Janice at Crossley. She has a son and daughter in grades 9 and 11 respectively. She has built a beautiful cottage (home) in the Muskoka.

**Janice Sergeant.** I'm the other Jan at Crossley! There are many 'new things'. The phrase 'just over the nose' is used daily. This is our first year that everything is up and running since March 2020. We have 700 students. **Our philosophy** is to offer the full complement of courses and the SSTC program for students there for social skills and growth. Not needed to graduate academically although they can. All grade 9's programs are open. They don't have to pick up a pathway yet. In Grade 10, there is Open **Applied and Academic**. Grades 11 & 12, courses are offered at College and University level with Work Place options. Coop is available in Grades 11 & 12.

Crossley returned to 4 periods a day on November 29<sup>th</sup>. All Students returned to a Full Time course load. Thrilled to come back! Also, they were happy to be back to the 75 minute periods. The biggest impact has been on the Coop Students.

**The Link Crew of the Student Leadership program** is within a caring culture of community – they welcome all students to school and continue the mentorship from grade 9 up.

Another niche is the **SHSM: Health and Wellness (Social Science and Science). Energy (Electricity), Business – connected to Business Studies**. They graduate with Red Seal – Colleges and Universities have connected with this program. Colleges and Universities have connected with this program and have offered scholarships to those in it. There's a great video of what the students are saying. On the Website, the whole video is 30 minutes so you can start at the 3 ½ minute and go to 5 for that part. The link is <https://elcrossley.dsbns.org>

CPR is offered.

**Enriched Academy** – chequing, stocks, investments

Paul and Jan are meeting with the teacher of the Business Leadership class to get Family FunFest off the ground.

**Parents are invited:**

Nov 24. Dr Jean Clinton on 'How to Assist Children and Young People through Changing Times.'

Dec 8 DSBN. Social Workers on Anticipating and Coping with Holiday Stress

Jan 19. Anne Murray's presentation on 'Taking Care of You.'

'Weekly Storm' is the name of the school video created each week by Communication Technology sharing highlights and upcoming events. It's posted on our website and shared electronically with teachers who show it to their classes. It's way cooler than morning announcements.

**Return of Extracurricular.** Marching Band participated in Wonderland on TV. Included the Drum with Rotary on it.

**Website has One Stop Shopping.** Sneak 'peaks,' etc.

**Ann.** We really appreciate your presentation and will check out the links. Thank you so much. Our thank you to our presenters is a donation to the Pelham Library in your name.

**Mike.** I'm commending Janice for including Interact and Student Council. In many places, Interact is NOT happening.

**Gail.** How's the Library? **Janice.** It's still going strong and computer centre is there now with students working there constantly.

**Dick.** What are the demographics? **Janice.** There are lots of different faces now because of housing market and people moving from Toronto, Peel. It's shifted in Janice's 4 years.

**Many students are heading to Apprenticeship as well as College and University.**

We have a female electricity teacher.

## 8. Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies

Happy Birthday, Andy!

**Bob.** Pleased that Christmas decorations are just about finished.

**Keith.** I just finished the Certified Financial Planner exam. I got the results and I don't have to write it again.

**Mike** is happy to see the white stuff on the ground.

**Carolyn.** Besides, Jan, I'm the only other Crossley grad in the room. I'm also the VP for Crossley Alumni on Facebook.

**Andy.** I'd like my refund from PH Evening to go to Nancie's project.

**Michael.** I helped at Warehouse and was excited to be helping out and being part of Rotary community. I do like the snow too but not the shoveling. I look forward to making angels and snowman with my cousins.

**John.** It's great to hear what's happening at Crossley.

**Ann.** Happy her two Crossley grads will be home for Christmas.

**Janice.** Great to spend morning with Rotary,

**Jan.** I'm so proud to have Janice as our principal. Her leadership in the last two years has been incredible.

**Paul S.** I was at a fundraiser last night and Angela Carter was there and sends her best.

**Dick.** Happy moment was meeting Janet at Warehouse. Such confidence.

**Gail.** Congrats, Janice. I look forward to the Bissell Family Funfest.

**Dave.** Thanks, Janice. We'll watch the website.

## 9. Birthdays and Anniversaries

Andy's birthday is TODAY- Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

Dave and Tina celebrate their anniversary on Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

Hugh joined Rotary in December 2000 and Roy joined in December 1998

## Next Meetings/Events:

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> - Maria Derkacz, Rotarian and Research Scientist

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> - Let us know of any ideas for a social!