

"Where everyone is kin; with a sense of worth, over all the Earth"

~ adapted from Robert Burns/Gordon McInally, RI President 2023-24

WEEKLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday December 6, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

Janet Cripps, Bob Eamer, Hugh Graham, Crystal Lambkin, Dave Schulz, Frank Adamson, Annie Holtby, Carolyn Mullin, Gail Levay, Mel Groom, Troy Killick, Sharon Pfiefer, Michele Butler.
Jason Stitt.

1. Welcome

2. Land Acknowledgement. Hugh

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. Janet

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

4. 4-WAY TEST. Troy

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. Crystal

"It has been said that a single butterfly flapping its wings can create a hurricane halfway around the world. As this theory, known as the Butterfly Effect, goes, the flap or a butterfly's wings may be one tiny

motion, but it creates a slight gust of wind that eventually picks up greater and greater speed and power,

In other words, one very small change can trigger a cascade of bigger ones

Each one of us is like that butterfly. And each tiny move toward a more positive mindset can send ripples of positivity through our organizations, our families and our communities."

taken from the Happiness Advantage, written by Shawn Achor.

6. **President Updates, Correspondence. Holiday Get Together** Friday December 15 at Culinary Dropout. Please RSVP!

Successful Leadership Niagara Proposal. We have a group. Collins did a pitch and presentation for our current strategic planning.

Next week's speaker. Nicole Guthrie will speak on Immigration Law. We could have a breakfast meeting either week before New Year's. No seconder.

Our new member, **Sharon Pfeiffer**, was a member of Rotaract a ways back.

Presentation of \$1500 cheque was made to **Michele Butler for Scientists at School.**

Presentation of Foundation Awards from November 12 District Presentation. We received the **Polio award** for reaching and exceeding our goal of \$1500. We received EREY **Every Rotarian every Year award** for everyone donating at least \$25 a year to the Foundation and the **Sustaining Member Award** for everyone donating at least \$100 a year. We also received the **Lighthouse Award** for achieving a certain percentage of the goals of this year's Rotary International President.

We received our invoice for **2022-23 International Cluster Grant.** WE provide \$1000 along with other clubs on the Canadian side of the border. This money gets matched by the District and then by RI. It allows us to participate in larger international projects that we would not be able to do ourselves.

Introduction of Guest Speaker, Jason Stitt, by President Carolyn. Carolyn welcomed Jason Stitt, Co-Founder of IT Force. It specializes in IT Security.

Jason provided important information for anyone who uses the computer for business or even general usage. Tips to take away and the Cyber Security presentation were both eye opening and educational. Both the tips and the presentation are in the links provided by Jason below.

- IT Force - Cybersecurity -
Presentation: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/67ec4005-5d9b-4c38-a02a-9125b63429a2/1/>
- IT Force - Cyber Security Tip's
Handout: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/37cbc923-382b-4083-81e9-013b9abef62b/1/>

Carolyn thanked Jason and shared that our thank you to presenters is a donation in their name to Pelham Cares, our Fonthill Food Bank.

Next Week

Dec. 13 Nicole Guthrie will present Immigration Law and its impact in the Niagara Region.

Dec. 15 Culinary Dropout Holiday Dinner. Order from Menu. Register on Clubrunner please.

No further meetings until January 3, 2024.