



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

**ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL
WEEKLY MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022 Zoom Meeting

Zooming: Annie Holtby, Ann Harrison, Andy Glavac, Bob Eamer, Mike Taylor, Frank Adamson, Paul Snack, Carolyn Mullen, Mel Groom, Hugh Graham, Keith McConkey, Dave Schulz

1. Welcome

2. Land Acknowledgement - Carolyn

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: Hugh

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: Hugh

May those assembled here today enjoy the many offerings of Rotary.
May we abide by the rules we have established, those of trust, fellowship and ethics, and may we place Service above Self, in our daily endeavors.
And may we always test ourselves and our efforts to be sure they are the truth, good for all concerned, of benefit to mankind, and provide peace and understanding. Amen.

6. Presidents Report, Correspondence and Announcements: Ann

Free Skate. The town has offered us the 21st. We've been advised that MCC has more happening that Monday of Family Week. We're hoping for 1:15-3 pm on the Monday if we can advertise this outside Thanks to Dave, Mike, Nancie and Frank for dropping the Food4Kids off. Let me know if you know someone who is donating and get me their names so they can be acknowledged. The Town has asked us

to put up a bin and sign with it for the whole weekend. A food trolley is available – we can ask the Town where they'd like it.

Meeting of Family FunFest Committee. Ann, Paul S, Janet, Lindsey and Dick met with Emily, Crossley's business teacher. There's a second semester starting Thursday February 3rd. The business class is going to plan out Family FunFest for Rotary as one of their projects. They have a meeting every Wednesday, 8:10—9:30 am. We're looking for people who would like to mentor: Social Media, Sponsorship, Finance/ Activities/ We can meet with them virtually and support the kids and teachers throughout. We want to a mini blitz before the spring break and are looking for volunteers.

Family Fun Fest. We're not looking at it as a fundraiser this year. It's more about raising awareness.

Mike. Do you still want music? YES. Mike will be now contacting the bands.

Ann. Thanks, Carolyn, for offering to mentor.

Membership Update – Bob. We have a star guest today. **Frank Adamson.** Shekhar Mehta as RI President, sees 1.3 million as our# of members. Each one brings one. Invite someone to go to the meeting. Breakfast, Family Fun Fest or the Clean Up! **Ann.** Is the date for Clean Up the week of April 22? **Frank.** It's from the Saturday before Earth Day to the Saturday after. With Jennifer Jones visit on July 5th to the 4 Districts, there will be more happening.

Arches. Frank. Yesterday, John Langendoen was asked to double his \$2000 and agreed to \$5000. Some of that can go to Family FunFest. I.G. Wells will be donating as well.

Ann has a tracking form – help her track and recognise

Donors. Hugh mentioned that the Fonthill Lions wanted to donate to the Arches as well. They have questions as to how to do that from their Lottery funds for the Bunny Rabbit Fundraiser.

Paul. We're looking for nominations of **Torch Bearers.** We'll have some influence. It's for 10-15 KM. Looking for 5 in this area. There's opportunity for money from T-Shirts. For example, if Crossley's Principal runs, we'll get students to buy T-Shirts. If anyone knows someone, I can send you the nomination form. It will be held the Saturday of Summerfest.

7. **Guest Speaker** is our own **Andy Glavac** sharing his photographs from a Powwow a number of years ago.

Andy. I've been a photographer for 35 years. My step daughter Melissa is Mohawk. Her grandparents were involved in her life and embraced me and the family. I experienced a lot because of these relationships.

I'd always wanted to go to a **POWWOW. Wendake (Wen da kay) Quebec has the biggest!** It has embraced tourism and capitalism – both are really integrated with the community.

(All the while Andy is talking he is showing beautiful, very colourful, inspiring and informative slides of the photos he took all weekend) We don't call outfits costumes; they're 'regalia.' We had press credentials and were there for three days. You (we) get to experience a POWWOW without being there. Street banners announce the Powwow all across Quebec.

First Day is preliminary with entertainment and dancers. They really want to bring nonnatives in to understand the culture. **The Eagle is very sacred** because it flies closest to the Creator. **Everyone has an eagle feather.** One fell in front of Andy and everything stopped. The chief grabbed Andy's hat and threw it over the feather so someone couldn't grab it.

Dance of the Bells - every dance has a different meaning. Andy has 4300 images. He and one other photographer can't miss anything and worked for the Powwow and shared all the images. One is this

photo of the elders. It's hard to cut out any photo. You have to step away for a few days/weeks and then come back to it.

They even cooked a muskrat and shared every step!

This photo is a shot of **the beginning of the powwow**. One chief is not in full regalia; he has no ego.

At the opening ceremony, they always burn sage. They are blessing the dance circle and paying homage to the spirits. There are many photos of participants including this Lone Wolf – names are selected for a reason – his father saw him playing by himself and roaming like a wolf –this is just one instance 'purposeful naming.'

Regalia are designed by the persons wearing them. Most often the grandparents make regalia for the kids. The time it takes for things to be made is very long. Even the preparation just to *wear* it can take an hour.

Saturday and Sunday saw a LOT of people there. People were energized. There were the competitions, e.g. the Battle of the Warriors and the Bell Dance competition. All competitors were judged, got points and the winners rewarded. Andy said 'It's like they do battle *in* the dance.' Their time and energy is incredible. **Young kids are embracing the culture.** And there's always face paint! The Dance of the Hoops is more a display. It's also symbolic, always done solo and is considered storytelling!

Here Andy showed the photo of a **non-native** who'd married the poster child on the poster advertising the Powwow across Quebec. He is **committed to living the culture.**

Again, the participants' time, energy and efforts are incredible. They're exhausted when they get off the field! **And the drums!!!** The beating of drums lets us hear our needs. Women traditionally gifted the men with their drums. It's the connection with Earth Mother. Women didn't get to sit in the drum circle. It's deafening; it's just the emotion that they exert. A mellow part belonged to the flute with its spiritual song.

One photo showed an older fellow that Andy followed - many images of regalia. Definitely younger members had a chip on their shoulders and didn't want to have anything to do with non-natives while elders wanted to share and teach non-natives about their culture. There were lots of 'kid' photos – with permission from the parents. The kids got money for their competitions; everyone else got bragging rights. The photographer is trying to give the flavour of the powwow.

Enjoy the one photo from the presentation on the next page by itself.



Carolyn. What equipment were you using? **Andy.** You've got to be prepared for anything; I had two cameras and different lenses. I used a zoom lens to be indiscrete but would switch to shorter ones for close ups. I used a Nikon here but switched to Fiji.

Ann. This has been incredible, Andy. You've captured the spirit and colour of the weekend!

Carolyn. It was amazing how you caught the movement! February is Rotary understanding culture. Very important, very informative!

Paul S. Is this something we could have Representation for Family FunFest? We need a photographer!

Andy. Happy to do it!

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ary Moment and Happy Loonies – We ran out of time!

Link to short video about the upcoming Gala on the 23rd (no meeting that day)

Video #4 - Rotary Leaders

Link: <https://vimeo.com/656839916>

9. **Birthdays and Anniversaries** – as listed in Clubrunner

Happy Anniversaries to Frank & Judy, Hugh & Sandy

Happy Rotary anniversaries to Frank Adamson and John Julien

Next Meetings/Events:

February 9th Mary Wiley, Niagara Connects Executive Director

February 16th Mel Groom, Rotary Club Grant discussion

Please register for the Rotary Foundation Virtual Gala – February 23rd

Skating at the MCC rescheduled to February 21st at request of Town because of more activities that day