

WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA

February 17, 2021 – (Zoom 37)

Zooming: Tina Turner, Paul Snack, Paul Allen, Mel Groom, Mike Taylor, Bob Eamer, Heather Scott, David Schulz, Andy Glavac, Hugh Graham, Carolyn Mullin, Troy Killick, Keith McConkey, John Cappa, Kevin Villiers, Ann Harrison, Meghan and Declan McNaughton, Frank Adamson, Annie Holtby,

1. Open meeting: – **Hugh** - Welcome everyone!

2. Land Acknowledgement: **Mel**

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: **John C.**

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: **Carolyn**

The fruit of silence is prayer.

The fruit of prayer is faith.

The fruit of faith is love.

The fruit of love is service.

The fruit of service is peace.

(Mother Theresa)

6. President's Report/Correspondence/Announcements:

- Jackpot Flowers – **Hugh/Dave**

We received our \$500 from Jackpot Flowers. The winner of the \$100 draw also gave her winnings to Rotary. We thank her and Jackpot Flowers. They're at 901 Balfour and you can get left over flowers and leave a donation. Next recipient is Women's Place where OUR \$500 is also going.

- PHF Presentation. **Hugh** virtually presented a Paul Harris Fellow +7 pin (PHF+7) to Frank Adamson thanking him for continued support of The Rotary Foundation.
- Pay It Forward – **Meghan/Paul**

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Meghan noted that she didn't know how our club had fared. We were doing a Pay It Forward going through Tim's with compliments of the Rotary Club of Fonthill. Thumbs up to those who participated! Paul added that it was Random Acts of Kindness Day today and they're making it the whole week so let's continue the rest of the week with our Paying It Forward. It's good for mental health!

7. Speaker: Fostering Felines and the SPCA - **Heather Scott**

Introduction: **Mel**

Mel has known Heather for 25 years, initially via the Welland Hospital Foundation. When Mel heard of the Leo/Cookie story, she thought Heather would be a great speaker. Whatever Heather takes on, she sees it through.

Heather's Fostering Felines and the Niagara SPCA presentation **Please note this LINK and presentation document is for internal club use only.**

Some highlights include: SPCA was started for both children and animal protection; any cruelty to animals is now the government's responsibility; PetValu is a big supporter of SPCA; the Seaway Mall's SPCA shop has seen 9,000 adoptions since opening; only donations and fundraising events fund SPCA; you can become a Flight Buddy – a dog can't be shipped without a responsible adult; etc.

Questions/Comments: Paul S. How long do you foster? Until kittens are 8 weeks old.

Thanks: Hugh, in thanking Heather, said that down the road we'll look at a donation to the SPCA. He thanked Heather very much for her moving presentation and said he appreciated her passion and commitment. A donation will be made, as with all speakers, to the Pelham Library.

8. Birthdays: None

Rotary Anniversaries: Frank (Feb 01/91); John J. (Feb 09/10)

9. Rotary Moment: **Hugh**

Hugh shared that Rotarian Fred Farnham of the Rotary Club of Welland was turning 94 next week and that the Welland club celebrated the event this week at Welland's meeting on Tuesday.

10. Happy Loonies: **Keith**

Troy. Kids back to school today. He can start working again.

Kevin. As a dog owner & lover, my happy Loonie is for Heather for her presentation and to all the volunteers.

Meghan. Neighbours saw Meghan shoveling and came over and helped her. She hadn't met them before. Her dog Luna was a rescue dog – she's not being 'missed' because of 'baby in the house.'

John. Shout out to Heather. Helping out makes sense. Thanks to David too for Linked In posts – it keeps John informed.

Carolyn. This is a picture of Odin, a rescue from the North. He's not hers but Carolyn hadn't understood the concept of a 'draw for adopting a dog' until today's presentation. It all comes together now.

Frank. Thanks, Heather, for the presentation. Thanks also for the PHF+7 - the Paul Harris society members agree to give \$1000/year and that increases the number of PHFs for society members. Blood Donor Clinic went well – 22 Rotarians and friends of Rotary. 10 members from our club!

Rotary



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Fred Farnham volunteered the entire night– if you use blood thinners, you can't donate. (Frank, that's a lot of 'happys' for **one** Loonie!)

Ann. Thanks again Heather for sharing. Hope all those puppies people got to get them through Covid still have their family at the end when we go back to normal.

Bob. We donate monthly to SPCA. I used Jackpot Flowers for Valentines' Day and was really pleased.

Paul A. Thanks, Heather. I know you do a lot outside of Rotary. With the big snow fall, my snow blower broke down and a neighbour loaned his. A Random Act of Kindness.

Mel. Happy Loonie is Heather being my friend. On the home front, Kathryn had a blood clot specialist tell her that the problem came from her knee injury alone, not from genes and that all was good and ready to go!

Heather. Thanks, everyone. Everything I do is Service Above Self. My first interaction with Mel was at our Welland Hospital Foundation Gala table where I was trying to stop someone trying to swallow a gold fish also at our table – he felt because he was providing a donation, the rationale was sound.

Mike. People recognize us for our dog. At the Dog Park on Centre, I know all the dogs' names. (Not the owners). Thanks, Heather. This resonates so well to hear all these stories.

Annie apologised for not giving blood on Tuesday evening – they test your iron before donation and hers was lower than the 125 they're looking for. With donation, iron needs to be increased because of loss AFTER giving blood so you can't start below that reading. That's a sad Loonie but also a learning moment.

David. Dave showed a photo of grandson and of two dogs and a cat. San Chin was a rescue cat, a feral cat. (A relaxed cat now) Arlo, one of the dogs adopted from the SPCA spent 3 years in a cage, beaten by owner who was a Welfare Officer. Ruby, the other dog, was adopted from a shelter in Ontario.

Hugh is happy for being part of such an awesome group.

Keith was happy to be part of the Blood Clinic. He stayed home Family Day and he and his neighbour did their neighbours driveways and walks with their snow blowers.

See you next Wednesday!

11. Action items: