

WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA

January 27 2021 – (Zoom 34)

ZOOMING TODAY: Andy Glavac, Ann Harrison, Annie Holtby, Angela Carter, Bob Eamer, Carolyn Mullin, Christian Baranowski, David Schulz, Frank Adamson, Heather Scott, Hugh Graham, John Cappa, Keith McConkey, Kevin Vallier, Mel Groom, Mike Taylor, and Paul Snack.

1. Open meeting: – Welcome everyone

2. Land Acknowledgement: Paul S.

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: Angela

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: Paul S.

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: Annie

Let us offer thanks for the blessings of fellowship around us. Let us be a source of hope for those in need, and contentment for those who are lonely. Let us give gratitude for our opportunity to serve Rotary. Let the feelings of love, kindness and a well-directed, yet gentle spirit always be reflected in our actions.

6. President's Report/Correspondence/Announcements:

- Hugh – community project request

A proposal for Women's Place was received from Mel and Heather. Women's Place was a top suggestion for our matched grant request. Heather mentioned that WP is desperate for desks and chairs for the kids and their moms for homework/at home work. It's a burden on them *not* to have the space. Funding wouldn't be there till end of the year but the need will still be there. They want to buy specific desks with tilt/stand options – all ordered together so there's not a mismatch. Mel has given WP the forms and information. The deadline to get it organized is mid-March. No money can be spent till everyone has signed off on it.

MOTION: To support Women's Place initiative for this year's matching grant.

Moved: Dave Schulz

Seconded: Heather Scott

Carried: All

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- Mel has a name badge order going out. If anyone needs a replacement, let her know a.s.a.p. Blue background and white lettering.
- Hugh sent an email asking about next five years. People have been responding. Question - Do you have to be president? NO. If you don't feel you are comfortable in leadership position but see a role in another service. That's fine.
- Should we consider requests for financial support as they come in or go back to twice yearly assessments? The latter was the consensus of those responding. Going ahead from today, we'll schedule adjudication for May and November. 5/8 said to go ahead and give N-O-T-L's WASH project \$500. 1/8 said to make a threshold \$500 or \$1000 that the Board could divide without a Club vote. 2/8 said N-O-T-L gets \$250 and Buffalo Sunrise's Solar Lights gets \$250. Comment today from Paul – where we can help other clubs, we should. Mike – Now, hearing the \$250 and \$250, could we do \$500 and \$250? Hugh said that based on hearing from Randy earlier we could do it. Frank offered to match each \$250 to give each club \$500.

MOTION: To give \$500 to each of the N-O-T-L and Buffalo Sunrise Clubs with Frank's offer to match \$250 each to get that \$500 each.

Moved: Frank Adamson Seconded: Dave Schulz Carried: All

- Mel commented that we need to know where we stand financially. We need a better handle on it. Hugh said that we're OK with the \$500. Paul added that we need a group to establish our needs and how we can fund it. March has 5 Wednesdays and Hugh will take one of those Wednesdays to have a discussion about it. That gives Randy February to come up with a detailed financial picture.
- Ann talked about having a virtual fundraiser. Many non profits are having them successfully. Paul said the Fundraising meeting last night had many ideas – we'll talk about it. John felt we should get the numbers earlier. Carolyn reminded us that we did get or will get funds from the TV Auction. She said that in February her POD could give the second Wednesday up for this discussion. (Hugh said he'd keep to the third Wednesday in March.??)

7. Speaker: Andy Glavac – membership classification talk

Introduction: Angela has known Andy for many years, remembers his philanthropic work and his successful business with his spouse. She credits him with being the most positive and optimistic person.

Andy thanked Angela. Angela was a Dale Carnegie leader of a life changing course that Andy took in his earlier years. Andy is happily married to Jean and they have worked together these last 20 years. They have 3 girls, a son and 5 grandchildren. Andy loves to travel enjoying culture, the food, the wine. He loves golf and has been a Lookout member for the past 25 years. He's also a passionate photographer since 1975. 'The digital world is wonderful!' Andy's a member of the Welland Camera Club and the Frontier Camera Club which is in Niagara and West New York. A Certified Financial Planner, Andy runs a team of 20 for IG Wealth Management. A Rotarian before Fonthill, he'd joined the Welland club in 1997 with memories of his mom working for two separate companies owned by Rotarians and bringing home 2 fruitcakes each Christmas. He became president of the Welland Club in 1999-2000, the same year as he was taking his Certified Financial Planners course. A very full year and Andy says that being President was a

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very fulfilling role. He's also big on the Rotary Foundation – best in the world! He also brought about the return of Welland's participation in Youth Exchange. Marcos from Brazil was the first to come and Andy's family said they'd take him for the first three months. No one else volunteered and Marcos stayed the entire year with the Glavacs. Marcos was very outgoing and made a lot of friends. His first one was Jessie White who is now Andy's son-in-law! Long story short, Marcos returned to Brazil for Grade 12, returned for a 3 year culinary course at Niagara College in N-O-T-L, stayed close to the Glavacs, married another student from Poland, moved to Vancouver, had a little girl and made Jean and Andy her Canadian Grandparents!

Andy was the District Foundation Chair for 2 years and was invited to be the DG but couldn't with his business. He was made a PHF in 2001 and received his second in 2007. In 2008, he left Rotary. Always involved in children's charities, 2 in particular, he became more passionate about fundraising for them including 2 skydives!

Angela has been asking Andy to return since 2008. He's happy to be a member of the Fonthill Rotary club and is looking forward to getting to know everyone. He did a virtual walk for Alzheimer's this coming Sunday. Already they've raised more \$ this year than last year's actual walk! One question at the end: What was your favorite place you travelled to? Every place I've visited is a favorite. I've gone to Arizona every year and even stayed on the rim of the Grand Canyon.

Hugh thanked Andy for his classification talk, citing the Pelham Library donation in Andy's name as his Thank You.

8. Birthdays: Janet (Jan 2); Hugh (Jan 28)
Rotary Anniversaries: Mel (Jan 6/16); Andrew (Jan 21/09); John (Jan 22/20); Dave (Jan 23/19)
9. Rotary Moment/Happy Loonies: Annie's Rotary moment was the January issue of RotaryCanada and the article on the Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha and its 6 year history of Adventure in Understanding. A week's 100 km canoe expedition from Peterborough to the Curve Lake First Nation pow wow grounds with 20 16-20 year olds, indigenous youth and Peterborough Youth. 'Understanding' was the key word for the week of togetherness and learning. It reminded Annie of the YE's Algonquin Park trip each year – getting to know students from around the world in an environment not their own. And of the work Brian Kon is doing with students in Niagara as a Knowledge Carrier. Definitely an inspiring Rotary read.

Happy Loonies:

Andy. RE the Alzheimer's Walk, his team of 20 has been walking every day in January, a step for each person with Alzheimer's each day - a total of 3 million steps.

Mike. Thanks to volunteers who came to the Park to take down the Temperanceville display – Frank, John, Annie, Troy and Mike. HE shared the story during December set up of a woman stopping him to thank him for doing it each year, which was something she looked forward to. The same thing happened after taking it down last weekend.

Paul S. Always looking for something to do during Pandemic, Paul was delighted when Lori asked him to colour her hair. He told Frank, Bob, Mike and Dave to call him anytime they needed that help.

Bob. He's always enjoyed classification talks. He told Andy he had some very ancient photo negatives that he'd be in touch about.

Kevin echoed Bob's comments about enjoying the classification talk.

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Mel's Happy Toonie was for the vaccines starting Monday at Lookout. They're now working on Retirement Homes. She's also attending the Hospital's Virtual Elimination Draw to see how they do it.

Carolyn welcomed Andy back. She also announced her POD's 4 sessions in February with the theme of Conflict Resolution.

John welcomed Andy. Since we last met, John has found a way to help with the Watershed Program when we can get together at a distance.

Dave introduced Leo/Cookie as his Happy Loonie. Heather has access rights to him. He arrived at just the right time.

Frank welcomed Andy and said it was good to be here!

Ann thanked and welcomed Andy back. She has also started quilting with Jennifer Allen's help. Heather. Glenn is Heather's go to for hair colourist. It started when she'd had her surgery and her hair came back white. She'd had to send Glenn to Shoppers. The colour was Ronald McDonald's. Glenn is still the colourist.

Keith. Andy and Keith are in a business that works around partnerships. Keith is very thankful for those partnerships.

Angela has a theme for this Year – EXPLORE. How does she do it if she can't go? A country is explored each month. Japan, especially its food, was the month of January. Stay tuned.

Christian thanked Andy. He's happy to be in an industry where they can help people at times like these.

Hugh thanked Andy again. One evening Hugh turned his TV off and turned on Dion and various blues artists. Then he went back to Chris deBurgh's tapes. Turning the TV off was a good decision.

Annie thanked Andy and was happy for the beautiful days we've had lately.

ANYTHING ELSE FOR THE GOOD OF ROTARY? SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

10. Action items: