

**WEEKLY MEETING MINUTES**

January 6, 2021 – (Zoom 31)

1. Open meeting: – welcome everyone – Introduction of guests – Patrick MacNeill and Gordon Young of the Rotary Club of N-O-T-L.
2. Land Acknowledgement: Annie  
Note: Anishinabe - refers to the Ojibway nation and can be pronounced "A-nish-in-knob-eh"  
Haudenosaunee - refers to the Six Nations of the Grand River Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca and Tuscarora and can be pronounced "Hoe-dee-no-show-knee"

We begin this gathering by acknowledging the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabe 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: Meghan  
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: Meghan  
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: Paul S. **New plans, New dreams, New Goals, New schemes, New Hopes, New fears, New joys. May the New Year bring our Club New Programs, New members, New success, New friends and a fervor for Rotary that doesn't end.** (Paul later mentioned that municipalities were encouraging people to leave up their lights longer – bringing light)
6. President's Report/Correspondence/Announcements:
  - Hugh – PHF Congratulations, Mel, who has received her PHF+5. President Hugh showed our Zoom attendees the five blue sapphires pin before delivery to Mel.
  - Meghan – Pay It Forward - Meghan brought forward a Tim's pay it forward where Rotarians would pay for the car or cars behind them in a Tim's Drive Through. Everyone seemed open and excited to give it a try. Lots of suggestions that will be looked at including individuals buying \$5 Tim cards to equal two meeting's worth of breakfasts (8 cards) to having it on Valentine's Day (Secret admirer = Fonthill Rotary). Hugh will speak with Stephanie. This will continue at our January Board meeting.

# Rotary Rotary Opens Opportunities

- Dave Schulz and Ecommerce. The Ecommerce button is on Clubrunner. CanHelps is still in place but this way (EC) it goes in directly. We can pay our dues as well as events. Dave will put in a user guide that'll be up in a few days. Mike commented that Carolyn should be informed as she's set up all events on EventBrite previously.

## 7. Speaker: Gordon Young – WASH Project Malawi

Introduction: Patrick MacNeill Thanks: Hugh

Patrick MacNeill, a longtime member of International Service for N-O-T-L where he's been a member for 27 years, introduced Gordon Young, a more recent member of the club and whose illustrious career in Water Resources has made him the Project Director in this WASH (water and sanitation and hygiene) project. One of his roles was Director of the UN World Water Assessment Program 2000-2006 with a mandate to bring together 23 UN agencies and entities. Gordon then shared his PowerPoint presentation with us. This is attached for further perusal. Working with Transform International and DAMRA (Development Action for Marginalized Rural Areas), the N-O-T-L team is seeking funds to help them upgrade the water system at the Chisimuka Clinic, Malawi – one of 18 projects on the Rumphu District. Total cost is \$8000. Between N-O-T-L, St Catharines South and Niagara Falls Noon, they've raised \$4500. They're looking for donations of \$500, \$1000 from a few more clubs. One question from Bob Eamer was about funding for repairs. Gordon said that this was not part of this project but that they're looking at sustainability and repairs within a larger project.

Hugh thanked Gordon and said that our thank you for speakers was a donation in their names to our Pelham library. He also said we would discuss the request at our January board meeting.

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## 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: Angela. Angela's Rotary Moment was about her trip around the world where she intentionally attended Rotary meetings, etc., but also met many Rotarians without intent and all those 'meetings' increased her Rotary experience and appreciation for Rotarians by a hundred fold. Loonie highlights included Mel's bringing the \$5000 cheque to I Canter and seeing their amazing property and where the mower will be used. Perhaps a club visit in warmer weather would be possible – easy to physically distance. Another was Andy's part in supporting the Alzheimer cause and its walk – a personal and community involvement. Bob also shared history of Glengarry Highlanders in the War of 1812, marching from Cornwall to Cooks Mills and back. He jokingly advised visiting the cairn in CM during the week because of 'extremely busy weekend visitations'.

## 10. Action items:

Discuss pay-it-forward further given board input. ACTION: Paul & Meghan

Discuss the Chisimuka request from Rotary Club of N-O-T-L. ACTION: BOARD.

Inform Carolyn about Ecommerce being able to accept payments for Events. ACTION: Dave

Leave your lights up. ACTION: EVERYONE