



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

**ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL
WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA**
Wednesday, January 19th, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Zooming: Hugh Graham, Bob Eamer, Ann Harrison, Dave Schulz, Mike Taylor, Paul Snack, Annie Holtby, Dick Goode, Andy Glavac, Lance Wiebe, Pat Duncan, Frank Adamson, Mel Groom, Troy Killick.

1. Welcome Guests

2. Land Acknowledgement - Dick

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: Frank

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: Frank

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

It is good to recognize how different we are: our talents, our dreams, our backgrounds, our occupations. And it is good to know that when You created each of us, You broke the mold.

No one is exactly like anyone else. Even our thumb print and our voice track tell us how unique we are. Yet, we thank You that we can take these differences and mobilize them for the good of Rotary and our community.

In our differences we can think the same thoughts and move together toward a common goal. Bless us as we meet together. Thank You for our individuality and also for our common bond. Amen.

6. Presidents Report, Correspondence and Announcements: Ann

Meghan McNaughton is asking for leave of absence.

With January dues being due, I've spoken to a few people. Tia thought she was a friend of Rotary now, no longer a member. We will move her to friend category. I'll let Carolyn know as Tia is in her POD.

Dues – please be sure that you pay your January dues by the end of this month
We're still looking for a President Elect for Troy's year.

In our Finance transition, if you have any bills, please send/give to me. I've set up cheque requisitions and a deposit file. If you pay dues via e transfer, let me know and we can notify our Clubrunner that keeps track.

Mel and I are doing a cheque presentation to Women's Place today. The Cluster Grant cheque has been sent.

Membership Update Part 2– Bob

A large part of our success is due partially to our expanded presence on Clubrunner. With virtual meetings, new members often find it hard to make personal relationships and contact with club. If you can think of your own personal contacts and invite them to a breakfast meeting, etc., that would be good. Don't mention membership with the invite. (The club pays for the first breakfast.) Then you can get back to them about membership but don't discuss at that first meeting. If they enjoy it, that's great. It's a GREAT time to ask after!
And don't forget to wear your Rotary pin!!

7. Guest Speaker – Annie Holtby introduced by Ann. Today, Annie Holtby will be talking to us about the Zone Gala that is in support of the Rotary Foundation. Annie has been our Foundation Chair for the past number of years. Annie is joining us from Florida where she is NOT shoveling snow.

Presentation. Welcome to our kick off to our upcoming District Rotary Foundation Party and our Zone 28 Gala! I'm using the first video promotion for the Gala that was made. It has no words so David is helping with moving the video from slide to slide and I'll chat about it. Thanks, Dave. This is the second time in history that there's been a VIRTUAL Gala in support of the Rotary Foundation (TRF). It's been hosted by Zones 28 and 32 and our District 7090 is part of Zone 28. There will be entertainment and appearances from some interesting Rotarians including our soon to be Rotary International (RI) President, Jennifer Jones. It'll be a 90 minute fast tracked event!

District Gala Pre-Gala Event. Our 7090 District is having a PRE-Gala Party. 2 galas for the price of 1! The theme is 'Service, Heritage and Legacies.' We'll be toasting Past Governors from our District (and from our club), honouring District Rotarians, showcasing clubs and their grants and celebrating our progress to date in launching our own District endowment Fund. We're striving to raise \$25,000 with the launch! Our party starts at 645 and goes to 730 pm, The Big Zone Gala starts just before 8 pm. The zoom doors open at 740pm for red carpet events. (You get a 10 minute break in between the 2)

Invited to the Zone Gala are Rotarians from **4 countries – Canada, US, Bermuda and France.** *You're* invited to join in and enjoy much of the same vibes you get at a Rotary International convention! The 7090 party at 645 kicks off the evening of Fellowship with Signature Cocktails, inspiration of Club Videos, recognition of Club Banner Achievements and a toast to Past and Present Rotary leaders. NOTE the photo from one of the many work days for the Great Lakes Watershed Clean Up which highlights the 120US\$ - **\$75 goes to the Annual Fund and \$25 to Polio** (and 100 matching points goes to you.) That Annual Fund is also where the \$100 contribution from your fees goes. Each year it gets shared between

the World Fund and the Designated District Grants. A win win everywhere! Points for our newer members are points earned for every dollar donated to TRF **after** your first Paul Harris Fellow (PHF). With your Gala ticket, 100 of the \$120 cost earns 100 points. What's unusual here is that these gala points are doubled to 200 points earned **thanks to the generosity of the St Catharines Club.**

***Meet Rotarian Beth Fleeton from the RC of St Catharines Lakeshore.** Beth is our MC for our District Celebration. She was hosting the Saturday night of the TV Auction and was very engaging and upbeat! I believe Beth was a Youth Exchange (YE) student in an earlier life.

Zones 28 and 32 include 4 countries, 2 languages, 8 Time Zones, 47 Districts.

Hosts are Rotary International VP Valarie Wafer and Rotarian Foundation Trustee, Dean Rohrs. I believe Frank and Mike met Valarie when tree planting at the District Conference with Rotaractors.

Special guests include Director Elect, Drew Kessler and MC for the Evening, Jeffrey Cadorette and of course Jennifer Jones, President Elect.

Entertainment. Some exciting entertainment already on tap including **Alex Lifeson from RUSH**, the One Voice Children's Choir, BYU Vocal Point and the Internationally renowned Violinist, Francisco Fullana. Alex we know of and he returns to join us from last year. **The One Voice Children's Choir** isn't an American one in Utah. The group was formed by Masa Fukeda in 2001 after he composed the song 'It Just Takes Love' for the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City. He asked the students to make a commemorative CD for the Olympics. **BYU Vocal Point** (BYU = Brigham Young University) is a 9 member A Cappella group. **Francisco Fullana**, a young violinist born in Mallorca, moved to NYC to go to Julliard School of Music and now lives nearby in Fort Lauderdale. Travelling extensively, Francisco has won many awards and competitions and has done stints as artist in residence at universities. He plays a loaner violin, Miss Mary, who is 287 years old (born 1735.)

The slides end with Sandi Chard, our District Foundation Chair with her co-chair Aaron of our District Pre-Gala Party. Sandi also attended our PH Evening and presented us with several banners. They are toasting our Past District Governors (PDGs)

Please consider helping us earn more money for our Foundation. Many of those dollars come back to our District as Designated District Funds.

Ball gowns to PJs – the range of the dress code!!!!

Thanks Dave for sharing YOUR screen and managing our stops.

Attaching links:

Facebook Presentation Video:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=662191691819051>

Shortened link for the Zone Promotional Videos:

t.ly/Rlzu

Registration Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/TRF-2022>

Ann. Thanks, Annie, for the overview. Hopefully club members will take this opportunity to attend this District and Zone event! As you know, speakers are thanked with a donation to the Pelham Library to recognise your presentation and the importance of literacy.

8. **Rotary Moment–Annie.** Taking advantage of showing two small videos as a prelude to the Gala events. They're much more tempting!

Happy Loonies

Dick. When I volunteered for Land Acknowledgement, I did some reading and it would be good to have an indigenous person come and speak about their situation.

Annie. Dick, a great idea to build on! We've had Brian Kon speak about the Land Acknowledgement itself last January. I'll send you his words from the minutes back then. We have that as one area of focus for the Club this year.

Bob. Neighbours brought out their snow blowers with the big 'dump' – great to see how people come together to help.

Paul S. First day in a long time that Zak is back in school. Crazy last few years! He's glad to be going back.

Lance. Daughter is fully recovered from Covid. She's able to go on her trip to Brazil. I'll be building a dinosaur with my grandson in this 'building' snow.

Pat. Great to see Annie, my walking buddy. I live next door to a farmer who plows for the neighbours.

Mel. I echo Pat re Annie. I miss you. (You could come down!) It's hard to step away to get away.

Troy. We have the benefit also of a neighbour who also has a tractor. Kids are busy building forts!

Hugh. Storm brings out the best in us, I'd signed up for snow removal; they plowed and then came back and removed what was left at the top of the driveway. Sandy and I are happy we have the ability to help – we're committed to our own health walking 4 miles each day.

Mike. I'm very happy to be out of quarantine. They weren't heavy symptoms but happy to be free from them.

Dave. Grateful for Annie who took over the minutes which I hate.

Ann. Thankful that I'm able to help out where needed. I have the opportunity to head to the cottage. Off for a few days. Thanks for presentation, Annie.

Stay healthy everyone.

9. Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Dick (Jan 6); Hugh (Jan 28) and John Cappa (Jan 29)

Happy Anniversary to John Cappa

Next Meeting:

All January meetings are virtual

January 26th Maria Derkacz

Skating at the MCC rescheduled to February 20th