



Unite for Good

WEEKLY MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Collins Acheampong (online), Frank Adamson, Angela Carter, Bob Eamer, Hugh Graham, Philip Hanna (online), Touti, Ann Harrison (regrets), Annie Holtby, Crystal Lambkin, Fred Leppard, Randy Momot, Carolyn Mullin, Sharon Pfeifer, Dave Schulz, Dave Sherlock, Paul Snack, Mike Taylor, Lance Wiebe.

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. National Anthems– ALL

4. 4-WAY TEST –Annie

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. Lance

6. Membership. Carolyn. We added three new members at Christmas. We had 24 and now 28. This year, district wide, we had 1713 members and it increased to 1743 – another 30 new members. Hamilton added 8 new members. **Frank.** When I was DG, there were 1890 members. NOTL and Simcoe each added 4 members and Lincoln 3. The average attrition is 7%. 2 more are possible. There's a student at Brock U; Paulette Poirier is possible. There's a member drive at Welland. **Carolyn. We're looking at a Membership Drive between the two clubs.** Also considering Business after 5 at the

Legion here in Fonthill. Invite a friend! Last week of February. Working on it with Caroline from Welland. Tuesday or Thursday. 24th or 25th of February. If each member that comes brings one person with them – great! Hugh – Home Show- a mirror there! Also, Family Day's 'free skate' on February 16th.

RI- 200,000 join each year. 200,000 lost each year.

Cluster Grant. We've participated in the **Cluster Grant** for quite a few years. It allows smaller clubs to put some money toward a project that gets voted upon and all support the winner with \$1000US. It gets matched by the district from funds that come back from the Annual Fund and can be matched by the World Fun as well. Could look at bringing a project to that table. **Tree 'give away', planting** -keep it up! Collaborate with other clubs – PATH here too. Conservatory/Sustaining member clubs, supporting Polio with \$1500 each year, Polio Ride NF-NOTL – doing it again this year with **Elaine Richards, Frank's co lead with End Polio Now.** 3rd Saturday of September.

Promotion of Rotary. Keep things active. Often people check put 3 clubs. **My Pelham** – we can post things there. It's good at promoting things for us. **Migrant Fair** – let's keep supporting them. **Randomly pick stories and send events out – often picked up.**

Hugh. Any sponsor gets highlighted on Clubrunner. **Ann's note-** Use it! Re Interact's February focus - we can do this with Interact! **Mike.** There are some very significant things they've accomplished. 35 members and working on succession plans.

Touti. Invite Interact president to next breakfast.

Golf Tournament. Focus on a youth group-oriented recipient of the fund raiser.

Sharon. Choose someone that can help with logistics too. **Purse Bingo.** Get Pathstone to be there with donation box!

Angela. Environment. Branding.

Dave. Just happy to be here.

Discussion about Happy Loonies. Thoughts, etc. **Bob.** Don't eliminate 'happy to be here.' We used to call it SANITY! **Hugh.** \$50 covers a year of Loonies.

Touti. I have a great friend in Canada – gym/climbing – so excited!

Collins. I have new glasses!

Phil. My mom is visiting right now. My sister is now a Rotarian in Bahamas.

Paul S. Housebound right now. Great news around Interact. June 11 is confirmed with White Meadows.

Lance. Pickle Ball! Gravenhurst wants \$1Million bucks!

Sharon. Happy to be back. Happy to have had happy holidays.

Fred. We went on a cruise. Got a puppy, super crazy but fun. Calm and relaxed here. Appreciate the focus.

Carolyn. Happy to be here.

Next Meetings

January 21. Frank is our speaker on Wounded Warriors Canada.

January 28. Board Meeting in Concession Area 1st Floor. Everyone welcome.

