



**ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL
WEEKLY MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 26th, 2022

Zooming: Hugh Graham, Andy Glavac, Ann Harrison, Carolyn Mullin, Dave Schulz, Dick Goode, Frank Adamson, Paul Allen, Keith McConkey, Mike Taylor, Paul Snack, Bob Eamer

1. Welcome Guests
Rita Sterne, Niagara College and guest of Carolyn
Maria Derkacz, Rotarian and Guest Speaker
2. Land Acknowledgement, Toast and 4-Way Test – Paul Snack
3. Invocation: Frank
4. Presidents Report, Correspondence and Announcements

Membership Update – Bob says....Wear your pin with pride! It is an easy conversation starter.

Dues – please be sure that you pay your January dues by the end of this month
Options include etransfer to Randy.Momot@ca.gt.com, use Clubrunner or cheque to Ann's house. Ensure you email Ann to let her know you have paid.

We are still looking for someone to take an active role in our bookkeeping process

We are still in need of a President Elect for July 2022

Weekly meetings will remain online using Zoom for the month of February. We will reassess interest in returning to MCC starting in March.

Club has received 3 District Grant 2022/23 applications for consideration from EL Crossley, NPAAMB Indigenous Youth Employment and Training Centre and Hotel Dieu Shaver Rehab Centre. At meeting on Feb 16, Mel will make a brief education presentation regarding District Grants followed by discussion of our applications and then a member vote.

Ann and Mel presented \$5000 cheque for District Grant 2021/22 to Women's Place of South Niagara to cover the purchase cost of 20 study desks and chairs to be placed in every bedroom. They are currently in original shipping boxes in storage until addition is finished at Niagara Falls location.

Guest Speaker – Maria Derkacz, Research Scientist – introduced by Dave
Maria Derkacz (M.Sc.F., P.Ag.) is an independent researcher, owner of INPRAS Consulting Inc. based in Vineland and a fellow Rotarian.

After completing graduate studies at the University of Toronto, Maria spent over 14 years working for Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (MAFRA), Horticultural Research of Ontario (HRIO) and the University of Guelph as a Research Scientist specializing in soil fertility and crop nutrition.

In 2001, she began a career as a research consultant, successfully completing over 60 R&D projects for the horticultural sector in Canada. She has a keen interest in reducing the impact of agrochemicals used during the production of horticultural crop. Her research projects include defining health parameters of perennial crop soils.

Today she will be talking about her job as a research consultant and challenges related to crop production in Ontario as it is affected by cultural practices and environmental conditions.

A link to her presentation follows:

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/333471cc-436d-4b3c-92e6-b8d9c8ea0cf5/1/>

5. Rotary Moment and Happy Toonie – Video promoting Rotary Foundation Virtual Gala on February 23
6. Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Happy Anniversary to John Cappa

Happy Rotary anniversary to Dave Schulz and Andrew Larmand.

Next Meetings/Events:

February meetings will be virtual. There will be no morning meeting February 23.

Please register for the Rotary Foundation Virtual Gala – February 23rd.

<https://rotary7090.org/event/copy-of-celebrating-our-foundation/>

Skating at the MCC rescheduled to February 20th