



WEEKLY MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Collins Acheampong, Frank Adamson, Paul Allen, Angela Carter, Debbie Blakelock, Bob Eamer, Hugh Graham, Mel Groom, Don Haber, Ann Harrison, Paul Hewitt, Annie Holtby, Troy Killick, Carolyn Mullin, Sharon Pfeifer, Karen Rush, Dave Schulz, Dave Sherlock, Lance Wiebe.

1. Welcome to our first meeting in 2026-27!

2. Land Acknowledgement – Karen

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 –

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 – Bob

With our friends beside us, and no person beneath us,
 With the bonds of Rotary between us, and our worries behind us,
 With our goals before us, and no task beyond us,
 With a thirst for knowledge, and a dream for a polio-free world,
 We are thankful for our Rotary friends.

6. Announcements.

Mike sends regrets.

Lance & Canada Day. Hot as Hades!!!!!!!!!!!!!! SnoCones were down in numbers – I still have syrup left.

Ann. Two Thank You cards from recipients of Scholarships.

Hugh. Bringing to the club a decision to get involved with OLG Bingo volunteering in Welland. We need 2 people for a 2 hour shift per month. Welland got involved in April. OLG is OBLIGATED to give back to the community. We can do one shift a month to start – 2 hours /month! The money must go back to certified charities, e.g. Food for Niagara. We can continue to support the charities. We need to identify those organisations. I can attest to volunteers from service clubs show up with identifying shirts, welcome people if you catch their eye on the way in and then sit for the two assigned hours. You don't touch the machines, are not responsible for anything other than showing up for those two hours. You can read, etc. once the games are underway. \$300/hour so \$600/week for showing up and staying the two hours.

Carolyn, Ann and Mel volunteered to get it set up.

Sharon. Is there potential for an environmental project?

Frank. Peace Pole. Languages – English, French, Anishinaabe are obvious languages. We've budgeted \$500 for the pole. Intent is to ask Town to cover 'planting' it.

Ride for Polio. Elaine Richard, Polio Plus Society Coordinator will be leading the Ride for Polio on September 26 starting from the Lions' Club in St Davids. An opportunity to support End Polio Now by donating to the riders! **Join our Polio Plus Society - \$100 US every year!**

7. Presentation. President Angela's Planning and Prep for the Year Ahead. Create Lasting Impact.

Working in small groups, the club brought up suggestions to take us through the year. Angela also handed out personal sheets with regard to what individuals felt strongest about. Those suggestions and reflections were gathered by Angela to be brought back to the club.

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Happy Thoughts

Don. Glad to be back!

Dave Schulz. Our grandson is with us this week.

Annie. My trip west was family, family, family. Wonderful two weeks!

Sharon. We contribute our blueberries to Pelham Cares. In Berry season we pick three pints – one for us, one for you and one for Pelham Cares. We're open most Fridays. We COULD do evenings (it's home) 6-730 or 530-7

Karen. Enjoying great weather, a lot of golf.

Mel. Mahjong learning on Monday with our President!

Ann. Lots of time at Cottage. Kids have been there at different times.

Debbie. I've had contact from Lily in Belgium.

Collins. Best time of the year! We have a pass for the parks with the kids.

Dave Sherlock. Happy to watch Belgium score 4 times!

Frank. Welcome Madame President! Off to Belgium this year in September for Ride for Wounded Warriors.

Paul A. When we were in Germany, we stayed with Leon and Leonore for a few days. Wonderful!

Lance. Bike riding today!

Carolyn. Daughter Tess is living at the cottage this summer and driving to Barrie to a clinic to work every day. She's studying to be a Diagnostic Cardiologist Stenographer and doing base line testing on fellow workers at Ontario Hazelnuts at the Ferrero plant.

Angela. I'm excited to start the New Year today, together! I had an amazing time in Italy with my granddaughter. Stayed in small towns.

Hugh. Family golf is coming up. I went to the driving range with Corey before the event. Thanks for being good about the Welland Bingo volunteer opportunity.

Next Meetings/Events

July 15. Weekly Meeting, Speaker, Dr Christiana Asantewaa Okyere-Folson

July 22. Weekly Meeting, Speaker Tia Lepp Returning Youth Exchange Student from Argentina

July 29. Board Meeting. All members are welcome. Concession, Main Floor MCC.

August 5. Weekly Meeting, Speaker Kate Marina, Kristen French Centre

August 12. Weekly Meeting, Speaker Dr, David Harper, Chiropractor

August 19. Weekly Meeting, Gayle Baltjes-Chataway – our Charter President (1991)