



**SERVE TO  
CHANGE LIVES**

**ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL  
WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA**

Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

Hybrid Meeting

Dave Schulz, Lance Wiebe, Frank Adamson, Bob Eamer, Carolyn Mullin, Ann Harrison, Hugh Graham, Paul snack, Troy Killick, Paul Allen, Annie Holtby, Bev North, Steve Cino, Mike Taylor, Bev North, Pauline Oliver.

**1. Welcome Steve Cino**, interested in checking out our Club.

**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. Toast: Carolyn**

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: Hugh**

**5. Invocation Hugh**

We stay focused on the objectives we have for the world: Peace. Tranquility. A true Family of People. Freedom from hunger, oppression, from sickness. The freedom to choose our own destinies.

We reaffirm our commitment to our simple Rotary Four-Way Test for all we do and support:

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?

We reaffirm our commitment to high ethics in all we do.

And we give thanks for all the blessings, opportunities and responsibilities that befall us as Rotarians.

We continue with optimism, renewed energy, and a commitment to service to you and our fellow men and women.

Please, help us to serve. Amen

**Last Week's Invocation. Carolyn**

We come to this hour knowing that it is but an hour.

Yet out of all the hours in the week this is one that is set apart: an hour that is saved, an hour that is savored.

It is a time for us to recognize what gives life meaning.

It is a time to honor what we value.

It is a time to celebrate our lives.

Let us then celebrate, honor, and recognize that we might fully savor this hour we have saved.

**6. Presidents Report, Correspondence and Announcements. Ann**

There will be a visit to **Bissell's** site after our meeting.

Sign up on line for **Canada Day** too.

**Summerfest** is next. 7 Rotarians signed up for bartending and we still need 'bar back' - we can get points for other days too - Friday night also. It might be best to go through town as they were doing the signups. August 25<sup>th</sup> is evening for bartending too when it's our sponsored bandshell evening.

Another scholarship is possible. We have to finalise soon. Back in March, EL Crossley students did a fundraiser for Ukraine – it was too late for our fundraiser but it's going to local Ukraine.

**Dave.** My daughter raised \$400 via running for Rotary and she asked me to thank Rotarians who supported her.

**Frank** is at the International Convention in Houston..

There is no meeting next week (June 15<sup>th</sup>) but there will be one June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Guest Speaker – Christyna Prokipchuk – Ukrainian Relief Work.**

**Introduction Carolyn Mullin.**

Christyna is a resident of NOTL and is a first generation Ukrainian to be born here. She is a working professional at Point Click Care. She was raised to love Ukrainian traditions and she has *raised* \$30,000 for Ukraine! Her Next Fundraiser is 'Steppe Up for Ukraine.'

**Christyna Prokipchuk.** Today's talk is via Meghan. I'm here to tell you what we're doing to keep the drum beating. The news is not good. The war is NOT going away. I'd like to talk about how the Rotary Clubs could be involved. 13 M have left their homes since Russia invaded. That's a population bigger than many countries! Ukrainians are the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest population in Canada. Assistance is urgently needed for relocation and medical support. One fundraiser this year was the Ukrainian Easter Egg. I do it every year with friends and did 8 workshops THIS year -just making them raised over \$30,000. I'm proud that so many were involved. Maybe we could do a workshop here next Easter.

Our next big event is Steppe Up for Ukraine. It's a self-guided bicycle ride. No roads are shut down; it helps avoid administrative tasks. At the end of the ride, everyone is welcome to join us.

This Canadian Ukrainian charity covers medical kits and relocation costs – they're able to adjust to the greatest need. Get the word out or any way you'd like to help. Join the ride for 19 K or 120 K from NOTL to Rosewood Winery. Both end at the Ukraine Church in St Catharines. We're looking for volunteers or donations. There's an online auction as component of the Ride. Contact information is there.

**Link to Presentation:** <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/adbdb1fa-1563-4bb9-96c6-a48d43e3b2c4/1/>

**Ann.** Thanks, Christyna. We're opening it up to questions now.

**Bob.** You mentioned the war. Is there any way to dispel doubt about where money is going? It can cement the relationship.

**Christyna** A good story sells for sure. It's not specific where individual money is going but it will be more local as people arrive.

**Carolyn.** Ukrainian refugees aren't qualified for refugee status?

**Christyna** Ukrainians don't fit that status. Ukrainians are getting a three year visa plus a work visa plus OHIP. There is no incentive for people to take them in. The English language is difficult for those coming- single moms, older people. People are starting to knock on doors but no money is there to assist. Some Ukrainians are open and some aren't. It's difficult when you are so vulnerable.

I appreciate speaking to Rotarians. We have to do it on a grass roots level right now.

**Ann.** They're not refugees because they want to go home. They don't know when that will be safe for the children.

**Christyna** The event is July 23 on a Saturday. It could be at the Port Robinson Ferry, on our route. The Woman Owner said we could decorate the ferry.

**Ann.** Email the details to Carolyn for the minutes. We wish you all the best in the work you are doing. Thanks to Carolyn and Meghan for arranging this presentation!

#### 8. **Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies –**

**Bob.** I enjoyed the presentation; it raises frustration of how to take care of the needs. Personally, it's the first time in a while that I spent time with my wife and grandkids.

**Paul S.** I want to, as much as we can, help out. 30 or 40 gift packages. There are still lots of opportunities for volunteering. If anyone wants to join us for the Bissell orientation, please come. Pleased to watch my son play baseball.

**Pauline.** I love the peace and tranquility of my garden.

**Mike.** Excellent presentation. Inspiring. A happy loony for the gardens going again at David Horne.

**Hugh.** Thanks Christyna. Our church in Welland is holding a Vigil the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. It's a quiet time to reflect. Also, Sandy has jumped onto horticulture with a vengeance. Every weekend, he's planting.

**Troy.** Paul, I'm thrilled that Family Funfest is going well. Good to pad the budget! We're looking at booking a training dolphin/diving in Honduras.

**Paul A.** Recently went to Scotland and where Jen's family comes from – kept an eye out for Rotary.

**Annie.** Great presentation Christyna! Happy that over half the club showed up for the get together at Butcher and Banker, including an old member/new friend.

**Lance.** Canada Day coming up. Apparently it's going to be very HOT – we have enough space for the ice cone machines!

**Steve.** Great granddaughter is bringing great happiness. We're bringing my father here to home – seeing hope.

**Dave.** We had a flat on the road and a number of people stopped to see if they could help. People are a little more giving.

**Ann.** Thanks, Christyna. A friend is doing some paperwork for the cause, speaks Ukrainian and is meeting with families. Enjoying gardening at home.

**Carolyn.** Both kids are gainfully employed. Alex is helping the Welland Museum.

**Ann.** We're still looking for a President Elect. It's a 9 am start at Family FunFest. Get there a little earlier. 2 things. There is \$250 for the World Chair Event.

Pathstone's request for Capital could wait till next fall. 'No' to daily maintenance.

We have a \$16,000 summer games bill.

Also Arches T-Shirts for sale.

**Motion:** To donate \$1000 US to the new District Endowment Fund in the name of Frank Adamson as a Past District Governor of this club.

**M/S/C** Annie Holtby/ Dave Schulz/ All

**Membership.** Kevin Vallier has stepped down as a member. Jason Thompson has resigned.

#### 9. **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthdays:** Lance (17<sup>th</sup>); Meghan (21<sup>st</sup>), Annie (25<sup>th</sup>)

**Rotary:** Paul Allen, Michael Jacques, Carolyn Mullin

**Next Meetings/Events:** **June 8<sup>th</sup>** – Bissell’s site visit 8:45 a.m. **June 18<sup>th</sup>** – Family Funfest (no meeting that Wednesday), **June 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Lincoln Pelham Public Library Update, **June 29<sup>th</sup>** – **Year End Changeover at Pelham Grille Breakfast**