

*"Where everyone is kin; with a sense of worth, over all the Earth"*

~ adapted from Robert Burns/Gordon McNally, RI President 2023-24

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## WEEKLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday June 19, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

**Hugh Graham, Annie Holtby, Carolyn Mullin, Sharon Pfeifer, Collins Acheampong, Ann Harrison, Dave Sherlock, Paul Snack, Frank Adamson, Christina Dekker and Jim McEwan.**

**Welcome to our Guests, Christine and Jim, both part of the Leadership Niagara group working with us on our Strategic Plan.**

**Carolyn: Congratulations on your graduation with Leadership Niagara.**

### 1. 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.*

### **Toast. Ann**

To the King and Canada, To the Office of the President of the United States, and To the President of Rotary International and To the Prime Minister of Japan

### **O Canada. ALL**

### **4 Way Test. Ann**

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?

### **Invocation/Reflection Paul**

**President's Report. Announcements. Carolyn.**

**Carolyn. For Collins,** keep an eye on Rotary emails. Keep up with them. There are a lot!

**Canada Day. Lance.** Please look on line and sign up! Still need a couple of people.

**Summer Market and Serving on September 5<sup>th</sup>.** Just a reminder, that for both Summerfest and the last Bandshell Concert, you need a current **Serving It Right Certificate** to work those nights. Check your expiry date on your certificate. You can sign up to take course and be reimbursed by our club.

**Bandshell on August 15** is when we, Rotary Club of Fonthill, sponsor Momentum Choir – no tasks, just be branded!

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> - District Changeover,** Welland Rotary Park on Lincoln. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. \$15

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Bandshell starts. There is also an Indigenous Market within the Farmer's Market this week 4-9 pm.

**June 26<sup>th</sup>- Changeover Breakfast** at Domenic's at our usual 730 a.m. start time.

**Frank Highlights of France Cycle.** Battleground Bike Ride, Wounded Warrior Canada. President of Rotary International supported Mental Health this year. I was there with my Dad for the 60<sup>th</sup>. The Queen and Phillip were there and they met him. Very emotional.

Great group, actually *three* groups of riders – we went to Go, Juno Sword, and Omaha Beaches. We saw the cemeteries. Lots of memories for me. I raised \$6100 and the riders raised in total \$450,000 to go toward the Mental Health Program. It was never above 62 degrees. Windy. 10<sup>th</sup> year and next year is the Netherlands for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Really enjoyed it. Looking forward to another one!

**Ann. Scholarships. 3** for Crossley grads this coming Monday – Gwen Farrow is getting the \$1000 Scholarship – she is the President of Interact. The Medallion awards, \$500 each go to Noor Islam and Sierra Kievet.

2. **Guest Speakers Leadership Niagara's Christine and Jim.**

**Christina.** It's been great working with you. The goal was a Mission at the Club Level. We put in a brief history of the club. The process means you can come back when needed for updating, changes. We're sending it in PDF and WORD so you can change if needed. One of the key steps needing to happen is deciding when to review. Semi annually? Annually? Etc.

**Jim.** Thanks for inviting us. It's been a delight. 4 separate priorities within the 3 year plan.

**Action Plan.** Two (2) minimum General Service Projects.

Continue to partner with Welland Club, Rotary Golf, etc.

Seek out opportunities to partner with other Organisations – by end of partnership, in second year, do 2 per year.

I advise not using Google form on Rotary International site.

**Paul.** Where do we start?

**Christine.** 1<sup>st</sup> – Do what you're already doing. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Do it on an ongoing basis. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Define who will focus on it. 4<sup>th</sup> – Succession Planning. 5<sup>th</sup> – Increase the Membership Committee. Feel free to reach out to Christina via cell.

**Carolyn.** Looking at the financial aspects there – regrouping.

**Frank.** The plan captures the essence of the club. Lots of input.

Thank you, Christina, Jim, Diane and Heather. BTW Dave does excellent media work!

Link to Today's Presentation of our Strategic Plan.

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/7fa59030-6a87-43e7-a541-5f62edd3ecf9/1/>

### **3. Happy Loonies, Rotary Moment.**

**Dave Sherlock.** I'm in a POD now and will start rehearsing.

**Ann.** Moving daughter and couch into Toronto apartment. Daughter is coming back from the west - a road trip.

**Collins.** I'm going to lots of meetings. St Catharines South for instance. I'm getting to know people in other clubs.

**Sharon.** CLTV and Pelham Road Trip at 620 a.m. first shot for Rotary. I'm proud to sit and talk about Rotary as People of Action. I look forward to being more active and looking back on how I was as a new person.

**Frank.** While on my France bike trip. Judy and I were in England for a few days with our daughter who lives there. The return flight was bumped up so we got in at noon in Toronto rather than 5 pm. Planting trees – Thanks! We got a lot done. Our Grant Application was accepted by the District.

**Hugh.** Our daughter is moving! Jean is moving from a house to an apartment and sibs and friends are helping with the move, not her parents.

**Annie.** Attended an inspiring District Foundation meeting Monday. It was Sandi's last as chair as her three year term ends. Lisa will head up the next one for her newly starting three year term. Excellent and dedicated members who are continuing on save for a few other 'ends of term.'

**Carolyn.** Happy for the Strategic Plan! Happy to pass media to Dave!

**Paul.** Zak was given a bicycle from an 85 year old man worth \$5000! Nicolas, via the bus driver, thought of Zak who'd outgrown his bike a week earlier. Zak is a little nervous. Frank said he'd give him a call and take him out.

**Carolyn.** Anything else for the good of Rotary?

### **Dates Ahead:**

**June 22. District Changeover.** 11-2. Sign up if you can make it!

**June 26. Our Club's Changeover.** Passing the Torch. Breakfast Meeting at Domenic's. Sign up.

**July 1. Canada Day.** Still need a few more volunteers.

**July 10. Regular Meeting, Kinsmen Room. Guest Speaker Sylvia Mullally - Niagara Dream Centre**

**July 17. No Meeting**

**July 20. Summerfest Volunteering. Signup. Serving needs Serving it Right current certification.**