



WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Hybrid Meeting

Dave Schulz, Gail Levay, Sarah Ludberg, Melissa Lodba, Bob Eamer, Troy Killick, Annie Holtby, Carolyn Mullin, Ann Harrison, Janet Cripps, Pauline Oliver, Bev North, Lance Wiebe, Hugh Graham

1. **Welcome Guests**- Sarah Ludberg and Melissa Lodba - to be introduced by Gail later.

2. **Land Acknowledgement - Annie**

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 - Annie**

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 - 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 – Annie**

Let us offer blessings for one another
Let us be a source of hope for those in need and contentment for those who are lonely.
Let us give gratitude for our opportunity to serve Rotary.
Let the feelings of love, kindness and a well-directed yet gentle spirit always be reflected in our actions.

Mike's Invocation from last week, July 13

I give thanks for the opportunity to be a Rotarian
Rotarians dig wells from which we will never drink
We vaccinate children we will never meet
We restore eyesight for those we will never see
We build housing we will never live in
We educate children we will never know
We plant trees we will never sit under

We feed hungry people regardless of race or politics
We know real happiness, which as Albert Schweitzer once said,
“Can only be found by helping others”.
For this opportunity, we give thanks...

6. President’s Report, Correspondence and Announcements. Troy

Upcoming Events: On the 18th of August, we have Canada Games Niagara Cycling Road Race leaving and returning to the Arches. On the 25th of August, we are sponsoring the Creedence Clearwater Survival concert as well as serving beer and wine at Supperfest at 4-7 and 7-10 pm (2 shifts)

Cheque Presentation: We’ll be presenting a cheque after Big Brother Big Sister Presentation.

7. Guest Presentation: Sarah Ludberg and Melissa Lodba. Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

Introduction: Gail

Sarah Ludberg is the Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara Falls and South Niagara. Sarah has been with BBBS for almost 16 years. She started her BBBS career off in the role of Site-Based Programs Caseworker, and then moved into the roles of Supervisor and Director of Operations before becoming Executive Director in 2021. Sarah was born and raised in the Niagara Region. She attended Brock University where she earned both her B.A. in Child and Youth Studies and Psychology, as well as her B.Ed. in Adult Education. Sarah enjoys gardening, baking, swimming and spending time with her two young daughters.

Joining Sarah today is Casework Supervisor **Melissa Lodba**. Melissa has been with BBBS for almost 8 years. She is a graduate of Trillium College from their Community Service Worker program. She was born and raised in the Niagara Region, has two grown daughters and a loving husband. Melissa is an avid animal lover who enjoys spending her time with her family and pets, as well as being in the outdoors.

Presentation link:

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/62ad4c63-b891-4561-9a85-0f88475c4df2/1/>

Sarah and Melissa’s presentation link is just above. A great look at the history, the breadth and depth of their service and responsibilities to youth and children of Niagara Falls and South Niagara. One story shared, not in the Presentation Link was of a family where the mother had passed and the father and 8 year old daughter were left. There was very little extended family support. Her school recommended connecting with Big Brother Big Sister. Camille was matched with Lenora and they’ve continued to be matched for the last 5 years. Camille’s dad was concerned that she wouldn’t have a woman to confide in about changes in a girl’s life. Lenora filled that place admirably. Callie’s ally is her Big Sister. This happens because of the people in BBBS! Because of this community, more children are experiencing their potential. Sarah ‘We thank you for your support.’

Troy. Is there a wait list? **Sarah.** Definitely. It has to be a good match so we’re careful of the pairings – it’s preparation for success.

Sarah. Every dollar counts! From the United Way to Ministry of Education, Bottle Drives to Tim Hortons, Brock to Niagara College.

Troy. Thank you very much for coming in. We’d like to support your organisation financially and have a cheque today for **\$3,500** from our Family Funfest in June. Our donation for our speakers is a donation to the Lincoln-Pelham Public Library.

Presentation of the cheque:

<https://www.rotarycluboffonthill.ca/Stories/rotary-club-of-fonthill-contributes-to-big-brothers-big-sisters-of-niagara-falls-and-south-niagara>

8. Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies – Gail

Rotary Moment in Ladner, BC.

The Magic of Reading. This Story Walk that the Rotary Club of Ladner created features pages from illustrated children's books. The Club set the story up along a kilometre stretch – laminated pages included instructions how to get to the next station - including flying or hopping to the next station!

Happy Loonies

Pauline. I'm happy to spend a day with my oldest daughter in Toronto. She lives there now.

Ann. Happy to do Happy Loonies. Happy to be here and for our cottage time!

Troy. Happy we got to go camping in a trailer for 2 weeks? Also, I'm happy that I got my green belt!

Dave. Great vacation on the motorcycle and the last day the bike broke down half an hour away from dealership. They came and got us and are working on bike now.

Bev. My 16 year old daughter got her Beginner's Driver's License. She also finished with a 99% in her math and nothing under 92% in everything else. Very proud!

Carolyn. Great cottage/daughter time was had. In past, a long weekend birthday had friends coming for the weekend. This year it's 'bring the 'boy' friend up!' I'll let you know how happy I am next week!

Annie worked at the water station at J&J Florists, top of Churchill, for the Steppe up for Ukraine bike ride. Maybe half took water on way up to Rosewood winery but most had 4 bottles before leaving J&J on way back!

Bob. These Happy Loonies recognise our happiness with our daughter's new employment – HR Superintendent for Waterloo Catholic School Board.

Lance. Our daughter Brianne in Tofino just got engaged last night. One less on the payroll!

Hugh. Sandy and I are heading up to Sandy's brother's cottage at Huron Sands for the long weekend, just north of Goderich. It is a family gathering of many years, and it has been 3 years since we last did it. I'm looking forward to golfing at the Maitland course while we are there.

Janet. Great trip to NYC but also very stressful!

Gail wanted to thank our speakers for great presentation.

9. Upcoming Events Again

August 3rd – Next Meeting at MCC or Zoom

August 18th – Canada Summer Games – Cycling Event in Pelham

August 25th – Fonthill Bandshell – Creedence Clearwater Survival - Sponsored by Rotary!