

**WEEKLY MEETING MINUTES**

June 30, 2021 – (Zoom 52)

**ZOOMING** Hugh Graham, Mike Taylor, Frank Adamson, Kevin Vallier, Carolyn Mullin, Keith McConkey, Mel Groom, Annie Holtby, Andy Glavac, Angela Carter, Meghan McNaughton, Troy Killick, Ann Harrison, Bob Eamer, Lance Wiebe, Paul Snack, Pat Duncan, and Dave Schulz.

1. **Welcome everyone!**

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: Keith**

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: Mel**

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: Carolyn**

With our friends beside us, and no person beneath us, with the bonds of Rotary between us, and our worries behind us (at least for Hugh and Frank), with our goals before us, and no task beyond us, with a thirst for knowledge, and a dream for a polio and Covid 19 free world, we are thankful for our Rotary friends and the meals we will share together soon enough. Thank you.

6. **President's Report/Correspondence/Announcements:**

a) **Welcome** new member Michael Jacques. Michael had to report for work at 630 a.m. so couldn't join us. He'll be there for the formal induction at social on July 28

b) **Motion:** that the Rotary Club of Fonthill donate \$500 to the 'Butterflyway Project' at Wellspring Niagara.

**Moved:** Mike Taylor    **Seconded:** Annie Holtby    **Carried:** All

c) **Motion:** that the members of the Rotary Club of Fonthill approve the slate of officers presented hereby for the 2021-2022 Rotary year.

**Moved:** Frank Adamson    **Seconded:** Carolyn Mullin    **Carried:** All



**Rotary Spring Online Garage Sale:** Final numbers in. As a club, we brought in \$2294.23 and interestingly enough, Welland beat us by a higher amount - \$2.94. We can definitely use these funds to serve others. Thanks to all who volunteered, to all who donated their treasures. Very much appreciated by all of us to have these unexpected funds.

**Slate of Officers for Rotary Club of Fonthill 2021-2022**

President: Ann Harrison

President-Elect: Troy Killick

Past President: Hugh Graham

Secretary: Annie Holtby

Treasurer: Randy Momot

Community Service: Roy Kirkup

Club Service: Mel Groom

Rotary Foundation: Annie Holtby

Membership: Bob Eamer

Public Relations: David Schulz

Fund Raising: Paul Snack

Youth Services: ~~Troy Killick~~ Mike Taylor replacing our new President Elect as Chair of YS

Youth Exchange: Meghan McNaughton

Vocational Service: ~~vacant~~ Frank Adamson volunteered to take on vacant Chair of VS

**7. Year in review – President Hugh**

We're an awesome club. Thank you for thanking me yesterday with flowers and gift card. I've often said that it's been a fantastic team to be at the head of. Every member of this club gets engaged = when things are needed to be done, people stop up. We all have things we're passionate about. We're good at Canada Day thanks to Lance's leadership. I'm working on a 30 years one page report to hand out on Canada Day. We've zoomed 52 times. Hopefully back together at Meridian Community Centre soon. Most of us have both vaccinations. I'm looking forward to serving as Past President but am committed to following up on making sure we have committee structure. I'm going to use the Past Presidents' reports for the District Governor – committee structure is there. Rotary TV Auction is my passion. Annie stepped up as club guru when she joined club. I'll be doing another 6 month report to round out my year. I'm going to do my Happy Loonie now – Over the course of the year I've made donations to the club for Happy Loonies including \$1 for each member - \$36. I'm happy to have worked with you. In doing the move from the TD Bank to Wellspring, we came across our donations poster – over \$300,000 over those 30 years.

Now I'm asking Governor Frank to induct the new Board.

**8. Induction of officers for 2021-2022 Rotary year – DG Frank Adamson**

Frank started with President Ann Harrison and her oath. He then went to the other officers or directors of Ann's board and had them take their oath together, telling them that they had been selected by the members of this club and entrusted with taking care of our club's affairs.

**9. Passing of gavel to Ann Harrison. Hugh**

Hugh passed the gavel to Ann. Ann had picked both it and the bell up from the Meridian Centre from the previous day.

#### 10. Remarks from President Ann

This is the second time that Hugh has served as our President but the first time with Sandy also serving as President of the Welland Club. It was a full year of ZOOM but getting things accomplished as well. Hugh ran meetings with humour and adaptability, his calm and steady presence. We attracted several new members. We continued to meet the needs of our community, supported new parents & new homes, applied for and were successful in accessing Covid 19 grant of \$1400 for weekly fresh dairy and eggs for Pelham Cares and donated \$1000 which was matched to \$5000 for the horse drawn mower for I Can – T.E.R. A few examples. A few announcements too! We are **not** holding a meeting next Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup>. The 14<sup>th</sup> will be a ZOOM meeting. Watch for a notice from Hugh. There will be a board meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>, the day before. Sending out my cell phone number – there is no data at the cottage. Anne Bermingham sent this new banner for the year. I would like to work more with the indigenous community.

#### Frank asked for a few words.

As Governor, I wanted to thank each and every one of you – I couldn't be any prouder of our club. Shout out to Angela Carter who took on Directors role for Membership; Dave, at club level has done an awesome job as Media person and is taking on Chair at the District Level; Mel is on the District Finance Committee and will be chair come next year; and Mike and his Youth portfolio. RI Citations – Our club achieved the most goals @ 22 in our District. \$7950 went to Annual Fund and \$3958 to End Polio. Our District is stronger. The Lighthouse Award has 10 items. We hit each one. There are 7 or 8 clubs that will get the Lighthouse Award and we're one. Our goal was 4 net new members and we've made that goal as well. Angela is stepping away = thank you all for all you've done and you're welcome to return anytime.

#### 11. Happy loonies – Carolyn

**Mike** from his front porch. Thanks to most stabilizing asset in our club – Hugh. First day of vacation!

**Dave.** District is launching Rotaract website today. Here's a sneak preview. Rebecca Belek worked with Melissa Wells.

**Annie.** Thanks for great leadership, Hugh. On a personal note, my grandson in BC graduated from high school doing grade 11 and 12 in one year. It was a drive-by grad and Wyatt gave a shout out to his older sister's husband Kevin who had helped him over a few years when he needed a male 'advisor.' His thank you was to his mom, my Jodi, who he said was always there to support him, had his back always and gave him both a mother and a father – he couldn't have done his succeeded without her love and guidance. Such a fine young man (biased as I am)

**Pat.** Huge thanks to Hugh. His hummingbird reminded me of a neighbour who discovered that the empty hummingbird feeder that was empty every day had its own thief – a raccoon with a sweet tooth kept emptying it at night!

**Andy.** Thanks to Angela Carter for giving me a push to the Fonthill Club. Thanks for being such a great club. I look forward to the next years.

**Paul S.** Angela, good luck! Bissell's – we're back to Bissell's, back to Family Funfest next June.

# Rotary Rotary Opens Opportunities

**Lance.** Thanks Hugh and Frank for great leadership. Great Lakes Watershed Clean Up has been great for families and community. If you can make it to a Clean Up, please come. I have 5 pickers you can borrow.

**Bob.** Congrats to Hugh and Frank for completing their years. Thanks for help with membership, Angela. Thanks for doing it for the District too.

**Mel.** Thanks to Past President Hugh when he didn't poo poo the idea of husband and wife being Presidents in the same year. Congrats to Ann and thanks Frank. Thanks to Andy and Jeanne for their freezer donation – it's now filled with wonderful food!

**Frank.** Thanks for the work on the GL Watershed Clean Up. And thanks to Troy for the Lending Library – it won first prize!

**Angela.** Happy thanks to Hugh = steady leadership was what we needed. Happy to work with Frank. I'm going back to my roots – helping young people. I'm going to stay involved in coaching.

**Keith.** Thank you to Hugh and Frank for last year's leadership. Day of the Haircut is here = a sign of our next step to normalisation

**Meghan.** We might be able to go north for a vacation. Declan is very active.

**Troy.** Attaching my Happy Loonie to Paul Snack's announcement. I'm so happy about Family Funfest. Also we started the Butterfly Garden at Wellspring.

**Ann.** Shout out to Declan- most present! Time to thank Frank for the Great Lakes Cleanup/ It was phenomenal bringing so many clubs and districts too. My daughter finished her schooling in Lindsay and has brought her stuff home. She's headed West for BC, looking for work.

**Meghan.** I had a Honda civic before so I know lots gets in.

**Carolyn.** Honda Civic was a good graduation present. It was my grandfather's. Thanks to President Hugh and District Governor Frank. Dad had his second vaccination. We're taking him up to the cottage and I'm super happy about that.

**Hugh.** I did miss one meeting in September to play golf. I recorded the Fireside Chat – YouTube – available for viewing. Haircut is booked for Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sandy and Hugh have had their 2<sup>nd</sup> shots. Things are looking up. Do appreciate Frank's support.

**Thanks everyone. Ann & All, see you in two weeks' time!!! July 14<sup>th</sup> 730 am**

12. Birthdays: Lance (June 17); Meghan (June 21); Annie (June 25)  
Rotary Anniversaries: Gail (June 11, 1991); Carolyn (June 18, 1997)