



ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL

WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, June 7th, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

Dave Schulz, Bob Eamer, Paul Snack, Troy Killick, Annie Holtby, Frank Adamson, Collins Acheampong, Gail Levay, Ann Harrison, Mike Taylor, Carolyn Mullins, Hugh Graham, Kerry Rogers. Michael Jacques tried online but sound was not working for him.

1. **Welcome** to our Guest Speaker, Kerry Rogers, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

2. **Land Acknowledgement. Ann**

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.

O Canada was led by **Carolyn**

3. **Toast: Paul**

To the King and Canada, To the Office of the President of United States, and To the President of Rotary International, our very own Jennifer Jones for her last month!

4. **4-WAY TEST: Dave**

Of the things we think, say or do
Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Invocation: Ann Instead of an invocation I would like us to do a bit of a personal reflection.

June is Rotary Fellowship Month - a month dedicated to recognizing the fellowships of Rotarians locally, and internationally. Rotary fellowships are open to anyone. They are groups of like-minded people with a common interest. Fellowships contribute to the advancement of world understanding and peace. They serve as an incentive for attracting new members to Rotary and retaining our existing members. The Rotary LGBT+ Fellowship is a group in the family of Rotary, dedicated to promoting global friendship, service and education. The fellowship aims to create an inclusive, understanding and

welcoming community, fostering goodwill and peace, and realising a world that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for 2SLGBTQI+ people.

This June, as we celebrate Pride month we recognize that things have not gone smoothly in Niagara. Pride flags have been vandalized and there is once again debate about even flying them. So I ask all of us, as Rotarians in this month of Fellowship, in this pride month, to reflect on how we can educate ourselves and how we can work positively to support Rotarians in the 2SLGBTQI fellowship as well as all other Rotarians and their families, friends and our Niagara community. This year's theme is Imagine rotary. Next year it is Create Hope. So let's take a moment to imagine a Niagara that creates hope for all. Thank You.

5. **President's Report, Correspondence and Announcements. Troy**

Mike. YE Brunch was successful for our outgoing students, all our inbounds and 2 short term wxchange students across the District.

Ann. Scholarship Photos. We're going to take photos before Grad Ceremony. We have two receiving \$1000 each from our annual Club's Scholarships. We also have one of EL Crossley students as successful applicant of our District 7090's US\$1000 Scholarship.

Hugh. Presentation Cheque. I looked into a new large cheque for photo opportunities. A 30"x48" is \$70 and a 2' x 5 is \$55. The 30x48 sounds like the best option. It should take a week.

Mel. EL Crossley Grant. We'll be making the presentation to EL Crossley today with our grant cheque of \$5300CDN. Remember this is for Indigenous plants that will be planted around the area for the outdoor classroom/amphitheatre.

Lance. Repeat from last meeting. This is a rally call for Canada Day. It's been happening for 18 years. Hugh supported with popcorn! Rotary puts in about \$2000 and we get \$2-3000 from the Town. Canada Day Parade this year in Niagara Falls was cancelled so our will be bigger. We'll have Sandtastic, SnoCones, Bouncers, Face Painting, and new this year is Archery! The Kids Zone runs 230-7pm with 2 x 2½ hour shifts. The day continues after our set time till 10 pm for the fireworks.

Today's Presentation is by Kerry Rogers, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority. Introduction by

Ann. Kerry has been working with NPCA for 15 years in different roles. She is now involved in Climate Change and promotes stewardship. **Kerry** It's officially 17 years. I started as a student for two years. I've happy to work with members of the community. NPCA has a watershed-based jurisdiction, not municipal. We go into parts of Hamilton and Haldimand.

There are 36 separate Conservation districts in Ontario. 21 of them have trails. Most have passive use. Only paying ones are Long Beach, Chippewa, Ball's Falls and Binbrook. We have the beautiful escarpment; the Wainfleet Bog is the only one in Niagara! Established in 1999, the 60 full time employees increase to 85 with summer students. We have a 2021-2031 Strategic Plan, 'Nature for All.' Connecting and Partner of Choice are the two that I work with. Programs and Services include flood and natural hazard management, ecology system restoration, water quality and quantity monitoring, community engagement (Rebecca and Rotaract participate here). Some of our events: Pollinator gardens, community plantings, invasive species control, education programs and camps, corporate volunteers, community service, research and guided hikes/walks – often arranged through libraries. Stewardship happens at home, school, shared green space. Healthy landscapes benefit everyone. 25% of Canada's population is on .25% of its area. (Niagara) 90% of the landscape is privately owned. Choosing native plants is the most important thing you can do for the environment, the landscape. Read Doug Tallamy's Nature's Best Chance.

Kerry's Presentation Link: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/2be948aa-506b-47e3-bf00-9459f615c4bf/1/>

Troy Thank you, Kerry. Our family is very much interested in native plants and an environment for butterflies and birds. We make a donation in your name at our Lincoln Pelham Library as we do for all presenters. Again, many thanks.

6. Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies.

Hugh. Our front yard is domesticated. In the back, beside the Steve Bauer Trail, we see fox, raccoon, and birds for example. A bat house is going up soon.

Dave. "I'm a man, but I can change, if I have to, I guess" The Possum Lodge's The Man's Prayer.

Collins. I don't garden but it's time!

Gail. I stepped on a snake this week. Fortunately I was wearing boots.

Frank. I've been at my present work location for a year now. I connected with Carrie re the TreePlanting grant. Willowbrook will provide the trees, we'll sign people up at FarmFest and they can pick up the trees from Willowbrook. The kids will learn how to take care of a tree.

Mike. Thank you for the presentation. Thanks everyone who showed up at my retirement. I won't forget it.

Ann. Thanks, Carrie

Carolyn. Midway.

Troy. Michele continues to plant non invasive species and plants supporting butterflies.

Annie. My friend out on Vancouver Island had a group pulling invasive plant species every Sunday because they were there (the invasive species)

Paul. Hopefully our 17th will be successful. We still need volunteers.

Troy. Have a good week!

Next Meetings/Events:

June 17th, Family FarmFest at White Meadows.

June 21st, Weekly Meeting. Speaker: Michael Lethby, Executor Director of Niagara Resource Service for Youth (The RAFT). Introduction by Ann.

June 28th Pass the Torch Evening at Wellspring in the Rotary Room. Please sign up by Monday, June 26th on Clubrunner.