



**ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL  
WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA**

Wednesday, March 1st

Hybrid Meeting

Dave Schulz, Bob Eamer, Carolyn Mullin, Ann Harrison, Hugh Graham, Paul Snack, Troy Killick, Annie Holtby, Mike Taylor, Bev North, Gail Levay, Kabir Ahmed, Tina Schulz, Paula Guest, Fr. Paul MacNeil

1. **Welcome** to Paula Guest and Father Paul MacNeil, our speakers today.
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.*
3. **Toast: Dave**  
To the King and Canada, To the Office of the President of United States, and To the President of Rotary International
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 build good will and better friendships?  
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
5. **Invocation: Ann**  
On this first day of March,  
Give thanks for spring coming.  
Thanks for the Food we have  
When not available to others.
6. **Presidents Report, Correspondence and Announcements. Troy**  
**RYLA. Mike.** Rotary Youth Leadership Awards will be held in Jamestown. Laura Kenny will be our rep this year. It's going to be hybrid this year so just face to face on the weekend.  
**Paul Snack. Ticket Sales for FarmFest have gone live today.**  
**Hugh.** Home Show is April 16<sup>th</sup> weekend.  
**Welland Paul Harris** evening is May 10<sup>th</sup>. They are also doing a Purse Bingo that month.

**7. Guest Speakers. Welcome Father Paul MacNeil and Paula Guest, Parishioner, St Alexander Church**

**Father Paul.** Congratulations on your Purse Bingo. One of our parishioners noted that the proceeds went to the Breakfast Programs of 6 schools including St Alexander's. Wonderful! The St Vincent de Paul Society is there to help the poor. Here in Pelham, there are food programs for adults. There's definitely an issue with loneliness. If we could give them something to get people out of their rut, that would be good. We have 55 people signed up for scheduling their help. They're getting to know each other and want to give back to Pelham – to be a leader in that we can be a good neighbour. Our effort is still very new. Pelham Today wrote a beautiful article.

**Paula.** This is a very humble outreach. It's multi-pronged. We're aware of food insecurity. We'll do it till end of June and then reassess.

**Father Paul.** There's a simple way to happiness – extend humanity through coffee. Our community wants to be part of a larger community. Our volunteers are excited, motivated and happy. The Anglican Church in Welland has 50 + a day. We've had 2 here, 2 there, other visitors. We need to be persistent, maybe say 'free breakfast.' There are a lot of variables – mobility and weather for two. **Paula.** We're not concerned with numbers.

**Father Paul.** We don't want to get attached to the outcome. We'll serve coffee after mass. Serve the needs and our community has changed.

**Question.** What's the point of contact?

**Paula.** The Parish office. Our website.

**Father Paul.** The World Day of Prayer was on Friday and I was hoping to be there. (Paula went).

The Legion feeds 65. Pelham Care makes 70 meals a week;

It's very intentional to invite people in. They can stay or do take out. Some volunteers have offered to deliver meals. We open at 830 am.

**Dave.** Rotary can plug it through our social media.

**Father Paul/Paula.** We're hopeful but cautious.

**Bob,** There's a fellow convict that's out again and will be back inside. This person needs a big brother/father so he stays OUT of jail. There are lots of these out there. People don't feel safe anymore.

**Hugh.** Our church does the same in Welland. It's not as prevalent with street people in Fonthill. It never fails – people who are participants are very grateful and appreciative. It's wonderful you got 44 volunteers. Our church does it on Thursday mornings. In December, every day was offering breakfast.

**Paula.** It's a tradition that the church does outreach. Many churches do lunch at the Hope Centre.

Troy. As a thank you for coming today, we make a donation to the Lincoln Pelham Library on your behalf. Food and its security are a bigger issue and continue to grow. Thank You for what you are doing.

**Ann.** Next week, we'll be hearing Rhys Evans who will be coming to speak about accessibility. It will be a Q and A format. Please send me our questions.

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

**Ann.** I'm happy to hear about this program!

**Dave.** I'm happy to be here. Happy that Tina's here.

**Annie.** Hola! Heading to Puerto Escondido tomorrow morning in the wee hours!

**Troy.** Thanks for the work on Paul Harris, those on committee and others. Happiness to be here.

**Gail.** We had a good Paul Harris Evening! Please sign the card for Mel and her mom.

**Bev.** Australia. Hard to understand but a welcoming country, beautiful!

**Bob.** The Paul Harris evening was the first time Rose and I have been out since Covid started and she made it through! Very happy!

**Mike.** Sorry we missed the Paul Harris evening. I'm within 4 months to retirement!

**Mel.** Thanks Father Paul and Paula for your work in this new outreach.

**Hugh.** It was a lovely send off for Myrna. Sandy and I were glad to be there. Freddy Farnham turned 96- we celebrated with him with a trifle.

**Carolyn.** Thanks for your presentation. We do children's programs around food. Transportation can also be part of the problem. Our Paul Harris Evening was lovely.

**Father Paul.** The church has passed a milestone. 240 has been the highest number for a while and last week we had over 400 for mass.

**Paula.** The fact that the community is more reflective of cultural mosaic makes me feel good.

**Ann.** Thanks to Mel and Annie and Michael who managed to keep the surprise of my Paul Harris Award a secret up to that moment.

**Next Meetings/Events: March 8<sup>th</sup>** – Weekly Meeting with Rhys Evans from the MCC.

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** – Board Meeting is in the MCC's Concession area. Open to all members. 730 a.m.

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Business Meeting for All

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** – Domenic's for Breakfast. Sign up on Clubrunner by Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> for numbers for the staff. Double Check Start Time.