



Unite for Good

WEEKLY MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Collins Acheampong, Frank Adamson, Paul Allen, Angela Carter, Bob Eamer, Ann Harrison, Touti, Annie Holtby, Fred Leppard, Carolyn Mullin, Dave Schulz, Dave Sherlock, Paul Snack, Guest Speaker – Andrea Di Ceriso, Niagara Health Foundation Development Officer.

- 1. Welcome to Lindsay Dressel, a Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Lincoln, our Guest Speaker!**

- 2. Land Acknowledgement – Ann Harrison**

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. National Anthem– ALL**

- 4. 4-WAY TEST – Dave Sherlock**

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 – Dave Sherlock**

- 6. Announcements.**

Ann. Interact raised \$1138 for Menstrual Products for Ukraine. Pharmasave gave us a great deal. We have \$300 left to spend. Thanks to our two volunteer drivers, Randy and Mike. The Catholic Church is doing a drive there. They're taking some to Crossley for a photo op! The new owner at Shoppers is giving discounts – A vehicle is needed to get these menstrual products to St Catharines to get to Ukraine.

Discussion of Order of Meetings. Ann. Continue to do a breakfast at Domenic's every other month. **Frank** Legion perhaps could be a choice too. It would be supporting them.

Angela. 1st July is Passing the Torch time. Last year we did it at Sons and Daughters.

September 10th town email from Karen re doing the drinks that evening at Bandshell
Membership

Shakar would like to become a member.

Frank Welcome Shakar. You will exemplify what Rotary stands for. Not only are you becoming a member of Fonthill Rotary but of a worldwide membership. Rotary is a way of life. We formally accept you to membership and invite your sponsor Collins to come up and join you here.

Welcome Shakur!

7. Today's Presentation. Collins heard Andrea speak elsewhere and introducing Andrea Di Ceriso, Development Officer of Leadership for the Niagara Health Foundation.

Andrea. What's going on at our end acknowledges our legacy foundations. Our significant events include **September's Niagara Big Move Cancer** Ride with over 500 riders and \$250,000 raised; Welland Tailgate Elimination Draw; Fashion Philanthropy Gala from 2 years ago; Building New Hospital, a 4-year project till now; Challenge in June. The REAL reason we do what we do is to support local needs - the Government does not support equipment; Surgical 'C' Arm reduces waiting times.

This **new hospital on Montrose** is 2 ½ years into construction and is 2 years from opening. It's 12 stories high and the footprint is smaller. **State of the Art Facility!** All the concrete is completed. Parking is paved. **It's a comprehensive approach to Well Being!** In the photo. Montrose is on the right. **1.3 million square feet! Over 400 single rooms, over 2400 parking spaces.** 42,000 pieces of equipment, **8 operating suites** that will accommodate twice what Niagara Health Foundation does too! There is a lot of Landscape Design with **gardens and terraces, trails around.** A lot of great features with Mock Rooms, people of public, doctors. **Carmen ICU Bedroom** is the clinical side of the room and there's the patient and family side as well. It has an articulating arm, switchable glass component, additional storage, a hugely adjustable desk, reversible locks on doors, a lot of great features including Mock Rooms for people of the public and doctors. **We're just waiting for the next list!** Automated – computer-based medications, ECG machines – need to replace 30,000 each! We can do more!!

Thank you so much for the way to a healthier Niagara! It's 3.2 Billion for a new hospital. If a tour is of interest, I'm happy to set it up. I'm working on a Physician campaign. Getting 2400 for Parking is a great start!

Presentation PPT <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/5518693a-57cb-4052-95b9-7a5475718944/1/>

Niagara Health Foundation Videos

Big Move

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ua8n8VUdQmg&t=2s>

Niagara Health Foundation Gala

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnZPrN2q1T0&t=1s>

Be The Reason

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5abfe0KrhU&t=1s>

It's Our Future - Site Mock Ups

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUd4BLjqgFo>

Frank. Thank you so much, Andrea. Our thank you is part of a donation to the Royal Canadian Legion – we support their Poppy Fund with thank you to our speakers.

8. Happy Moments – Rotary Moment

Paul S. I've never had to wait at the hospital – no complaints!

Dave Schulz. A reminder about e transfers!

Collins. I did not know that equipment wasn't funded!

Angela. Great praise for Welland Hospital. The team worked so well together. Heading to BC Monday.

Toutie. I'll be taking pictures on our trip.

Paul A. Great idea to pool money with other clubs.

Bob. Never had to wait. I'm impressed with the amount of follow-up! Excellent!

Ann. It's quieter at the Cancer Centre. Many, after ringing the bell, go to the Foundation.

Carolyn. My mind goes back to 2000 – family went to McMaster to see what was going to happen.

Andrea. Grateful to be here.

Frank. Ronald MacDonald Space. Most of the Rotary Clubs participated. Shakar, again, Welcome.

Fred. Super busy!

Frank. Shakar needs a ride back to Brock, please

Frank. Kinsmen are looking for applicants for their Kinsmen Citizen of the Year. They can't recommend their own member.

Anything else for the good of Rotary?

Motion to adjourn. Paul Snack.

Next Meetings/Events to support every year.

March 18. No Meeting – Spring Break

March 25. Board Meeting. Concession Downstairs. Every member welcome.

April 1. April Fool's Breakfast at Domenic's. Please Register.

April 8. Weekly Meeting. Speaker Tyler Snure, Youth Author

