



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

**ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL
WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA**

Wednesday, March 9th, 2022- Hybrid Meeting

There: Pat Duncan, Hugh Graham, Annie Holtby, Nancie Taylor, Michael Jacques, Fanny Etienne, Mike Taylor, Dave Schulz, Bob Eamer, Dick Goode, Frank Adamson, Troy Killick, Carolyn Mullin, Lance Wiebe, Paul Snack, Paul Allen, Keith McConkey.

1. Welcome Guests

2. Land Acknowledgement - Pat

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: Pat

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: Pat

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: Pat

Bless this gathering of fellow Rotarians today.
Please help us to see those in need and give us the strength and wisdom to serve our community as we should.
Help us to lift the burdens of others while we maintain the dignity of humankind.
Softens our hearts to be sensitive and loving as we serve together as Rotarians.

6. Presidents Report, Correspondence and Announcements. Ann

Finance. Mel is away so any financial things should come to Ann.

Members. I've asked Paul S to connect with Jason Thompson and Bob to connect with Kevin Vallier.

Home Show. April 9 & 10. You can register to help out with our Rotary Table on Clubrunner. We can sell T-shirts to promote the Arches **plus** Canada Day Signs. **Hugh.** We need to set up on Friday, April 8 from noon to 9 pm. Hugh can't lift at that time. A Flyer for FunFest would be a great venue to promote. **Paul.** I can also provide Rotary brochures. **Mike.** Rotaract will have some reps help as well. **Hugh.** There's also a

vigil at Wesley Church this Sunday. It's also Election year in town. We should facilitate the electoral evening (I just wanted to get it in so it's not forgotten)

Temperanceville Mike. We'll be taking down Temperanceville 130 Saturday now that a work crew can access the buildings because of snowmelt. One more truck would be great (Troy's hand is up)

Canada Day Community Meeting, Lance. Once again we're looking for volunteers at the Community meeting. Rotary is going to have the Family Area 1-6 which equals two shifts. Town is sponsoring indigenous activities from June 21st to July 1st. We still have a credit of \$2100 for this year

Great Lakes Clean-Up, Dave. On Monday March 14th there will be a zoom talk on Canada Great Lakes Clean-Up. Frank will be there. On March 25th, there will be another **Rotaractor Trivia event**. Mike will send a link out and proceeds will be going to **Food4Kids**.

Clean-Up Town of Pelham is doing a 'clean up.' We may want to go in with them.

7. **Guest Speaker – Fanny Etienne, Rotary Exchange Student Alumnus – introduced by Mike** It's so great to have Fanny back! Fanny was part of Youth Exchange two years ago. She left us early because of Covid. She's been working hard on her English to prepare for today. Welcome, Fanny

Guest Speaker – Fanny Etienne, Rotary Exchange Student Alumnus One word to describe my Canada Stay Unforgettable. At first it was also scary because I'd left family and friends behind. I was also jet lagged. I wanted to improve my English s I didn't speak French, All my home families made me feel like a queen. School was fun. There were different classes from the ones at home.

The first week here, I went to Sault Ste. Marie with Mike and Nancy and Eli. It was the first time I'd fished I also celebrated my 18th birthday there. I had the opportunity in December and January to do ski club via school every Friday in the USA.

I experienced Christmas and Halloween and the different traditions from home. I met a lot of different people, Rotarians and other students. Over the seven months I learned about myself and learned to 'never give up.' I wish I can visit again soon.

When I went home to Belgium, it was difficult as it was in March. It was odd for me meeting friends and family as I'd just left my Canadian families. I couldn't go to school. I took a lot of courses. I took my driving lessons and passed them! Now I'm studying English, Dutch and Spanish.

My PowerPoint presentation shows all the many things I did, that I experienced with my friends and families, my school and within Rotary.

WOW! What a great PowerPoint presentation – a kaleidoscope of experiences with friends at school, with the other YE students, with Rotarians and families. Fanny's soundtrack added another dimension of emotion.

Questions. Mike. What are you studying in school? **Fanny.** Business. I'm not sure yet about my plans. I will have 3 years of study and would need more for international business.

Mike How does Ukraine affect you in Belgium? **Fanny.** It doesn't affect us for now. A little bit after because Brussels is head of NATO for Europe. **Paul S** commented that the EU is also in Brussels.

Ann. Were you In school or online? **Fanny.** I was online last year, in school this year. I don't have to wear a mask anymore. I don't need a Vax passport.

Paul A. Where would you like to visit first? **Fanny.** Canada, of course! We'll see how the summer goes.

Nancie. After being independent in Canada, was it a big adjustment to go home? **Fanny.** Not really; I like to go out with my friends.

Ann. Any other questions for Fanny? Thanks, Fanny, for your presentation. You are welcome back at any time! We make a donation to the Fonthill Library towards Literacy in the name of our speakers and that will happen with you too.

8. Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies - Mike

9. Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays: Paul A (Mar 5); Mel (Mar 19); Jason (Mar20)

Anniversaries: Ann (Mar 12)

Rotary: Ann, Janet, Meg and Pat Duncan

Next Meetings/Events:

March 16th – no meeting, enjoy March Break with your families and friends

March 23rd – Spring Updates on all our events and activities

March 30th - April Jeffs

Please check ClubRunner to sign up for the Home Show