

**WEEKLY MEETING MINUTES**

May 5, 2021 – (Zoom 46)

**ZOOMING** – Annie Holtby, Mike Taylor, Hugh Graham, Sandi Chard, Keith McConkey, John Cappa, Dave Schulz, Paul Snack, Mel Groom, Ann Harrison, Lance Wiebe, Jason Thompson, Meghan McNaughton, Troy Killick, Heather Scott, Frank Adamson, Gail Levay.

1. **Open meeting: – Welcome** everyone, welcome to Sandi Chard of the St Catharines Lakeshore Club who will be introduced later as our speaker today.

2. **Land Acknowledgement: Annie**

*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: John**

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: John**

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: Paul S.**

May those assembled here today enjoy the many offerings of Rotary. May we abide by the rules we have established, those of trust, fellowship and ethics, and may we place service above self, in our daily endeavors. And may we always test ourselves and our efforts to be sure they are the truth, good for all concerned, of benefit to mankind, and provide peace and understanding. Amen.

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

**Correspondence. Hugh.** Letter received from the Niagara Health. They sent their Spring Newsletter and a cover letter reminding of the importance of donations to the Niagara Health Foundation.

**President's Kudos. Hugh.** I wanted to say that every day I get dozens of emails that I'm copied on and most I don't even have to answer because others in that email have contributed ideas, exchanged ideas, and are acting on them with others. The PODS enhance that aspect. I appreciate how our club members step up to the plate, initiate projects, support fundraising, etc. Very proud to work with all of you.

**Club Training Assembly. Dave.** Go to <https://rotary7090.org/> and click on Club Training Assembly or Register Now. You can use your same information as you use to get on Clubrunner.

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You'll see all the different training available. Rotary 101 is recommended for new members – a great intro to all things Rotarian. Another one is Angela Carter's Coaching workshop which can be used in all areas of life. Everything is there!

**Online Spring Garage Sale – Annie.** We're doing some training with Gay's people –she's been working with MaxSold for a number of years and is sharing their expertise. I was hoping we'd hear from the Warehouse as to deliveries on Friday – we'd like the next three Fridays to be delivery days. After that starts the finalizing of Lots, Photography and uploading for the Auction set to start May 29. I'll reach out as soon as I get word. Thank you.

**Canada Day. Lance.** Updating everyone – Town was successful in getting a Canada Day Heritage Grant that will be used for the Drive By Parade and supplies and prizes for the Home Decorating Contest. What do we want displayed and whatever it is, not too much verbiage. **John.** Lance mentioned a magnetic decal that we could attach to cars. **Paul.** He and Lance met. Vision Print could make the decal for us. We have the brochures we can hand out, our most recent. **Mike.** There are two decals for a car door – in the TD basement. **Ann.** Can we set up two physically separate decorated cars with the banner hanging between them and two groups of dressed Rotarians? **Mel.** We have a really big banner at TD. **Hugh.** Does anyone know where we can get a '91 car? **John.** My mom has a Town car that's huge. It might be a 91 or 92. I'll check.

## 7. **Speaker: Sandi Chard – Rotary Foundation Gala**

### **Introduction: Annie**

Sandi Chard is from the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore.

While attending events with her husband Gary a Rotarian Sandi became excited for all the Rotary Foundation good in the world projects. She joined herself and became involved in her clubs foundation and has since joined the District foundation team. She is involved in reviewing grants for our district and the last three years the Annual Fund and Polio Plus chair for the district. DG Frank asked her to lead up the Zone Gala which she will talk about today. She hopes to soon be back on the road in the family motorhome travelling around North America.

### **Sandi Chard – Rotary Foundation Gala**

**Sandi** shared her screen. 'Polio is only a plane trip away' (like Covid). Since 1988, the polio vaccine has prevented 19 M cases. One of things in End Polio was contact tracing and it's what they're using now in Covid. The main thing with Polio? Wash your hands! Sound familiar? Polio vaccinations stopped when Covid first hit and started up again in Sept 2020. Sandi's slides showed all the ways inoculators had to travel, through the bush, over and through waterways, hiking up mountains, etc. We're down to 2 countries - Afghanistan and Pakistan. As of April 27<sup>th</sup> (just checked) we'd only had 2 cases. We were up last year because no vaccines were happening then. 'Wash your hands.'

### **The money for our projects comes from the Rotary Foundation, not Rotary International.**

**'Doing Good in the World'** The clubs give and the money comes down to disbursement. The money can be spent in 6 areas of focus – peace, literacy, disease, maternal and children, water, and starting July 1, environment. The Great Lakes Watershed Project has been great and plans are to continue next year. Most projects are supporting preventing disease and clean water. Lezlie Murch asked the St Catharines Hospital what they needed and they answered a 'Mask Cleaning Machine.' You need an international club to access the doubling and again doubling of your money. \$30,000 from local clubs grew into \$60,000. Lots of clubs are doing projects – Annual Fund provides the money. There are also Matching Companies out there. Check your employing company to see if that's a possibility. Where we are now? Fonthill has donated

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\$130,100 US. When people ask how they're doing individually, I ask them to go to My Rotary and then to their giving status. Clicking the Transaction button shows you what you've given over time and is helpful at tax time. You can also donate from there directly.

**Our Rotary Foundation dollars are down. Hence the Gala – Paul at the Zone decided to have a Zone Gala. 7090 is having a Pre-Party and an After-Party too. Entry fee is \$100. It's a Fundraiser.** 75% goes to the Annual Fund and 25% goes to End Polio. You can also donate your points and if you come to Gala, you'll earn double those points. Alex Lifeson from **RUSH** is one of main entertainers!

**Sandi** showed us a video of one of the projects done this past year. 11 clubs entered a video – they're eligible for a prize. We'll be celebrating Major Donors at the Gala too. **Dave**. How do the points work? **Sandi**. To receive a PHF, you can be given one by the Club or District OR through your contributions to the TRF (The Rotary Foundation), every \$1000 donation earns a PHF. Every dollar you give (US) earns a point for you. When you have 1000 points for example, you could make someone a PHF. The Club also gains points when it donates to the Foundation (for instance, our yearly donation to End Polio earns the Club its own points and often the Community Members we've honored have come from those points)

**Thanks: Hugh** Thanks so much Sandi for coming and presenting with passion about the Foundation, the good work with Polio and the upcoming Gala. Our practice in thanking speakers is to donate to the Pelham Library in their names as part of our support for Literacy. Thank you.

8. **Birthdays:** Tia (May 11); Heather (May 26); John (May 30) Kevin was missed in April. Dave volunteered to send out a note asking everyone to update their Clubrunner information so we have all birthdays for our records, stats and our card project. Thanks, Dave!!!!

**Rotary Anniversaries:** Angela (May 16, 2003); Peter (May 16, 2002). They both joined other clubs at that time – their start as Rotarians.

9. **Rotary Moment: Meghan**

I started my Rotary path at 15 with Youth Exchange. Looking back, I saw that the first exchange was through the Copenhagen Club in Denmark in 1927 and in 1929 through the Nice, France Rotary Club. Of course these were short exchanges. The yearlong program started in 1956 – Us exchanging with Australia and Australia with Colorado, followed by Germany and Japan. In a normal year, 80 countries participate with 9,000 students!

10. **Happy Loonies: Meghan**

**Meghan**. Next Wednesday I'll get my vaccination. Great news for breastfeeding moms getting Pfizer and Moderna vaccines – They pass antibodies to the baby.

**Dave**. Re the Vaccine Program, Ann has been going out regularly to help with the vaccine program. Thank you for your example.

**Hugh**. Ann had a photo in The Voice last week about the vaccine work. This week, Keith had a write up about his refereeing and umpiring time. Sandy's summer tires are back on – hardly any mileage to need changing!

**Annie**. Had facetime with a large part of my western family last night. My kids' grandfather had passed on Sunday. There was to be a graveside service Wednesday, today, because more people could come to it. I'd written my 'telegram' to honour him and sent to Jodi who was one of the organisers. She loved it, had read it to those with her. They all decided to call. My happy/sad Loonie.

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**Mike.** I'm broadcasting that we should participate in the Club Assembly. We're an active and lively club. I've been working with the Rotaract club and a few YE students who will be joining Rotaract.

**John.** I'm thankful how Pelham Art Group got involved with our Great Lakes Watershed project. Dave did the media which is awesome. Thank you Dave! Where people can help in this club, they jump in and own it!

**Paul S.** It's Mother's Day this weekend. It's important to celebrate your moms – all the work she put in over the years. Have a good day, all the moms present.

**Mel.** Thanks Sandi for sharing the successes with Polio. I received two planter boxes for my birthday. I've been filling them up and it's great to see them pop up. A shout out to Jackpot Flowers. Niagara Child Centre is the next charity to receive their \$500 donation! Their tent is up on Hwy 20. A percent of each purchase comes back to a charity once they've sold \$5000 worth of flowers!

**Ann.** Natalia Shields was the connection for the Pelham Arts Club. Three great posters from 3 kids excited about our project.

**Lance.** Echoing parts of everyone participating in the Great Lakes Watershed project. Thanks, John, for leading us.

**Jason.** Thanks, Sandi. Great to see the good we're doing with Polio.

**Keith.** Mexican Independence Day. Tacos at McConkey's! Thanks, Sandi. Great to see Vaccines work! We got to open up the trailer. Happy campfires coming up soon!

**Hugh.** Thanks, Meghan. One thing more – there was an appeal for Oxygen machines for India via Rotary. The board approved \$1000 towards the purchase. Thanks Mel for coordinating and getting the funds where they need to go.

**Paul.** Next week – goal setting for our club.

11. Action items: