



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

**ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL
WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA**

Wednesday, May 11th

Hybrid Meeting

Ann Harrison, Annie Holtby, Hugh Graham, Lance Wiebe, Keith McConkey, Frank Adamson, Carolyn Mullin, Bev North, Pauline Oliver, Mile Taylor, Dave Schulz, Gail Levay, Bob Eamer, Paul Snack.

1. Welcome Pauline and Bev.

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: Annie

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: Paul

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

With our friends beside us, and no person beneath us, with the bonds of Rotary between us, and our worries behind us, with our goals before us, and no task beyond us, with a thirst for knowledge, and a dream for a polio-free world, we are thankful for our Rotary friends

6. Presidents Report, Correspondence and Announcements. Ann.

Board and club members asked for a financial update so that decisions regarding requests for funding could be made and Ann will provide that shortly.

A **Thank You brochure from the United Way** was received with a reminder that in October we made a donation for Back Packs for Kids. We also received Wellspring's regular mailing about there still being a need to support cancer patients and families.

Frank and Ann joined Gordon Crann of the Peace Scholar Committee. Usma Quereshi is applying for the Rotary Peace Scholarship in Thailand. Her idea is a community dinner for Muslim Youth and others to have a discussion re Muslim phobia. She is from Ajax and has worked with the Ontario Government. I've learned a LOT about Rotary Peace Fellowship!

With regret, I accepted the withdrawal of Andy Glavac and Dick Goode – they still want to help as friends of Rotary but not on the mailing list. They still want to help.

Troy's PE. Troy would like a President Elect. Even if you've been a President before please think about it!

Town of Pelham Request. Town is offering space at MCC for Pathstone. MCC needs input of money on a continuous basis to keep it running. We felt last time that it wasn't for us to support

Paul was talking with Crossley about supporting another group via Family FunFest. **Ann,** As long as they know it's a repeat for maintenance.

Mike. Request by town concerns accessibility to service. Once Covid started, Pathstone made arrangements for drop in places in community. **Ann.** There's an annual operating budget of \$20,000 to be supported. Next week, the presentation will be about Pathstone's Campaign this year.

Request for \$1000 donation to District's New Endowment. Annie. I had a chat with Sandi Chard, chair of The Rotary Foundation, at the Joint Rotary Club Luncheon on April 26. She asked if I'd thought about a club donation **in PDG Frank Adamson's name** for the newly proposed District Endowment Fund. I hadn't but thought it would be a great way to honour Frank's work, not just as DG last year, but for all the other projects he continues to head up or support. It would also be a plus for the club to be one of the founding members raising that first \$25,000 to set up the endowment. **Bob.** Is this a recurring expense? **Annie.** No. One time.

7. Activities Update

Club Social – May 26th. The idea is to meet at the market to support local producers and then gather at Butcher and Banker to hopefully sit on the patio at 6 pm.

Funfest – June 18th - Paul Snack told us we'd brought in \$14,000 where we weren't thinking of any funds! \$10,000 will come back! The first Bandshell night is just before our Funfest and the students have permission to place flyers on the chairs/hand out flyers that first concert on the 16th. Today there's an ad in The Voice. **On day of the event we need volunteers in the order of 20-25 adults.** Coordination at the gate/parking/information booth/etc. is needed. Sign up online. Shriners are coming to do the food. **Mike** is taking care of **the bands.** **More FM** from Niagara is coming. **Things are good.**

Club Turnover Date. **Carolyn** is POD leader for June and she'll be working on Club Turnover date and location with her POD.

Canada Day – Lance reminded us that we're the Major Sponsor for Kids' Activities. We'll have 2 shifts: 12:30 – 3:30 pm (need 4) and 3 - 6 pm (need 2). New to us is the axe throwing (Styrofoam), Ski Ball, Striker. We'll be doing **SnoCones** – This year there are 10 other vendors where there have usually been only two. Popular **Sandtastik** is back and we could use 10 years old and up for help with this one.

Inflatables' cost is minimal this year as they honoured our payment in 2020 that was never used. This is **where we legally need Adults to be vigilant at each inflatable.** **Fireworks** planned for the evening.

Dave. Don't forget the **Canada Day Sign** that we're selling as a Rotary Fundraiser!

CSG Torch Relay- Rotary has partnered with Canada Games – in Port Colborne on July 3, we'll be helping out because PC no longer has a Rotary Club. FE will also help out that morning. There will be 3 runs with St Catharines clubs (not sure of their dates) and Fonthill's run is on July 16th. For people to participate and run with torch bearer of their choice, they have to buy a T Shirt. Branding is all Canada Summer Games (Pauline had asked about supporting a runner and having her logo on it). Shirts already ordered.

Frank Adamson and Michael Jacques are participating. We need 15 volunteers for 2 hours. It starts at 10 am. We need a gatekeeper at every section and to be aware when torch runner is to arrive. **Frank**. With regard to the 1st run which is in Thorold, they're using it for the passage of the Rotary Torch as well from Anne Bermingham to Lisa Bishop at Beaverdams' Park. Canada Summer Games will be shuttling Torch Bearers **to** the start spots **and from** the end spots. That's the morning, 10-12.

The 16th is also **Summerfest**. We also have volunteer hours to tag people at entry points that day and serve beer and wine along with other Service Clubs. We get a percentage back from beer/wine sales in keeping with our volunteer time.

The more people involved in the bar as Smart Servers, the better we'll do.

Bandshell Rotary Club is sponsoring the Concert on August 25th.

Purse Bingo – Fall date to be determined – Welland is having its 1st Purse Bingo May 25th – go and see it and bring back impressions, ideas.

Pedal for Polio is October 1st.

Dave. Other events include **the Imagine Tour of Jennifer Jones** as she starts her year as Rotary's First President of Rotary International. She'll be in Toronto **July 5th** and we can join via zoom or in person.

Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup in Toronto at same time and also in Hamilton.

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

Ann. Thankful we left early. We went to Stratford to see Chicago and All that Jazz.

Annie. Great visit with my mom in Kanata. I travelled by train both ways which was fun. My youngest daughter is now officially an engineer with CN and driving those big diesel engines. I'm very proud of her hard work to get there.

Gail. Congrats to you both, Pauline and Bev. It might be a lot of work but you'll enjoy it!

Mike. I attended the District Training on the weekend. Rotaract did a presentation on Diversity. Penne said they knocked it out of the park.

Pauline. I'm grateful for being with family this past weekend. And for being a general sponsor of Family FunFest.

Carolyn. We're at the cottage this weekend, opening up Happy to be here in person.

Bev. I'm excited to be here in person. Looking forward to meeting new members.

Troy. I'm excited about the schedule ahead. I'm making a spreadsheet of volunteer opportunities.

Bob. We had a nice Mother's Day weekend with everyone getting together.

Paul. It's a month away from Family Funfest. New people are welcome to wander through.

Hugh. Troy's kids can join him in the Parade! Happy Loonie for the Welland Club – they had ribbon cutting for the Rotary Park, their 100th Birthday project: green spaces, city docks, reflection pond. Right off Lincoln!

Lance Happy I had a big screen TV for yesterday's win.

Keith. These past two months have had many a beep beep as street was torn up for infrastructure repairs, etc. It's now being put back together.

Frank. I also joined the opening of the park. A great event! You can't miss the park! A wonderful waterway going through town!

9. **Birthdays and Anniversaries. Birthdays:** John Cappa – May 30th

Rotary: Peter Papp

Next Meetings/Events: May 17th – Kim Rossi – Pathstone Mental Health

May 26th – Club visit to Market and Social after at Butcher & Banker

June 18th – Family Funfest