

ZOOMING: Andy Glavac, Kalyne Nguyen, Mike Taylor, Ann Harrison, Pat Duncan, Paul Snack, Mel Groom, Lance Wiebe, Heather Scott, John Cappa, Annie Holtby, Frank Adamson, Meghan McNaughton, Angela Carter, Gail Levay, Bob Eamer, Hugh Graham, Troy Killick, Jason Thompson.

1. **Open meeting:** – Welcome Kalyne Nguyen from Rotaract Niagara, always welcome.

2. **Land Acknowledgement: Meghan**

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: Paul**

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: Annie In the vein of Mother's Day Sunday, I offer quotes of perspective, some in humour, some in solemnity. I'll leave 4 more for the minutes.**

"The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness."- Honore de Balzac

"Mother's love is peace. It need not be acquired, it need not be deserved."- Erich Fromm

"Mothers hold their child's hand for a moment and their heart for a lifetime." – Unknown

"Life doesn't come with a manual; it comes with a mother." – Unknown

"Nothing is lost until your mother can't find it." – Unknown

"Definition of Mother (n): cheap therapist and best friend." Unknown

"Sometimes the laughter in mothering is the recognition of the ironies and absurdities.

Sometimes though, it's just pure, unthinking delight."- Barbara Schapiro

"A mother becomes a true grandmother the day she stops noticing the terrible things her children do, because she is so enchanted with the wonderful things her grandchildren do." – Lois Wyse

"I believe the choice to become a mother is the choice to become one of the greatest spiritual teachers there is." – [Oprah Winfrey](#)

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

Spring Online Auction Garage Sale— Annie. No change to last week. We (Mel and I from FH and Don and Brad Wood, our photographer this auction) were able to go into warehouse and have some training with Gay's main auction process person. Very helpful. Still no word about next time elevator open for deliveries but I'll let you know as soon as I know. Gay of Welland Club has two loads of people downsizing she wants to donate – she's renting another storage area and says there would be room there. Very generous of her. Hoping we can just have a date for delivery to warehouse so it's just the one move. Stay tuned.

New Fundraiser. Hugh. Catch the Ace has been a successful fundraiser elsewhere in Rotary. Paul Snack will investigate as Fundraising chair.

Canada Day. Lance Wiebe. Canada Day Meeting today with the town and I'll bring results to next week's meeting.

30th anniversary. Hugh. IT's coming up. We need to pull something together. Gail has started with 1991, our first year. She asked 'what was our first community project?' A few 'Steve Bauer Trail' answers (wrong said Gail) and then Bob guessed tree planting (correct Gail said.)

Evergreens were planted in North Pelham. John said we should take a picture now to compare with then. Gail said they'd be 30 years tall now. Gail was invited to have another tough question for next week.

7. **Speaker: Strategic Plan & RCC Goals**

Introduction: Hugh. Ann checked whether there was anyone who hadn't been in break our sessions on Zoom. We're going to have breakout sessions for our discussion about our Strategic goals. There are four goals, four breakout rooms that you'll have an invite to join and four facilitators to help with leading discussion and taking notes – Hugh, Angela, Mike and Ann herself – because she's organizing, she'll make sure all is set up and then join her group. There probably won't be time for Happy Loonies today when we come back to the full 'room.' Thanks, Everyone.

We broke into rooms for discussion of the 4 goal areas, one per 'room' – Children and Youth, Leaders in the Community, Growing, Sustainable Club and Engaged Members Having FUN. A lot of discussion and the facilitators reported back. President Hugh asked the Angela, Mike and Ann to send him their notes of the discussion and he'd update our Strategic Plan for Ann's year. An updated strategic plan will be published and sent out soon.

Thanks: Hugh. Thanks so much for setting this up, Ann. I've also committed to a fireside chat for 1 ½ hours. It would be a Wednesday evening, 7-830 pm. We only have one regular meeting scheduled in the morning on June 2nd. The others are off campus.

8. **Birthdays:** Tia (May 11); Heather (May 26)

Rotary Anniversaries: Angela (May 16, 2003); Peter (May 16, 2002)

9. **Rotary Moment: John**

None today

10. **Happy Loonies: John**

None today

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- 11. Action items:** Send notes from discussion rooms to President Hugh. **Angela, Mike and Ann**
From those notes, update the Strategic Plan for 2021-2022 and send to the club. **Hugh**
Schedule a Fireside Chat on a Wednesday evening in June. **Hugh**

Next week, May 19th Join us for Erin Riseling, Project Coordinator, Niagara Community Garden Network