



ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL

WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 Hybrid Meeting

Dave Schulz, Bob Eamer, Paul Snack, Troy Killick, Annie Holtby, Frank Adamson, Paula Racher, Collins Acheampong, Gail Levay, Ann Harrison, Bev North, Mike Taylor, Sean Racher, Lance Wiebe, Hugh Graham.

1. Welcome

2. Land Acknowledgement. Bev

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.

O Canada was led by All

3. Toast: Hugh

To the King and Canada, To the Office of the President of United States, and To the President of Rotary International, our very own Jennifer Jones!

4. 4-WAY TEST: Hugh

Of the things we think, say or do
Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Invocation: Bob

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.

5. **President's Report, Correspondence and Announcements. Troy**

Passing the Torch. June 28th, evening venue.

Smile Cookies raised \$19,016 for WellSpring. This is the 4th year proceeds locally have gone to WellSpring.

Ann. There's progress on the Crossley grant. We got an extension. Indigenous plants will be planted around the area. Our \$5000 is for these plants for this outdoor classroom.

Lance. This is a rally call for Canada Day. It's been happening for 18 years. Hugh supported with popcorn! Rotary puts in about \$2000 and we get \$2-3000 from the Town. Canada Day Parade this year in Niagara Falls was cancelled so our will be bigger. We'll have Sandtastic, SnoCones, Bouncers,, Face Painting, and new this year is Archery! The Kids Zone runs 230-7pm with 2 x 2½ hour shifts. The day continues till 10 pm for the fireworks.

Frank. Summerfest. All Service Clubs are involved with serving wine and beer the Saturday night. Please redo your Smart Serve course online. The fee is covered by our Rotary Club so you'll be reimbursed.

Troy. Thanks especially goes out to Dave and Bev for the visuals for Family FarmFest, to Paul for initiating and bringing Family FarmFest to White Meadows, to Mel for guiding the Crossley grant and to Lance for another great Canada Day coming up.

Paul. World Chair Tennis Classic. Grimsby Tennis Club is sponsoring this event again. Grimsby Steel is one of the sponsors. We gave \$250-500 last year.

Today's Presentation is FarmFest with Paul. Many thanks to the Rachers - they've been fantastic

connecting us with lots of groups. We also have an invitation to West Lincoln Farm Day at the fairgrounds near Smithville. Hopefully sales will grow because of it! **Exhibitors.** We have a wide range.

Some highlights – RBC Money and Resources – local branch will be on site; festival trucks – trying to find Olympian athletes. Games and simulators – great for kids! Zavcor Truck, Zabbix Tractor Driver Training simulator. Kids will get a chance to try out. **Barbeque.** 4H is doing a Barbeque. They have a new truck and grill. They make excellent milk shakes. Mike Chechak is making it happen with all his connections.

West Niagara Organisation is going to lend fencing. Tons of help is coming to us through Mike. His wife is a reporter for Farm Monthly. **Regional Water Truck.** 500 storage bottles at WellSpring. Could we access some of them? You need to bring your own. **Niagara Police** coming. They're pushing to get the ATVs.

PITA This group is against farm animals being used and could show up.

Groups coming: Pelham Cares, NPCA, Food4Kids, DOF, St John Ambulance, PATH, Walker Resources, Para Sports, TPOC (Therapy Dogs). **Activities include:** Maple Syrup Tasting, Tractor pull, Store on Site. Unicorns are coming 11 am-3 pm, Country Music (same group as last year), small wagon train. Steve Dube – big trailer with games, cows, chicks, cows Also alpacas, farrier, 4H competition simulator, 'Jacques - mascot of Jackfish.'

Promotion Dave puts up our promotion. Giant FM, Country 89 – a whole whack of PSAs are running the week before. 25,000 people got an e blast! Signage is supposed to be ready for tomorrow. Bank – hopefully the sign can be used. Posters and post cards are available. Richard is good to hand out brochures. There will be articles in Niagara Today, Pelham Today, Farm Monthly, MyPelham. There's information on our own page. They've stepped it up for us. Pelham Day has already happened. There's lots happening and the word is out. \$9000 received in Sponsorships and \$7000 expenses. 85single tickets sold so far. Last year we sold more up to two days before the end of Early Bird. A packed crowd helps sell sponsors next year.

Need for Volunteers We need volunteers for Parking, the Gate, Rotary Information Booth, Kids' Games, Activity Supervisors. That's about 50-70 people needed. 20 from Club, Friends of Rotary, Crossley students and Rotaractors are needed.

Porta Potties are coming from Hulco. 6 stations have hand sanitizer and one has wheelchair access.

Next meetings.

May 24th, Board Meeting. Everyone welcome. Concession area of MCC on first floor.

May 31st, Breakfast Meeting at Domenic's 730-830 am. Please sign up by Monday, May 29th on Clubrunner.