



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

**ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL
WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA**

Wednesday, May 18th

Hybrid Meeting

In attendance: Paul Snack, Keith McConkey, Frank Adamson, Dave Schulz, Hugh Graham, Bob Eamer, Ann Harrison, Carolyn Mullin, Gail Levay, Mike Taylor, Annie Holtby, Kim Rossi.

1. Welcome Guests –Our guest speaker, Kim Rossi.

2. Land Acknowledgement - Frank

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: Annie

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

Give us time: Time for patience, Time for understanding, Time to remember.
Thoughtful deeds to do, Time to believe in our fellow men and women,
And time to perceive the value of being a Rotarian.

6. Presidents Report, Correspondence and Announcements. Ann.

Membership. Pauline and Bev have been approved as new members. Pauline is excited to get going on purse bingo. She's also looking for sponsorships for Father's Day Basket because Family FunFest is the day before.

Draft Budget was SENT OUT TO THE BOARD. It appears that though revenue was down \$6000, our expenses were also down with Youth Exchange and RYLA not happening. More money will be going forward into Troy's year so he'll be healthy! We can talk about funding people who have previously asked. I'm happy to send out the extra pages on that budget file I just sent out.

Brief Announcements Two students from EL Crossley are going to SLAPSHOT aka Student Leadership Award Program for Students High On Training. It started on Saturday – this is the 2nd year of virtual SLAPSHOT.

7. Guest Speaker – Kim Rossi, Pathstone Foundation – introduced by Paul Snack

Kim found her passion for Philanthropy seven years ago and for the past *five* years has been Director of Philanthropy and Public Relations for Pathstone.

Kim Rossi, Pathstone Foundation Director of Philanthropy and Public Relations.

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/cbd46e00-f5cf-4481-9fa4-5c0cb8b489de/1/>

The link for Kim's PowerPoint presentation above.

Other notes and Q&A. I'm here to let you know about the River House Renovation Campaign, not the Walk In clinic in Fonthill but *because* of Covid, the clinic here is number 9 across our Niagara region. 1 in 5 children will be experiencing Mental Health problems. Adult Mental Health issues usually come from Childhood trauma. We have **different options** to approach MH. We have a **24/7 Crisis and Support line** – its use has doubled since Covid started. The line is used by parents too. At our **school on Merrittville Hwy**, we have grades 1 through 8. Most kids were at their traditional schools but needed to be caught up. **Rotary House** can accommodate 10 Youth living there at a time. Remember, youth are from their homes and our goal is to reunite families. WE have both in-person walk in or by appointment from Port Colborne to Grimsby. No appointment, no referral, is needed. WHO is coming? In March 2021, there was a 35% increase through the Pandemic. There are 553 children on the waitlist. It will probably get worse, not better for a while. It had been difficult to access care before then. We saw 8500 last year. Some came 6-50 times to see Pathstone.

River House is at 102 River Road, in the heart of Niagara. It's the right size. We were given money to purchase it - \$1M. The donor feels really connected to the program. Since March 3rd we've raised \$750,000 toward renovations and staff – getting it ready to help. With this location, teens will touch down closer to home. The Lower Level will be open for Child Care; the main level will hold small counseling rooms. Parents are doing work for managing health systems; Mountainview had donations matching up to \$250,000. Many companies are making installments. We lose a lot of staff to the high schools –they can pay better wages.

Ministry of Health is funding Pathstone with \$9M/year and our cost is \$12M/year. The Foundation adds 7%. Pathstone also owns Branscombe Centre so there is some revenue from there. We were \$3M in the red this past year and \$2.5M the previous year.

Paul. 6% of the kids who approach Pathstone are under 10. That's very interesting.

Kim. We saw 42% of the children are ages 6-10. When Covid hit and schools closed, we started to see them. Their whole life was school and family. They lost school and there was a lot of anxiety.

Ann. Once schools are more open, do you think things will go down for this age group?

Kim. We're still in pandemic and still wearing masks. There's some normalcy but we don't see it curbing yet. Pathstone has a wait list they can't get to. Pathstone was actually calling and sending them to walk-in while they waited

Dave. Domestic Violence - have you seen a rise?

Kim. When there's trauma, domestic violence rises. We meet with one of the parents – meet before things start with child – meet to get the lay of the land. There's an ACE score with 10 questions that let you know what your level of trauma is from childhood including 'When you were 18 and under, were your parents separated? Did you ever witness violence?' You can download it from the Internet. Video Counseling isn't effective - there's no privacy in home. We did see crisis calls late at night.

Bob. Privacy- how does it work with the public access?

Kim. It's so normalised in the walk-in locations. You can access any of the clinics. In two instances, private donors took on the cost.

Ann. Thank you, Kim. It's worrisome. We appreciate all the work that you do. To thank speakers, we donate to the Lincoln Pelham Library in your name.

8. Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies – Frank

Keith. Happy that I'll be out on the baseball field tomorrow!

Paul. It's enlightening when you hear this presentation. For Family FunFest, I have handouts for local businesses. People are buying tickets!

Annie. A Happy Thank You to Bob for helping Peter this past week with a back that gave out while having coffee at Tim's. Bob took him to Accelerated Health, and then drove our car to pick me up and get Bob to HIS. Thank you, Bob, for your kindness.

Ann. I created a budget update.

Paul. Best budget I've seen in last 7 years!

Mike. I've been writing to government about budget needs. I've discovered the need to pay attention to how adults are handling effects of Covid.

Carolyn. It's not the same stigma with my kids as it was when I was younger. When one of the kids was 6 or 7, she went to counseling. The other at 18 went also – it was OK for them to go. Another happy Loonie is that my cousin is home from Taiwan.

Gail. I didn't realise it was that young a group needing help. A different era. I'm happy I saw my two granddaughters. Olivia's grad is at U of T in June.

Hugh. Question for Keith. Are you working as an official? **Keith** Yes. **Hugh.** I might get there. Amy spent the weekend when she came to see a niece. It was great to have her here.

Bob. Asking for help is normalised now. Pleased to hear the granddaughters speak of a friend needing it. One granddaughter wasn't relaxing so is going for help. How perceptive the teachers are – so important in interactions.

Dave. On the weekend, there was lots of good riding. On Friday the 13th we went to Port Dover where there were the most bikers we've seen there! 10,000! We went to buggy country on the Sunday. We found ourselves 2 blocks away from our daughter and grandson – they were happy to see us!

Frank. I'm happy to get in 3 bike rides and happy that I'll be attending the International Conference on June 4th in Texas.

Ann. We have a bit of time and I need some cheques signed.

Bob. Are the arches on schedule? **Frank.** They're being manufactured at GGS in Lincoln and completed by end of June; drill is ready for 7 foot support. It's the original footprint but closer to the Municipal Building. A Fire truck will come in OK from Pelham Street. We'll be using that \$30,000 loan from council.

Ann. Hope to see as many as possible at the Farmer's Market Thursday May 26 and meeting afterward at 6 at Butcher and Banker Pub – we have front patio booked for ourselves. Let us know if you are coming!!

9. Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays: John Cappa – May 30th

Rotary: Peter Papp

Next Meetings/Events:

May 26th – Club visit to Market and Social at Butcher and Banker at 6

June 18th – Family Funfest