



Unite for Good

WEEKLY MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Frank Adamson, Allen, Janet Cripps, Bob Eamer, Hugh Graham, Don Haber, Ann Harrison, Paul Hewitt, Annie Holtby, Roy Kirkup, Randy Momot, Carolyn Mullin (online), Sharon Pfeifer, Karen Rush, Dave Schulz, Dave Sherlock, Paul Snack, Debbie Blaylock, Guest Speakers, Brenda & Robert Langendoen, B’N’R Stables.

Welcome to Brenda & Robert Langendoen, B’N’R Stables.

1. Land Acknowledgement – Paul Allen

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

2. National Anthem– ALL

3. 4-WAY TEST – Paul A

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?

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.

6. Announcements.

Pollinator Club in Niagara Falls.

Cornhole Tournament. Paul. We have point persons for various activities. **Angela** needs to spread out point persons, set up Performance Canada. **Mel** is responsible for finding food, beer, wine and soft drinks. **Game Set Up** 8 people to do it. Need to watch it.

Debbie signed up for beer, wine and soft drinks. Signed up for Smart Save, for buying.

Amber is handling logistics. Our Photographer is **Carolyn**.

Paul. We need new players! With the Promo piece, take a picture of it, our finger on it and it takes it to site!

7. Today's Presenters are warmly introduced. Brenda and Rob are co-founders of Horses for Kids – B'N'R was formed in 1999. It's a supportive environment for the well-being of children. Brenda. 'Have what's needed, they get it!' 'Farm is my hobby; animals are my pets.' It's been a grass roots charity since 2019. Horse Sense for Kids - **builds confident and emotionally resilient kids through meaningful life experience with horses**. For example, Sam of Pathstone says, "Why does this matter? Answer – kids often don't relate to sports, etc.

WE HAVE 250+ CHILDREN in Horse Sense for Kids. Not every horse can do this. We train them to be safe, calm, and responsible. We have a lot of autistic kids. It's a partner-based program. (We love everything we do!) **Signature Community Partnership:**

Pathstone Mental Health. Day Treatment Program – Horse Sense Academy for those who live in treatment: After School Equine Assisted Therapy. Also Niagara Regional Native Centre, Big Brothers Big Sisters, MAEAS Therapy Service, FACS Niagara, Young Caregivers, Niagara Children's Centre, Kristin French Child Advocacy Centre and Pelham Cares!

There is Growing Community Demand! Referrals exceed available resources and the demand for subsidized programs is increasing. Our impact = we measure at the end of sessions through family surveys, Rider progression and participation, Instructor Observation, Families feel safe and supported. There are a calmness and growth of self-esteem. 'I feel calm, safe and proud of myself.' Horse Sense for Kids and Rotary! June 13th from 1-4 pm is an event.

How many horses? 14. There's a petting area as well.

Frank. Thanks so much Brenda and Rob! Rotary helps Pathstone!

B'N'R's PowerPoint Presentation

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/b67eebe2-9db3-4df6-a54b-4abb89733e86/1/>

8. Happy Thoughts

Don. Great weather! I'll be getting more involved!

Paul S. Everything is all clear with last colon check up!

Carolyn. Suffering from Jet Lag. A good trip!

Mel. Can't top Paul's news!

Debbie. Need to talk to Paul. Happy to be part of the club.

Sharon. Blessed to be in Fenwick. Love this is happening here!

Randy. Roy's back!

Paul H. I was in the Dominican for first horse. Cleaning stable, etc. Great memories!

Paul A. Young one!

Ann. Horses with Easter Seals was my only experience. Calm down and relax Correctional Institution! People came to help! Horse owners and boarders – B&R wife works with them. And I appreciate them!

Rob. I am grateful for the community we live in!

Brenda. Thanks for the opportunity. To see it come to fruition, we share the story with our kids. We found a way to make dreams come true. I'm happy for people who believe in our dream.

Hugh. I know not all is smooth sailing. Networking got us Rob and Brenda here today. Thank you very much!

Roy. It's nice to be back! An excellent presentation!

Frank. Elaine, Richard and I are going onto a zoom call re trip to Pakistan.
7090 Events 7 & 8!

Karen. Join Rotary! Find out about the great things in your back yard every week!

Next Meetings, Events

June 1. Raising our new Rotary International Flag at MMC for a full week, 35 years old!

June 4. Paul Harris Evening

June 13. Cornhole Tournament

June 18. Pass the Torch Event at Sons and Daughters

June 24. Board Meeting in Downstairs MCC Concession. All welcome!