

WEEKLY MEETING MINUTES

May 26 2021– (Zoom 49)

ZOOMING: Annie Holtby, Hugh Graham, Andy Glavac, Pat Duncan, Kristopher McEvoy, Mel Groom, Mike Taylor, Bob Eamer, David Schulz, John Cappa, Paul Snack, Frank Adamson, Ann Harrison, Kevin Vallier, Carolyn Mullin, Lance Wiebe, Jason Thompson, Keith McConkey, Heather Scott, Maria del Carman Suescun Pozas, Meghan McNaughton, Gail Levay.

1. **Open meeting:** – Welcome everyone. Kristopher McEvoy is joining us today as a person interested in membership. Maria will be introduced later by Annie to those needing introduction!- introduce guests
2. **Land Acknowledgement: John C.**
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 S.**
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 S.**
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: Meghan**
When everything's darkness And you feel so alone,
When the rain doesn't stop And you can't make it home,
When it feels all is lost And you just want to run,
It can't rain forever. Just wait for the sun.

When family is pain, When friends can't be found,
When you just want to scream But you can't find the sound,
When it's all your fault, And you feel like you're done,
Just wait for the sun. The sunshine will come.

The storm always passes. It won't last forever.
The rain always stops and gives way to good weather.
The brightest and warmest of days still to come.
Please wait for the sun. The sunshine will come.

People who need you, People who still love you
Can warm up your soul like the sunshine above you.
You're never alone, No matter what's done.
Wait for the sun. Just wait for the sun.

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/just-wait-for-the-sun>

6. President's Report/Correspondence/Announcements:

Spring Cleaning – Annie. Several people are delivering on our last day of collection this Friday. Hard to believe we're here. We did get a week's extension which is great – everything needs to be uploaded to MaxSold by end of June 2nd, next Wednesday. The Auction starts Sunday, June 6th and runs till Wednesday June 16th. Pick up Day is June 19th. We think MaxSold is going to tell us we need the Friday for pickup as well. If so, the Auction will end on the 15th as Maxsold needs 3 days to collate everything and contact our highest bidders for each item and timetable their pickup. **Many thanks** for your patience while we waited a long time in the elevator line up and were subject to changes because of Covid and the activity happening at the Warehouse. **Thanks to those who donated, who will be helping on Pick Up day** – we figure we'll need 10 each shift and that's between the two clubs. And to Mel and yesterday her daughter, thanks for the help in our room that got narrower and narrower as we continued.

Great Lakes Watershed – John. It's been quiet for the Canadian groups. We missed the advertised dates. Americans and some of the Canadian clubs were out there. There's nothing concrete re a date for us. Good news – we're well educated and we'll be ready for next year!! Thanks everyone. Good work, Lance! Everyone in Niagara Rotaract wants to go out one Saturday, not the 26th. Blocks to join all day long – participants no more than 5 at a time. It's an opportunity for us to participate then.

I C.A.N.T.E.R. Date. Mel. Carolyn, we'd picked the 19th but can you go back to Kevin at ID to see if Saturday the 12th works?

Bank Move. Hugh. We're (Hugh and Lance) moving from the TD Bank basement to our new home in the Wellspring basement. If anyone can meet us at TD at 10, maybe we can do it in one trip. I also reached out to Diana Huson about her Father. She'll be speaking at our only morning meeting on June 2nd. June 23rd 2nd last Wednesday of the month –there will be a Fireside Meeting 7 pm. Fireside gives good overview for newcomers. 30th is an in person gathering – social distancing at Harold Black Park = stay tuned. 6 PM, BYOF, Chairs. Dessert provided by Grahams. YAY! We want to welcome our new members. We'll be turning over the Club to Ann and her new Board. We'll vote and approve Ann's slate of Board members. Bring the families, as many as you want.

RI Convention is virtual June 12-16th. It's an opportunity to learn a little more about Rotary.

Saturday the 26th is official passing of the torch from DG Frank Adamson to new DG Anne Birmingham.

Correspondence. A thank you came from Women's Place for the Jackpot money donation.

7. Speaker: Maria Suescun Pozas – where in the world is Maria – and what has she been doing??

Introduction: Annie

So happy to introduce Maria to our new members. Lots to share but I'll just say that I love this woman.

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She goes through this world fearlessly, is open to nature, to spirit, she's drawn to history which she teaches with wisdom, curiosity, passion and the ability to open another world to her students. She's always been a Rotarian at heart, lives the 4 way test, wherever she is, at any moment. We'd like her to come home but she's here to share with us today so it's a GOOD day and my Happy Loonie.

Speaker: Maria Suescun Pozas.

Walk In Beauty. Prayer from the Navajo People

Where in the world is Maria – and what has she been doing??

Maria will be sending her presentation and photos from her sabbatical to Dave and he'll send out to the club. Stay tuned!

Thanks: Hugh. What an incredible year! Thanks for sharing, Maria. As you know we thank our speakers with a donation in their names to the Pelham Library, acknowledging our support for Literacy.

8. **Birthdays:** Tia (May 11); Heather (May 26); John C. (May 30)

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

9. **Rotary Moment: Hugh** Maria has given us a HUGE Rotary moment today.

10. **Happy Loonies: Next time!!!!**

11. **Action items:** Move from TD Bank to Wellspring. **ACTION: Hugh and Lance**

Move I CANTER visit from 19th to 12th. **ACTION: Carolyn**

Save the 19th to volunteer for Pick Up Day for Online Auction. **ACTION: ALL who can**

Attend Fireside June 23rd. **ACTION: ALL**

Attend End of Year at Harold Black Park. **ACTION: ALL**