



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

**ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL
WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA**

Wednesday, May 4th

Hybrid Meeting

Present: Annie Holtby, Cesar Maldonado, Maria del Carman Suescun Pozas, Hugh Graham, Bev North Keller, Mel Groom, Frank Adamson, Troy Killick, Keith McConkey, Carolyn Mullin, Mike Taylor, Ann Harrison, Gail Levay, Paul Snack, Pauline Oliver, Bob Eamer.

1. Welcome Guests

2. Land Acknowledgement - Paul

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: Frank

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: Paul

When there is turmoil swirling around us, let us be calm.
When the world is dark and full of fear, let us bring the light of dawn.
When voices shout and conflict reigns, let us be there for relief.
When hope is needed everywhere, let us raise a voice for peace.

6. Presidents Report, Correspondence and Announcements. Ann.

We've received a Thank You from Pelham's Beautification Chair about our work on April 23rd Cleaning Up the Watershed. There was a Thank You from the Women's Centre for the new desks and chairs from our District Grant. We have some donations on the table here that we'll talk about next week. Please show up!

Dave. I have some flyers with me from my daughter, Sarah, who has been recovering from trauma and started running as part of that recovery. She is running for Rotary. We can sign up to support her and us as well with donations going through our website. I will send a PDF about it for the minutes.

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/a6e92c30-acc1-4795-a0ad-ed870f1eac2d/1/>
Here is the donation link as well. <https://rotarycluboffonthill.ca/donate/distance-into-donations/>

Love the 'distance into donations' mantra!

7. Guest Speaker – Cesar Rafael Maldonado Mercado – Sustainability and Mobility as a Service –

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/6d80280c-15f8-4679-8422-4cf573c497ee/1/>
introduced by Maria del Carmen Suescun Pozas – Cesar is finally back in Canada after 4 years away.

Years ago he was trained in Civil Engineering in Mexico at the University of Mexico. When he was in Canada, in Niagara, he was active in environmental issues. During these past two years of Covid, Cesar has focused on projects needing both sustainability and mobility.

Cesar. A few tidbits from his attached presentation. The project in Mexico City was one of Mobility through 'Ropeways.' 40,000-75,000 people are moved per day. Cesar got to go and inspect factories that made the different elements starting with Austria in 2019. He had many travels and contact with others which lead to seeing how to predict problems, how important it was to have community manager. It was not only about engineering but also collaboration with authority and community. When there was the collapse of an overpass on May 3, 2021, there was no compliance with the project's plans. He started to work on the problem – checking quality of the concrete, the preparation needed. Cesar took an online course on risk reduction from South Korea. He presented a plan to the Ministry including training for workers to report on *their* observations.

Cesar adding a few more tidbits and note to club members! The Covid-19 pandemic provided me the opportunity to work in Mexico in construction projects, and remotely with Dawson College and John Abbott College in The Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) certification process. For the past three years I had the opportunity to promote and implement quality and sustainability standards in Mexico, Colombia and Canada. I collaborated with the Ministry of Public Works Of Mexico City in the main mobility projects.

I would like to highlight the ropeway projects Cablebús L-1, and Cablebús L-2 that was awarded with the Guinness record as the longest public transit line in the world. In my quality auditor role, I assessed quality plans in 10 factories in 4 countries, and visited 15 ropeways lines in 5 countries.

As external consultant I facilitated the application for STARS certification of Dawson College [STARS Gold Rating –Rank # 1 Associate Colleges](#) in 40 countries. I also collaborated with John Abbott College assessing sustainability content in Courses and Programs.

Unfortunately, along with casualties in the staff due to the pandemic and overpass of underground L-12 collapsed on May 3th, 2021.

My presentation for Fonthill Rotary Club represents the opportunity to reconnect with members of our communities as well with friends. During my journey in Portugal I visited Cabo da Roca, and found the Rotary Plaque that brought me good memories from past years and confirmed that Rotary Club works all over the world.

Finally, I would like to thank all Rotary members that attended to my presentation last week. I look forward to collaborate in future activities. Regards, Cesar

Ann thanked Cesar for sharing 'quite a journey!'

Paul asked if he'd heard of the mile long single cable from Whistler to Blackcomb Mountains. HE and Zak had ridden the 'Ropeway' and it was quite something. **Cesar** hadn't but was going to check into it.

8. Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies –

Paul. Two of the selections for the Fonthill part of the torch run are Rotarians Michael Jacques and Frank Adamson.

Ann moved son back from Sudbury with hopes he'll move forward.

Dave. I'm happy to see Pauline as guest today in person and Bev on zoom.

Mike. I'm amazed, Cesar at all you have managed to do during Covid years!
Bob finally posted something on Kijiji!

Mel. A \$5 story! Our kids are in limbo. Our 2 daughters purchased an 8 Bedroom Victorian Home in Welland overlooking canal for a Bed and Breakfast. I need to step back from Rotary a little bit to help them.

Cesar is happy to be back in Canada and with Maria.

Frank. Thanks, Cesar, for the presentation! My twin brother and I celebrated our 73rd birthday.

Annie is happy to spend some time with Maria and Cesar. I'm off to spend time with my mom in Ottawa over Mother's Day.

Bev is going to be visiting BC and going to the hot springs as well as riding a gondola! This group has a good vibe.

Maria. Happy Moment (holding up book) – this book is out. Latin America Made in Canada. The Book Launch was this past weekend in Toronto. Hopefully there will be others across Canada as well.

Troy. Congratulations, Maria, on this achievement! We had a happy moment with our work in the Clean Up. You drive by and you don't see what's there. It was good to remove the clutter and garbage.

Hugh. Thanks, Cesar. A very interesting presentation and great seeing you both at this meeting! Andy and Hugh did the Steve Bauer Trail and we also went to help the Welland Club clean up the Rotary Park that they'd established for their 100th Anniversary.

9. Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays: John Cappa – May 30th

Rotary: Peter Papp

Ann. Next Meetings/Events:

May 11th – Activity Updates with Paul Snack overview

May 17th – Kim Rossi – Pathstone Mental Health

May 25th or 26th – Club visit to Market and Social gathering after that.

June 18th – Family Funfest

Ann. Cesar, for our guest speakers, we make a donation to the Lincoln Pelham Public Library. Maybe they can purchase your book, Maria! At MCC, the Rotary and Pelham Joint Children's Library across from the concession area has been restored! I didn't see our carpet.

Thanks, Mel. Hoping everything goes well with the B and B. Is The Rose still its name? **Mel.** The Rose Manor. We retired so we could work for our children!