

“Where everyone is kin; with a sense of worth, over all the Earth”

~ adapted from Robert Burns/Gordon McInally, RI President 2023-24

WEEKLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday Nov 1, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

Frank Adamson, Paul Snack, Hugh Graham, Dave Schulz, Bob Eamer, Annie Holtby, Lance Wiebe, Mike Taylor, Carolyn Mullin, Ann Harrison, Mel Groom, Troy Killick, Gail Levay, Oksana Fisher and Marla Smith of The Childrens Centre.

1. **Welcome Oksana Fisher and Marla Smith, our guest speakers from The Childrens**
2. **Land Acknowledgement. Mel**

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 & National Anthem. Carolyn**
 - a) To the King and Canada, To the Office of the President of the United States, and To the President of Rotary International
 - b) National Anthem

4. **4-WAY TEST. Bob**

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. 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 and the meal we are about to share.

6. **President's Report. Correspondence and Announcements**

Purse Bingo still needs volunteers. We still need a Master of Ceremonies. Sataka and Mel's girls went shopping!

Foundation Giving Awards on November 12 at the Community Centre in NOTL is from noon to 2 pm. 3 have signed up so far. Aside from Awards, there will also be a workshop on grant writing. Two from a club at this workshop meets the prerequisite for signing the MOU and being eligible for District grants.

Community Play at the Old Town Hall. Some of our Rotarians are going. There is still room. Dec 1-3 and 8-10.

Our Lending Library, created by Troy, is going to find a home at the entrance to Wellspring at the back at its main door.

Remembrance Day. Meet at 1015 for laying of wreaths at the Legion.

Rotary Auction Niagara has new signage and we'll need volunteers to put them up as bidding starts.

Think of a social event for Christmas.

7. **Introduction of today's Speakers. Oksana Fisher and Marla Smith. Oksana joined Niagara**

Children's Centre as the CEO in 2010. Her background as a health care professional and senior administrator has spanned various areas of health care, developmental services, mental health and children's services. Located in hospitals and community agencies. Oksana has been a Rotarian for 22 years, initially with the Hamilton Club and the St Catharines in 2010 when she began her job at The Children's Centre. She is currently the Club's President. **Marla Smith has been the Director of Development for 7 years.** Marla is the key person out in the community, serving the community and raising essential funding.

There is a long standing history here. There were three charter members in 1964

Please click on the link for our presenters' power point presentation for the rest of the story.

Amazing work and numbers served!

Presentation: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/8af8f805-6f49-4ff4-8063-318b60186fc5/1/>

Carolyn. Thank you, Oksana and Marla!

In honour of you speaking today, we make a donation in your honour to Pelham Cares.

8. **Happy Loonies**

Mike. Len and Patty Stolk are taking Sataka for 3 months.

Lance. 200 kids came to our house on Halloween!

Dave. Happy to hear things are happening in the community – helping kids!

Gail. I have a relative at the Centre. You do great work!

Troy. Congratulations on your great work. My father-in-law is on the board!

Bob. Thanks for the presentation. It's great to see services that make a difference!

Paul. Thanks for the presentation!

Annie. Thanks also for a great presentation. On a personal note, my oldest granddaughter is expecting a little one in May – her first. She'll be 28 on her upcoming December birthday.

Hugh. I talked with Marla at the Golf Tournament. Tim and Hugh decided to put the funds raised into one pot. \$14,000 is going to the Children's Centre. Also saw Jann Arden last night and she was amazing, telling her story. It moved us.

Frank. Thanks for coming today! In 1972, the ambulance attendants had program to pick up and deliver kids.

Oksana. Heard that Troy is going to Royal Agricultural Fair and Horse Show

Mel. 93 year old neighbour thought she had the wrong night for Halloween! It was a good turnout.

Carolyn. 34 kids last night. We did music therapy with the kids.

Next Week, November 10th is Purse Bingo!

November 15th Breakfast at Dominic's.

November 22nd Fundraising Business Meeting.

The Board Meeting, November 29th, the MCC Concession area. All are welcome! 730 -830 am