



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL

WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA

November 10th, 2021

Hybrid – In Person at MCC and Zoom Meeting

ZOOMING: Hugh Graham, Troy Killick, Bob Eamer, Pat Duncan, Mike Taylor, Ann Harrison, Dave Schulz, Andy Glavac, Dick Goode, Mel Groom, Annie Holtby, Lance Wiebe, Paul Snack, Amy Guilmette, John Cappa, Keith McConkey, Lindsey Hendriks.

1. Welcome Guests – Amy Guilmette

2. Land Acknowledgement - Troy

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: Troy

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: Troy

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: Troy

In times of fear and panic, Let us be a force of calm.
Let those who are trembling, find us safe to lean upon.
May we be the voice of reason. May we comfort the oppressed.
May we show our compassion to those who're most distressed.

6. Announcements, Correspondence etc. Ann

Hugh. WE need to replace stands for the signs so we'll meet in WellSpring and fix them. Online viewing starts the 17th and online bidding starts the 24th

7. **Guest Speaker Intro – Mike Taylor**

I'd like to welcome the acting CEO of the Pelham Library, Amy Guilmette, who will share what has been happening and changing in the Library with Covid. Welcome Amy!

Guest Speaker– Amy Guilmette, CEO Pelham Public Library

Pelham Public Library has changed these past few years. Previous to Covid, We'd increased the Digital Options with Hoopla, eBooks, audio books, TV/Music. A member could take out 4 per month and with Covid, this was increased to 12. You could pay as you went. You could access Library when it was closed. **Digital Magazine** platform with RB Digital includes 3000 of our magazines. WE have online library card registration – usual card with shorter end date. We also had a social media plan.

During Covid, most staff was laid off. Some were kept on and it meant an online presence, customer service and maintaining administration. With reopening, we were able to add public computer access, curbside pick-up – bring books out to the Public and also pick something up for people. We started online and passive programming including **a Library's YouTube channel; Take & Makes** which are pre-done craft packages, mostly for kids; **Zoom** presentations increasing sharing between libraries.

Increasing Digital resources include **Hoopla** – more borrows, Overdrive advance copies – one price for buying a year's subscription.

WE also added **Kanopy** which streams critically acclaimed movies and documentaries. Kanopy showed us the flavour and basic vision of the library. Not just recreational but informative – it functions like Netflix. The consumer doesn't pay. A code is sent to phone for entry onto TV.

Also, **Tutor.com** has 24/7 resources and 12 pm to 12 am live tutor support – out of consortium. You can request a repeat tutor if you are happy with him or her. App will teach you the process. You can submit a paper for review. They don't give you answers, just tips and practice quizzes. Great for kids stuck at night.

And **Beanstack** is a reading challenge APP used for summer reading. It keeps track of all their reading. It's a Fit Bit for reading and can enrol the whole family.

Fundraising We couldn't do week long **Book Sales** or **Trivia** nights. **Pelham Art Festival** is doing a sale at Christmas. Small items will be done by the artists. **Nancy's 50-50**. She ran 50 KM to 50 miles in her 50th Birthday. You could follow her on public media. It raised a lot of money. There was an **Outdoor Single Day Sales - One** day sales worked well.

What Stays? Meetings using **ZOOM**, **Digital resources** at a higher level, Variety of formats for programs and fundraising, **increased sharing** between library systems. **LINK** through our catalogue system. 2017 started with 5 libraries. By 2020, there were 10 libraries working together. St Catharines and Niagara Falls were not included – gave us more access. 2 x week deliveries week – you can also use card at any of those 10 except for digital – you have to use the card where issued.

We're planning to **amalgamate with Lincoln & Beamsville/Vineland**. It will save money and put it into customer service – more operating hours, more programming. Perhaps by January 2022? There's still lots to do so don't know exact date. Both Libraries think it's a great idea. A forward thinking idea! The staffs work well together and will mesh well. We have a consultant on the best way to combine – 'who's going to do what?' It still has to pass both Library Boards. Then the Town Councils. The two Libraries would still get resources for building from their respective municipality

Questions

Lance. Are you still planning to move the Library? **Amy**. Accessibility is a big thing. Library applied for multiple grants. Looking at MCC and we'd be a separate building, we'd be connected by a walkway.

Andy. Amazing how Libraries have adapted! **Ann**. Kudos to staff who continue to serve community. They continued to have tutoring to students who were struggling. We look forward to further supporting the library. **Amy**. I've heard a lot about Mental Health. Please help promote Pathstone Day at MCC.

Mike. Thanks, Amy. Great presentation. Your flexibility is something to be admired.

8. Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies – Mike

Rotaract. Mike got behind Rotaract especially during Covid. I worked with Matt out of Buffalo ot put together training for Rotaract. What could we do to champion Rotaract? Matt put together a working group visioning, having them work together, put together vision and goals in Rotaract and to work with Rotary clubs. Matt showed up with 15 kids to plant trees. They had a retreat where they were putting into motions those planning workshops. Our club should be proud of our support for them. Mike is participating even now.

Happy Loonies

Dave. Remembrance Day is at the Legion. Lancaster is flying over. I'm grateful for the sacrifice made for our freedom.

Paul S. I'm reminded that to attend I need to start car 10 minutes earlier.

Mel. A Library story. The library has sets of books for their own book clubs that they lend out to 'other' book clubs – set of 10. Mel's club has picked out a set for December.

Dick. It's a wonderful area.

Andy. 2 13 year olds love to read. I'm thankful for that.

Hugh. Hugh's an Overdrive user but does miss going in. Miss the smell of books. Pictures are posted of his dad, Sandy's dad – proud of their service. It's a time for reflection – all should be grateful.

Bob. I missed attending Remembrance Day during Covid. Rose is proud to be 75. I was 2 years behind renewing my tags for the car, At Service Ontario, there were only 3 in line.

Lance. Happy. Excited about kits at Library to make paper airplanes with grandson.

Keith. Able to rebook Wolf Lodge after November 11th with kids.

John. Happy to be back. It's taken a few months!

Mike. Special day to remember my relatives for their service. I'm going up to the Sault to help parents move. Nancie and I bought the land.

Ann. Son shared Farmer Mike's log book. Sleeping over in Hamilton under hangar.

9. Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays – Gail November 18th, Paul S November 29th

Joined Rotary – Annie, Troy, Keith and Paul Snack

Next Meetings/Events:

This week – **Nov 11** Remembrance Day Ceremony – 10:45 a.m. at the Legion

Next Week – **Nov 17** Important Rotary Updates meeting

Nov 24th – **NEW** – Nancie Taylor – Food 4 Kids

Nov 29th – Paul Harris Dinner

Dec 1st – **no meeting**

TV Auction - bid high and bid often – also sign up to volunteer