



ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL

WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA

November 17th, 2021

Hybrid – In Person at MCC and Zoom Meeting

Present: Frank Adamson, Paul Allen, John Cappa, Andy Glavac, Dick Goode, Hugh Graham, Mel Groom, Ann Harrison, Lindsey Hendriks, Troy Killick, Keith McConkey, Meghan McNaughton, Dave Schulz, Paul Snack, Lance Wiebe. Regrets: Annie Holtby, Mike Taylor

1. **Welcome Guests:** Declan (with Rotarian Meghan)
2. **Land Acknowledgement** - Paul
3. **Toast:** Paul
4. **4-WAY TEST:** Paul
5. **Invocation:** Paul
6. **Presidents Report** – See Item 7.
7. **Other Information** Items

a. **Canada Games Torch Relay** – Paul S

Each Community will have its own organizing committee for their Torch Relay. The first meeting for Pelham will be Nov 25. Paul and Frank are representing our club on this committee and the main Canada Games organizing committee. Paul and Frank are looking at ways to incorporate fundraising into the Torch Relay. They will have more to report next week. They will need volunteers for the relay and the main organizing committee needs volunteers also. Frank is asking that we help support Port Colborne as they do not have a Rotary Club. Rotaract will be organizing a Torch Relay in Thorold. The committee had considered organizing a second event promoting Niagara in conjunction with the games, but decided that it would be too much given all that is already going on. They will be looking at 2023 for a fundraiser promoting Niagara.

b. **Purse Bingo** – Mel

The Purse Bingo is on hold for the time-being because we cannot rent the Accursi Room until the vaccine program is completed. The Town of Pelham has approved the use of the funds from the last Purse Bingo be redirected to the project purchasing desks and chairs for Women's Place of South Niagara as part of the District Grant.

c. **District Grants** – Mel

The current 2021-22 project is the purchase of 20 desks and chairs for Women's Place. They have been purchased and are in storage pending the opening of the new location in Niagara Falls. We will be invited to an event when the location is ready.

Applications for the 2022-23 grant cycle are due in March 2022. Once again this will involve \$2,500 from

the club to be matched by the District for a total of \$5,000. The committee is requesting ideas for potential projects that would involve an Indigenous and/or Environmental theme.

d. **Arches Update** – Frank

The delayed project has been affected by inflation and the most recent budget estimate is \$160K for 3 sets of arches rather than the originally planned 4 arches. We have approximately \$100K in contributions raised.

Summerfest has been confirmed for 2022 and the hope was to have the arches in place by then.

Summerfest Chair has resigned and has also withdrawn from the Arches Project.

Next Presentation to Council – December

Donors remain committed to the project. There was discussion around having a contingency project ready in case the Arches project is defeated by Council.

President Ann and others commended Frank for the immense amount of work and energy that he has devoted towards this project.

e. **Youth Exchange** – Meghan

Recruitment has begun for both potential Exchange Students and Host Families. The District has confirmed that Youth Exchange will be reopened for 2022-23. We will need to recruit 4 families for the year which would start in August 2022. We could proceed while keeping 2023 as a contingency should something pandemic related cause another delay. That would allow us to begin recruiting families now. An email will be sent to our members from Ann and Meghan regarding this.

f. **TV Auction** – Hugh and Annie

The site is open for registration and viewing of items. Link: www.megarotaryvauction.ca

Bidding opens on November 24.

Hugh reminded members to include contact information when they complete the volunteer signup.

Link for Signup sheet: [Click Here](#)

Signs: We will need volunteers to help pick up the signs from storage at Wellspring. Dave will coordinate setup of registration for volunteers on our website. Signs should be set up next Monday or Tuesday because they say 'Bid Now' and the bidding opens Wednesday. Watch this page for the listing: rotarycluboffonthill.ca/Events

g. **Paul Harris Dinner** – Annie and Mel

Mel reported that there are approximately 55 people registered. Registration for Members and Guests is available here: rotarycluboffonthill.ca/event/paul-harris-dinner-1/

h. **FunFest** – Paul S

Nothing further to report at this time. [Click Here for Event Listing](#) STAY TUNED!

i. **E.L. Crossley Holiday Cheer** – Ann

Interact Adopt a Family for Christmas event. Interact is asking for a collection of gifts and food items for a family. Ann is coordinating with Pat Duncan and the E.L. Crossley Interact on this. There will be a profile provided of the recipient family.

John Cappa mentioned that his family would like to adopt a family as well. Ann will coordinate this with him.

j. **Other** -----

Temperanceville Setup – Mike Taylor will need two sets of volunteers, one to load up vehicles at YRN with the display items, and a second to do setup at Peace Park. Dave will coordinate setup of registration for volunteers on our web site calendar with Mike. [Please register to help here!](#)

8. **Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies** – President Ann led us through Happy Loonies, with some special accolades doing to Annie for her work as Secretary recording minutes, the TV Auction, and Paul Harris event, among many other things for Rotary. Wishing her the best as she attends to a move of her mom in Ottawa, and safe travels home!

9. **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

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

Joined Rotary – Annie, Troy, Keith and Paul Snack

Next Meetings/Events:

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](#)