



Unite for Good

## WEEKLY MEETING Minutes

### Breakfast Meeting with Interact Board Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Frank Adamson, Collins Acheampong, Paul Allen, Angela Carter, Bob Eamer, Hugh Graham, Mel Groom, Philip Hanna, Ann Harrison, Annie Holtby, Paul Hewitt, Troy Killick, Carolyn Mullin, Sharon Pfeifer, Dave Schulz, Paul Snack, Mike Taylor, Touti Gendre-Guittard, Lance Wiebe, Don Haber, Karen Rush, Mary Ann Mergl, Principal Monika Pries-Klassen, Interact Board.

#### 1. Welcome!

Thank you to the executive of Interact for their presentation of what's happening and what they'd like to see happen! **Work with Wellspring, Holiday cards** - a great project for Lookout Ridge! **Holiday cheer** – Invoice for number of families. Hygiene Project – Congrats on this one!

**Thanks for breakfast, for all you are doing!** Your member ship is so active!!! Thank you!

#### 2. Land Acknowledgement – EL Crossley Morning Announcement

*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. National Anthem – EL Crossley PA System

#### 4. 4-WAY TEST –Janet

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. Updates, Correspondence, etc.

**Joint Social with Welland Club (catered) at Wellspring.** Thursday Dec. 4, 6 – 9 pm. BYOB.

\$35/person. Food provided. Insurance covered. There will be a tour of Wellspring. Welland is keeping track of their registrations and will pass along the totals.

**Project Plaid**, another Interact Project, has raised money for Pathstone. The cheque presentation is November 27, 1045-11 am. Our BIG CHEQUE presentation to Pathstone is also that day.

**Rotary International Peace Scholars. 30 students re chosen each year. \$30,000 scholarship for each one.**

**Peace Pole.** The Club is purchasing one and logically it should go into Peace Park. We need to make presentation to town. Maybe Interact could do one, at EL Crossley site?

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### **Happy Loonies**

**Frank. Polio Plus Society.** Consider \$100US for the Polio Plus Society each year till Polio is gone. There were 36 cases in 2 (two) countries this year.

**Troy.** Happy to have been here for Breakfast today!

**Paul H.** Thanks, Interact, for all you are doing!

**Lance.**

**Dave.**

**Sharon.** So happy to have so many young people in the room. I was with Rotaract and went to Japan. **Ryan.** What an outlet that could go back so far!

**Fred.** Glad to see your presentation.

**Mel.** Women in Business Awards, Welland. My daughters were nominated for the Tourism and Leisure Award.

**Neil.** Thanks for being so welcoming. Congrats to Ryan – **Ryan.** Thanks for encouragement!

**Walter.** I'm with Neil. Thanks!

**Rod Bradbury.** I'm happy for Sarah making it into the program. Ryan – keep it on!

**Kelly B .** So proud of you! Thanks for the invitation!

**Sarah B.** Thanks for the opportunity. I feel very blessed! We've also had a great week with Ryan and his roommate home.

**Frank.** WE presented \$1000 to the Legion for our participation with them this coming Poppy Day. We also donate to the Legion for our guest speakers each week.

**Don.** I'm new here and I appreciate the welcome from everyone.

**Dave.** I'm happy for Ryan. He had mentioned he was writing a book and I thought what a great program!

**Collins.** I'm excited to hear your story! I always wanted to write!

**Annie.** Thank you, Ryan. My extra copy is going to my granddaughter in Japan where she spent a year in 2014 with Youth Exchange.

**Hugh.** I'm doing e transfer. I continue to thank Youth Exchange participants. I'll add Ryan to 'local authors.'

**Paul A.** Thanks for your courage. It's incredible to see. Thanks for doing this.

**Ryan.** Happy to hear!

**Phil.** Great presentation. Your book will end up in the Bahamas!

**Mike.** Layers of pride here! This club, as a whole, has embraced Youth Exchange. Watching a boy like Ryan end up end up encouraging his sister, Sarah, and her friend, Costas who will apply via St Catharines large club.

**Tutie.** Very inspiring.

**Mary Ann Mergl.** I'm a retired teacher from Crossley. I taught Ryan and missed him when I retired.

**Carolyn.** I'm a recovering journalist. I'm happy there's new life in Journalism. Everyone has a story.

**Ann.** Thank you, Ryan.

**Paul H.** My son is in second year = much easier this year.

**Karen.** Congrats! Looking forward to Kenya!

**Paul S.** Hopefully this book is a credit at school!

**Frank.** Flag is here. It'll fly for the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

**Next Meetings**

**November 26. Board Meeting Concession Downstairs MCC, Everyone welcome!**

**December 3. No Meeting**

**December 4. Holiday Event at Wellspring. Sign up**

**December 10. Dr. Henri Perez, Topic: Canadian Research on Dementia and Missing Persons**

**December 17. District Governor Visit. Aaron Carlson.**

**January 7. Planning Next Cornhole Fundraiser with Food4Kids.**