



WEEKLY MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Collins Acheampong, Frank Adamson, Bob Eamer, Hugh Graham, Mel Groom, Ann Harrison, Annie Holtby, Troy Killick, Madison Killick, Paul Allen, Paul Snack, Paul Hewitt, David Sherlock, Dave Schulz, Mike Taylor, Lance Wiebe, YE Maria Araujo, Ryan Bradbury, Lina Liangas YE Mom.

1. Welcome - **Collins** – Welcome everyone. We'll be inducting Paul Hewitt today and welcome also Lina Liangas, Youth Exchange mom and Ryan Bradbury, last year's outgoing Youth Exchange Student.

2. Land Acknowledgement – **Hugh**

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 – Mel**

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

4. **4-WAY TEST – Mel**

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 – Sharon Pfeifer**

Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. It is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude. Denis Waitley

Lighthouse Award. Collins passed the Lighthouse Award that was awarded to our Fonthill Club to **Past President Carolyn Mullin**. It reflects the highest award a Club can receive due to the accomplishment of many of the achievements cited by the District as being important to

Rotary's wellbeing and Club commitment and follow through. It reflects the prior year and is given to the President of that year. Our active club has received this Award for many years now.

New Member Induction – Paul Hewitt. Collins introduced Paul an extended congratulations. Frank Adamson, Membership Chair, took Paul through the induction, welcoming him to the very broad Family of Rotary and to our Club specifically. Paul has already started his journey with his first (and not his last) canvassing for the Rotary Auction Niagara (thank you, Paul) and attending the Rotary Foundation Celebration on October 26th in Fort Erie! The Magic of Rotary pin was pinned in wait of the Rotary pin. His fellow Rotarians welcomed Paul into the Rotary Club of Fonthill.

Today's Presentation. Maria Leonor Lepore Araujo. Maria needs no introduction. She has brightened our meetings since her arrival as our 2024-2025 Youth Exchange student. Her English has grown by leaps and bounds and, as Mike says, she's a breath of fresh air. Her PowerPoint presentation is full of life, colour and it's easy to imagine the tastes and sounds. Please enjoy her presentation by copying below link!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BA-uMgkkOSqcqOcuQNNPFb4yThtmRTDh?usp=gmail>

Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies – Not Enough Time

Board Meeting, November 27, MCC Concessions 1st floor

Meeting, December 3, MCC Kinsman Room, Presenter – Jeanette Dempster

Meeting, December 11, MCC Kinsman Room, Presenters- the Boyce Family, Will's Power Foundation