



ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL

WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA

November 24th, 2021

Hybrid – In Person at MCC and Zoom Meeting

Hugh Graham, Mike Taylor, Bob Eamer, Paul Snack, Andy Glavac. Michael Jacques. Lance Wiebe, Troy Killick, Meaghan McNaughton, Carolyn Mullin, Nancie Taylor, Paul Allen, Dick Goode, Frank Adamson, Gail Levay, Dave Schulz, Mel Groom, Ann Harrison.

1. **Welcome** Nancie Taylor!

2. **Land Acknowledgement – Ann**

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: Mike**

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: Mike**

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 family and 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 remember our friends on both coasts.

6. **Presidents Report, Correspondence and Announcements – Ann**

Reminder about Rotary email – a number are going into 'promotion' – it's a Gmail issue.
Reminder about Holiday Cheer - we're adopting one family. I know another Rotarian is adopting also. We need to let EL Crossley know. Only 3 signed up.

7. Guest Speaker – Nancie Taylor – Food4Kids Niagara – introduced by Mike Taylor

Mike. I'd like to introduce a very important person in my life. She is a Wealth Advisor with Meridian Credit Union and a respected member of the Financial Advisor Network. Please welcome Nancie Taylor.

Guest Speaker Nancie Taylor. Food for Kids Niagara feeds kids on the weekend. I'm an active Board Member for Food for Kids Niagara. As soon as I heard of them I knew **it was a fit for me.** We find more and more who need the service as years go by. It started with a 10 year old waiting for the school to open on a Monday morning in the dark. He hadn't had anything to eat over the weekend. That was the start. The school submits a referral form signed by the parents. A food package is tucked into backpacks so it's not obvious and therefore, **no stigma attached.**

It's happening in Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Welland, Niagara Falls and St Catharines. Hundreds of kids are waiting to go on the list. We rely heavily on volunteers. Every child gets 12-14 items in a bin.

We have no core funding. We do have access to Trillium grants, etc. We also have a Summer Food Program. We drop food off at homes on the Friday during the summer. I'm responsible for every other Friday. During Covid, we did a lot of gift cards. People rely on Food for Kids for all kinds of reasons. We rely on principals to know who to contact. There is feedback on our website that you can read. Children shouldn't have to worry about being a kid.

How can you get involved? Organise a food drive; provide something with protein in it and non-perishable – not a lot of sugar or salt. Volunteer to pack, to deliver. You could volunteer to do a month. Pledge to feed a child for a weekend a month costs \$60, for the summer it costs \$200 and for the school year, \$600. Join the fundraising committee. Raise funds through 3rd party events. Amber Hughes is the Executive Director.

Ann. Thanks, Nancie, for presenting.

Paul S. Thanks for doing this Nancie. This Christmas, instead of wine, I'll ask people to bring food.

Nancie. Fruits and vegetables, granola bars are good choices.

Lance. Can you leverage with other food people? If they get a deal on purchasing?

Nancie. If there were that option, I know Amber would know.

From CHAT. How do we make special donation to Food4Kids Niagara?

Frank. Email Amber. Food4Kids Niagara – click on that site and there's a link to donate online to Niagara.

Bob. Active Online Auction – donation goes to Ontario and gets distributed around province.

Hugh. FFKN – donate button is there.

Nancie. We're trying to initiate a relationship with a local grocer in Port Colborne.

Mike saw an article about the need to feed.

Michael. Sobeys has bags of rice that go on sale at times.

Mike. Food is delivered on Fridays to the schools. In the summer, deliveries go to the individual homes.

Lance – 500 kids @ \$600 a year = 300,000

Nancie. We get help with grants too and food sources.

Frank Is Ron Kore's Golf Tournament raising money for kids?

It goes to Niagara Nutrition Partners for Sobeys

Ann. Our Breakfast money could go to Food4Kids.

Nancie. A box of granola bars can be split open and distributed. If babies are at home, extra is put in for them.

Ann. Thanks for the work you do Nancie and for coming today. We'll continue to talk about it as a club.

8. Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies. Mike.

Dick. I went to see the film Belfast. Excellent! Saw it at Landmark Cinemas. Good spacing, not dangerous for Covid.

Frank. I booked a flight to Cancun in January to spend time with kids and grandson.

Dave. Going to Cambridge to see and bring back my grandson.

Mel is celebrating one year anniversary of Kristin's pulmonary embolism. Happy it's been a year.

Gail. Russell Hampton cards came in via Hugh.

Annie. Happy to be in Ottawa for mom's transition to LTC.

Hugh has participated in Rose City Kids distribution of Christmas food – hope we can do some stuff. Tim Horton's steak and egg sandwich featured Scott who I've known for 70 years – worked for him since age 11. Ad took him back to St Mary's community because of this national commercial.

Bob. Have you had a steak and sandwich? Hugh. Yes. Bob. Pleased I got up to hear Nancie. Thanks Paul for idea of bringing food. I want to discuss wine.

Michael. Thinking of ways to help. Last weekend I lead the meeting for the Provincial Association and did well!

Paul A. Thanks, Nancie. We'll do something for Food for Kids.

Paul S. We'd like to invite them to Family Fun Festival. Plan to get together with Crossley business class.

Nancie. Thankful Mike was there to support his parents' move. Glad to have the house to myself too.

Meaghan. Thanks, Nancie. It hit me as I prepped Declan's breakfast. I had the week off. My brother is building tiny homes and I was there for the official opening and we got the tour. Nice to be there – all our cousins were Youth Exchange too!

Troy. Excited re Paul's news re Family Funfest. Also going away on family time.

Mike. Pent last week in the Sault. A bit traumatic for my parents but they're happy to be in a smaller place. Mike got to spend time alone on the land he and Nancy have purchase from his parents.

Ann's son sent text and there's no Covid. Daughter is coming home for the holidays.

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9. Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays – Gail November 18th, Paul S November 29 on our Paul Harris night.

Joined Rotary – Annie, Troy, Keith and Paul Snack

Thanks, **Paul**, for this month's programming.

Next Meetings/Events:

Nov 27th – Temperanceville Set Up

Nov 29th – Paul Harris Dinner

Dec 1st – **no meeting**

Dec 8th is next meeting. Leon, pilot of Lancaster Bomber, would rather wait till we're all meeting together.

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

Stay safe!!!!