



WEEKLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 12, 2022- Hybrid Meeting

Present Troy Killick, Paul Snack, Carolyn Mullin, Gail Levay, Mel Groom, Lance Wiebe, Mike Taylor, Annie Holtby, Frank Adamson, Ann Harrison, Mike Taylor, Pauline Oliver, Bev North, Michele Starwalt-Woods, Bob Eamer.

1. **Welcome Everyone**

2. **Land Acknowledgement - Mike**

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 - Annie**

To the King and Canada, to the Office of the President of United States, and to the President of Rotary International

4. **4-WAY TEST - Frank**

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?

Invocation - Mike

I give thanks for the opportunity to be a Rotarian
Rotarians dig wells from which we will never drink
We vaccinate children we will never meet
We restore eyesight for those we will never see
We build housing we will never live in
We educate children we will never know
We plant trees we will never sit under
We feed hungry people regardless of race or politics
We know real happiness, which as Albert Schweitzer once said,
can only be found by helping others.
For this opportunity, we give thanks...

Guest Speaker Michele Starwalt-Woods, District 7090 Membership Chair

When looking at Membership, Service to Self exists in ALL areas. We have 3 levels of clubs. 1. Struggling. 49 clubs are struggling. If current attrition continues, we may have to look at combining or other measures. Where attrition lessens, those clubs could move to fragile 2. Fragile clubs include FONTHILL

because we've gained 5 and then lost 5 – not gaining. 3. Growth clubs are attracting a higher # of new members so loss is low.

On 7/1/22, we had 1818 Rotarians. Our first Membership goal is 2000. We're confident we can gain that many new members.

The secret to success is engagement of current members. We do have a classification system. We also want to bring in not for profit sectors such as food pantries, city employees. Troy mentioned earlier that mentorship is very important plus getting the word out as to what we're doing. A Michigan club had 200 community members joining us for the Cleanup the Lakes campaign last May.

The Membership chair can't do it all. Work on membership leads. Any leads? We're working on getting back to people. **Develop a checklist** – are we keeping them motivated? Let's keep members engaged.

How do we keep members with COVID and less attending? **Michele** asked what some of the things are that we've been doing. **Gail**. I brought flowers and cards to the home of the Grahams who had been ill.

Michelle. Great follow-up! We're a best known secret! We know about them but what about others. Maybe via those we're helping, we can add our names to their support/acknowledgement lists.

There's vibrancy and inspiration that can come from meetings. What do people experience at meetings or on projects that they can participate in? **There's a tremendous amount of discussion** at the district and zone level. There are satellite clubs coming from our regular clubs, impact groups that are on their own, no meetings – their main purpose is to do projects. An idea from a member – let's have a celebration to **include one of the other agencies and provide them with three free and new memberships.** Grab them and then, keep them!

Michele asked if there were **anyone new in the room.** **Pauline put up her hand.** Why did you consider joining? **Pauline**. I thought it would be a good role model for my children and I like to give back. **M.** Why stay? **P.** I feel comfortable. **M.** Have you brought anyone in with you? **P.** Not yet. **Troy** – this is very topical. **Michele**. I have Letterman's Top 10 re Recruitment. **Troy**. We need to stay in touch and do more mentoring.

Troy. Thank you, Michele. It's been a good conversation and it has to be ongoing. Our custom is to donate to the Lincoln Pelham Library in the name of our speaker.

Announcements. Troy.

Mayoral Debate. Let Carolyn know if you can help.

Purse Bingo. Still have 7-12 tickets – still need volunteers.

TV Auction. Annie in the Warehouse all day Thursday. October 13.

Happy Loonies.

Gayle is driving 3 friends who can't drive these days. If anyone needs something, just call Gail.

Ann. Off on an international trip. Mel will take over the finances for Purse Bingo. Daughter was home and exchanging cars with brother – SUV more appropriate for BC. There's a Purse Bingo Meeting at Mel's before I go away on Friday.

Paul S. I'm going to be a grandpa again in a month.

Pauline. It was great at Thanksgiving with family.

Mel. Thanks, Michele, for the points you brought up.

Frank. Thanks Michele for your presentation. I informed Lions that my twin brother left \$50,000 for the eye Dog training – split between Fonthill and Fenwick Lions.

Mike. Thanks, Michele. Club will continue to see what we can do to maintain our membership.

Carolyn. It's Brock's Reading Week. They're allowing legacy grads to cross the stage (those who missed graduation ceremony because of Covid) so Alex will be walking across!

Lance. Happy for good cycling!

Troy. Thanks, Michele, it's been weighing on me about getting numbers up.

Annie. Thanks, Michele. Great incentive! Wonderful Thanksgiving – quiet but VERY good.

Bob. We had a full house over weekend.

Michele. Thanks so much. Don't hesitate to be in touch,

Troy. Thanks everyone.

5. **Next Meeting is October 19 and Pauline Oliver's Classification Talk.**