

"Where everyone is kin; with a sense of worth, over all the Earth"

~ adapted from Robert Burns/Gordon McNally, RI President 2023-24

WEEKLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday October 18, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

Collins Acheampong, Paul Snack, Hugh Graham, Crystal Lambkin, Dave Schulz, Bob Eamer, Annie Holtby, Satoka Hayashi, Lance Wiebe, Mike Taylor, Maria Suescun Pozas, Carolyn Mullin, Ann Harrison, Lori Punton of The Childrens Centre.

1. **Welcome Lori Punton, our guest speaker from The Childrens Centre and Satoka Hayashi,**
Youth exchange Student.
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 & National Anthem. Annie**
 - a) To the King and Canada, To the Office of the President of the United States, and To the President of Rotary International
 - b) National Anthem
4. **4-WAY TEST. Annie**

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. Maria**

Let Our Eyes Be Opened
Let us awake and see the beauty that surrounds us all around.

Let us hear the singing birds make their wonderful sound
Let us thank God for our health that has been good to us so far
Let all our dreams come true when wishing upon a star.
Let us be thankful for friendship that has been lovingly given to me
Let us never forget the caring that is for us to see

*Adaptation of Betty Opheim's from Fargo West Rotary, Fargo, North Dakota, District 5580.
Invocation by Maria Non Denominational invocations on Clubrunner*

6. **President's Report. Correspondence and Announcements**

Purse Bingo tickets are ready for pick up. There will be a Charcuterie spread at 6 pm. It's a 19 + event on November 10th. We still need a Master of Ceremonies. We need lots of spotters/ All hands on Deck! Please go to FB posts and 'like.'

Rotary Auction Niagara has new signage and we'll need volunteers to put them up as bidding starts.

Town Volunteer Recognition Wednesday November 22. We can send up to five names. They need to be received by Friday, October 20. We will nominate both Richard from White Meadows and Mike Chechalk from 4H for the Corporate Award.

Exchange Student Host. We're still looking for two more hosts for Satoka. We want it to be the best experience for her and living with different families allows more knowledge about Canada.

7. **Introduction of today's Speaker.**

Hugh It's a pleasure to welcome our guest speaker, Lori Puntton from The Childrens Centre. I have known her for years and know when she gets into something, she makes things happen! This time it's the Niagara children's Business Fair One-Day Marketplace!

Welcome, Lori!

Check out our Link!!

<https://www.connectingniagara.com/site/blog/2023/11/13/niagara-childrens-business-fair-in-niagara---november-18th>

Our main purpose with our Fair is to encourage the young entrepreneur in your family. One in my family is **Declan and his Woodwin** Chimes. 50 the first year! And he started this July. Our poster lists the many supporting businesses including Niagara Board of Trade and Commerce, USP Store, McLeod Rd, Once Upon a Child, NF and Niagara Auto Electric to name a few.

Declan is our first speaker and next year there will be several speakers. 16 classes entered. We made a video to pitch the competition. 8 or 9 have entered so far. Declan won \$100 and bought his first computer. We want to infuse the next generation with the entrepreneurial spirit. They can get the ideas at the Fair and we'll encourage them. Acton Children's Fair was the first and has set up a link to Niagara.

Ages 6-14 are welcome. It's at the Grantham Optimist Club next to the Firehall. We're continuing to get community there.

Paul. What kind of businesses. **Lori.** Bead, Necklaces, Bookmarks, Crayons molded, Crocheted Stuffies, Resin Work.

Dave. You have a link on our site. **Lori.** **There's a \$20 fee for each.**

Carolyn. In honour of you speaking today, we make a donation in your honour to Pelham Cares.

8. Happy Loonies

Mike. Thanks for all you do, Lori. To the club thanks for your kindness to me and Nancie re her mom's passing. It was very appreciated.

Crystal. Sad – we just closed the pool. Happy – becoming part of the Fonthill Club.

Annie. Thanks Lori and good luck this coming week. Happy to have Maria here after long world travels!

Maria. Being here feels like home!

Paul. It's wonderful what kids are capable of!

Bob. Glad to get away from the news and to the club.

Collins. I went to the Welland Club meeting. Making new friends!

Lance. Junior achievement – made Rock Creatures and sold for \$1 a piece!

Ann. Lori has the same enthusiasm as her Crossley years.

Hugh. Rotary is a safe place to be 'home.'

Lori. Thanks for inviting me to speak!

Carolyn. Thanks Collins for filling in for me on Saturday. Fonthill De la Terre Bread 10-2 Kirk on the Hill!

Next Meeting is Board Meeting October 25th, MCC Concession Area. All welcome. 730 -830 am

Next Regular Meeting is November 1. Oksana Fisher and Marla Smith, The Childrens Centre.