



Unite for Good

WEEKLY MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Frank Adamson, Collins Acheampong, Angela Carter, Bob Eamer, Hugh Graham, Mel Groom, Philip Hanna, Ann Harrison, Annie Holtby, Fred Leppard, Carolyn Mullin, Dave Schulz, Mike Taylor, Touti Gendre-Guittard, Lance Wiebe, Don Haber, Karen Rush, Sarah and Kelly Bradbury, Costa DeDivitiis
Guest Speaker Tutie Genre-Guittard YE Student presenting

1. Welcome!

2. Land Acknowledgement – Carolyn

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 – All

4. 4-WAY TEST –Fred

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- Lance

6. Updates, Correspondence, etc.

Ann Harrison- 3 Interactors have arranged a **Bake Sale. \$1/cookie. Janet is coordinating other schools. \$700 raised for Mental Health.**

Dec. 3rd or 4th. Our Holiday Social (catered) will be at Wellspring. Catered and BYOB.

Friday 24th is World Polio Day. The Chards from the Lakeshore Club holding Rotary Niagara wide Polio Night at Kame and Kettle. Picture Under the Arches will be taken at 9 pm.

Ancaster with Youth Exchange and Lisa Bishop +Elaine Richard from Lakeshore. The event ended with a snowball fight!

News from Aaron, DG. Sandi Chard named as next Governor Nominee Designate!

Hugh + Frank. The Coyne Family made a big donation to the Library Expansion. As a club, we're donating \$5000/year up to \$25,000!

Our Rotary Club of Fonthill celebrates its 35th Anniversary this coming June and will be part of our Paul Harris Evening. A Rotary Flag was ordered and booked to fly that 1st week of June to focus on the 35th!

Mike. Thanks, Carolyn for the computer you gave to Tutie for school.

7. Introducing Tutie, our Youth Exchange student from France! Photos from home, questions and answers to find out more!

Tutie. My slide presentation introduces you to my home, my family and friends. I had a lot of support to come here for Youth Exchange.

What are you looking forward to? I want to go to British Columbia and discover more about myself. I want to discover!

What surprised you so much?

Poutine

Everything was so BIG!

How's School in France?

Our school day runs from 8 am – 6pm, no school on Saturdays

What did you do this weekend?

Ti Cats game in Hamilton with rest of YE in District.

Met my host family and watched the Blue Jays.

Hall party in Hamilton.

Rolled pumpkins down the hill.

Eating

At the Conservation Authority with Anne Bermingham, we ended with a snowball fight (snowballs from the hockey rink!)

Happy Loonies

Phil. Enjoyed presentation. Loved the snow and always wanted to leave home and go to Canada. Wish I'd had Rotary. Wish you and Youth Exchange all the best. (I came to Canada in Covid)

Kelly. Thanks, Tutie for the presentation. Thanks for Youth Exchange!

Costa. Cool to see what it might be like with presentation!

Carolyn. I had a conference in downtown Toronto. I was nervous to do the presentation. Raptor opener. Scaddabush – took friend out to lunch and George Springer's family was lunching there too.

Lance. I was in Hamilton. People stayed up to 3 pm!

Ann. Thanks for presentation, Tutie. Thanks to Costa for selling cookies to presenters!

Annie. Thanks, Tutie!

Bob. Great presentation.

Karen. Thanks, Tutie! I'm planning a trip to Kenya and just had my shots!

Lance. We went west and cycled the Trestles outside of Kelowna. 72 K trail ride -It was built to renew the trestles burned in one of the terrible fires. 50,000 are using these trails – it was a fantastic trip.

Mike. Tutie did a great job and I'm proud of her. It's not an easy thing to do presentations when you are 16, 17. I had my first taste of Europe – scenery was great. You could see the rivalry between Germany and France! Happy to be back.

Tutie. Thank you for the exchange, everything! An early meeting with a great group.

Mel. 'Women leading Welland.' My daughters are in the first article!

Angela. I'm going with my granddaughter to Italy in June!

Hugh. Thanks, Tutie. Go Jays! Happy last night was earlier. I'm playing hockey with 65 and over. Some of them are playing 3 + 4 times a week!

Don. Thanks, Tutie! We're off to the islands!

Dave Sch. Love what's going on here! Thanks, Mike, for doing all you do!

Frank. Great meeting. Youth Exchange impresses me the most. Keeps us young at heart!

Next Meetings

November 5. No Meeting (Purse Bingo is Friday)

November 12. Ryan Bradbury is coming to speak about his new book.

November 19. Breakfast at Crossley with Interact Board

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.

8. Rotary Moment. Happy Loonies.

9. Meetings/Events to come

Board Meeting Oct 22nd - Concession First Floor. Everyone Welcome.

Regular Meeting Oct. 29th - Tutie's First Presentation

Regular Meeting Nov. 12th – Ryan Bradbury, 'A Life within a Year'