



WEEKLY MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Annie Holtby, Carolyn Mullin, Frank Adamson, Hugh Graham, Mel Groom, Collins Acheampong, Paul Snack, Dave Schulz, Sharon Pfeifer, Mike Taylor, Troy Killick, Michael Jacques, Youth Exchange Maria Araujo.

Speakers Lisa Bishop, Sandi Chard.

Welcome Guests – Collins Greetings and Welcome to our Guest Speaker, Lisa Bishop who will be speaking about her Journey to India for a Day of Polio Inoculations. Sandi Chard is also here today. Welcome Sandi. Both women were vibrant and enthusiastic when I spent time with them.

1. Land Acknowledgement – Troy

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.

2. Toast & National Anthem – Paul S

- 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

3. 4-WAY TEST – Paul S

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?

4. Invocation – Troy

With our 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.

President's Report, Correspondence and Announcements – Collins.

Mike. Maria who is with us today has done a great job representing herself. Nancie and I had her over to dinner and we love her spirit! She's at Pauline's, then down the street and then to Fyfe's.

Hugh. Golf Tournament has 120 registered. Looking forward to a good day. David, Collins, Keep speeches short/ Lots of sponsorships. YRN – a revenue of \$15,000 , 50-50 draw, silent auction. 1130 Registration, 12 Lunch, 1245 Tee off. Silent Auction will close during dinner. Sandy and Ray Tisi are doing the 5050 draw. Vermeers – Gary giving \$1000 prize for Hole in One on 16. Goes to Tournament if no one successful.

Meridian 6th Anniversary to be celebrated on September 14th. At Board Meeting, we said we'd be part of it. Sign for Auction will be there and then I will move it after to Niagara Falls' Lobster Fest.

Introduction to Guest Speaker, Lisa Bishop. Lisa is one of our Past DGs and I've had the privilege of knowing her for many years.

Presentation. Lisa Bishop, PDG, Present Chair of District Foundation. Happy Traveller to India to Participate in the largest Polio Immunization (Drops) in the World!

Lisa. I had the privilege of knowing Karen Oakes for many years and was schooled in the love of the Foundation because of knowing her. Wolf used to take Karen everywhere she needed to be with her Foundation work, with her DG work. And now, Wolf has joined Rotary and is representing her work with the Endowment.

I was born in Oshawa and moved to Delhi in 1999. **In 2009 I was sponsored by a young Rotarian who was seated beside me and invited me to join.** I've hosted Youth Exchange students and been to 4 International Conventions. I'm a Flying Rotarian Club member. I'm a private pilot. I'm a governor of the East Canada '99s. I love Rotary! During the Torch Run that Frank and Paul helped organise, Anne Birmingham passed the torch to Lisa and sent a very cherished pin from Karen's year.

Oh, I have a cheque for \$1700 for the Tree Planting for your club.

Brad Howard organised this trip to India for Rotary's National Immunization Day. The date changed 3 times! **We were present and active in Delhi** for the Polio Vaccinations which were also all over India!

In 1988, Rotary International joined WHO. WE had our Polio Eradication Initiative by 2000. **This Convery raised ½ a million dollars for Polio. Her Dundas Sunrise Club covered 20 Million cases statistically.'** **We made a commitment to the people of the world to eradicate Polio.'** Mentors PDG Karen Oakes and Polio Eradication Champion, Rotarian Thie Convery.

As of Sunday, September 8th, there was one wild Polio Virus Case in Afghanistan.

On my trip, there were 17 ½ hours on the plane. Sherry, a caregiver, made arrangements for her mother so she could go on this trip. The group went to a 'limb factory.' There was a community development around textiles. One district had 1850 members. One day at the clinic there was a fellow with an extra digit of which he was very proud. It meant he could help!

In North America, we use a shot. In India, they use **drops. Each year.**

We noticed at the clinic that **young men would come by** us hitting their leg. Repeatedly. It turned out that they were **showing us that they had their own limbs**, hadn't gotten Polio because of the drops they'd had earlier.

This year is the 5th year Frank is leading the Ride for **Polio**. The **Canadian Government doubled what was raised** and the **Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation doubled that!**

'The 99s' was an International Women's Pilots club. It was a 1st in this Rotary District. The 99s do humanitarian service. It was organised in 1965. They'd get together at conventions. **They sent out an invitation to all pilots** and 99 came to the 1st meeting, hence the name.

Today they mentor and promote women in aviation. On September 11, they were flying with the Lancaster over Niagara Falls. There used to be regular fly in breakfasts with Dunkirk, Fredonia and Batavia. They aren't happening any more.

I got into flying later in life but my dad got licenced at age 13. He got it in '46!

Thank you for generations of service!

Here are two presentation links from today.

India End Polio Trip 2024 - PDG Lisa

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/83f5d892-0763-4060-89c0-35932cc52786/1/>

Rotary Foundation Annual Fund

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/bab9cc03-c63b-4943-9b86-3466ad530812/1/>

Collins. Thank you very much Lisa and Sandi. It's wonderful to see your trip for service with Polio Eradication! Very inspiring!

5. **Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies**

Annie. Thank you for the memories of my participation in inoculation back in 2002 when I led a Group study Exchange team to Tamil Nadu and Kerala in India. I just found out Art Wing led a team in 2003 and it would have been great to compare notes.

Sharon. I'm grateful for Rotary. Its heartwarming presentations are the real magic.

Paul S thanks Lisa for being here!

Hugh And thanks for being there globally!

Troy It's really great to hear about the flying! A couple of uncles aren't doing well and we went camping in Allegheny Mountains and burned a cord of wood!

Mel as President, I interviewed Lisa when she first applied for district Governor! (ed. very cool)

Maria YE. I am happy to be here. I love the work Rotary does.

Sandi Chard Don't forget the Rotary Convention in Calgary this June!

Lisa brought the cheque for tree planting that Frank initiated – thanks for the work that you do! Happy to join the RC of Fonthill that is very supportive of End Polio and so welcoming!

Frank. Nice to have Maria here in Canada! Thanks to Paul for the Torch Run! I was part of the Big Move Ride. There were 2 from Rotary Clubs St Catharines Lakeshore and

South who were there in honour of art Wing. They raised \$3000. \$276,000 was raised for Walker Cancer Centre.

Carolyn. As much hurt there is the World, there's so much healing and help in the world.

Mike. Great presentation, Lisa! Happy to have Maria here!

Collins. I saw Lisa's presentation earlier this year and learned more today. Thanks so much for coming, Lisa and Sandi!

Dave. Thanks, Lisa, a person always thinking of others. On October 7, the Massacre Anniversary, I couldn't send a photo of Israel but I sent a picture from Jordan looking at Israel.

Next meeting is a Board Meeting on September 25. All members are welcome.

September 13. Rotary Clubs of Fonthill and Welland Golf Tournament. We're still accepting Silent Auction items. Call Annie.

September 14. Town of Pelham 6 Year Anniversary of opening of MCC. We've got a table 10-4 that day.

September 16. **Auction documents went out for Canvassing.** Donor's Letter, Donation Form, Proud Supporter Poster & QR to get to Auction. **Deadline for Donor**

Confirmation: October 18. Deadline for receipt of Donations November 8. **DATES OF AUCTION: Viewing online starts Wednesday, November 20. The Auction opens online for bidding Wednesday, November 27 through Saturday, December 7.**

September 21. Ride for Polio has room for riders. Room for donations too! Check Clubrunner Event Page.