



**Special Joint Meeting of
Rotary Clubs of Eastern Hills, Fonthill and Grand Island
Wednesday, September 18th 7:15 am with District Governor Anne Bermingham.**

Zooming included Sherry Miller. Grand Island, Eastern Hills Contingent, **Dave Schulz, Frank Adamson, Mike B. Andy Glavac, Pat Sullivan, Heather Culver, Mike Taylor, Dick Earne, Grand Island, Pat Duncan, Michael Ang, Carolyn Mullin, Paul Snack, Michelle Lock, Ann Harrison, Annie Holtby, Lt Bassery, Meghan McNaughton and Declan, DG Anne Bermingham.** Good presence for Fonthill.

- **Welcome** and Meeting Overview by Anne
- **Meeting Reflection**
- **Toast to Office of the President of the United States** – Anne
- Toast to the Queen and Canada – Pat Sullivan
- **4waytest-** Aaron Carlson

Introduction to Each Club – Rance, Ann and Sherry

Rance & Eastern Hills. We're in the Buffalo area. We have 17 members with 13 regulars. We're all Male and over 40. We volunteer at food pantries, sponsorships for different rides, etc. Rance was recruited by president of the club about 4 years ago, He loves the fellowship, planning for annual events and helping out.

Sherry Miller, Grand Island Club. 16 members, 1 down from a last year. 12 men and 4 women. 4 are under 45. 62 years of continuous service. Shred it Fundraiser was the most popular. We helped put up barriers around all desks across Grand Island Schools. In 2011 we started a \$50,000 donation for a sport field facility. Very proud of that one! In 2020 we did a pivot to Zoom and we were able to sustain it. We're moving Zoom and making the 2nd meeting in person again 2 times a week.

Ann Harrison, Fonthill Club. Our meeting continued because of Zoom. We increased membership last year. We have 33 members with 3 corporate members. We represent Fonthill and Fenwick. We met occasionally for face to face meetings for special events. We have an initiative with Women's Place to buy desks and chairs for every bedroom for the kids to have a quiet study space. We're working with Interact as it comes back with their Halloween for Hunger. Also, we're collecting donations for our TV Auction! Frank is leading the Push for Polio Peddle. Mike Taylor as President In 2019-20 and did the shift to Zoom; Hugh Graham did it for an entire year. When the pandemic started we made over 3000 masks.

Recently we planted a Butterfly Way Garden at Wellspring Niagara via the David Suzuki Foundation. Dave Schulz upgraded our website and it looks great! We have 33 members with 15 regulars at Zoom meetings.

4 Themes This Year. Anne spoke of Rotary International and District Level. 4 Themes: Serve to Change Lives. People for Action: People unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. There's a sense of community, pride and accomplishment. To take a look at our Action Plan for this year, go to <https://rotary7090.org>. There's a Strategic Plan button. Rotary Showcase will put up all your projects. WE can learn from them. They're part of our impact. A few ways we're increasing our impact is with our Cluster Grants and the Great Lakes Watershed Clean Up. We're expanding our reach – every time we do a Service Program, 20% should NOT be Rotarian so let's ask people who AREN'T! So many people give to us. Many clubs are doing a thank you and telling others what was done with the donations we get. The new Rotary Satellite Clubs - they are members of Rotary, Satellite members – they are members of the main club but meet more informally. We should be encouraging them.

Break Out Rooms Impact, Reach Out, Engage, Adapt. Some examples of what the groups came up with: **Impact.** District Simplified Grants for local projects in community go a long way. Also gets membership to see benefits of the Foundation. Internationally, they've recently impacted Health in Haiti. Fonthill's Family Fun Fair has impacted whole community. Other Service Clubs have been invited to participate. New Fundraising Committee will also impact going into future.

Reach Out. Interact and Rotaract clubs – engage them: working to bolster Rotaract memberships. They'll bubble over to Rotary. With Covid and return to high school, we need to help Interact get re-involved. e.g. Halloween for Hunger in Fonthill.

Engage. Need to encourage people who are involved with us to become more engaged. How to keep our families involved. Reach those wondering how they can participate. Pedal for Polio- get involved, participate. Tell 5 people who don't know the story of Polio. Ancaster Club did a bottle drive, people came and they attracted 14 new members!

Adapt. Adapting to Covid with ZOOM, new angles on fundraising like Grand Island's Community Garage Sale renting out tables or online Spring Garage Sale with Welland and Fonthill Clubs. Website Refresh time and building new content. The Grant Process qualifications were simplified.

Anne. Peddle for Polio October 2nd is on each side of the border. We're looking for riders and donors. There is more information on the District website. Conference this year will be virtual on October 21, a Service Project on October 22 followed by 18 mini Socials and Saturday, October 23, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The keynote speaker will be streamed at noon. Registration opens shortly

Youtube video with 3 short messages from Anne to all clubs.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5eoNjowDvPc>

It was an excellent meeting with DG Anne, our Fonthill Club and the other two clubs, Eastern Hills and Grand Island.