



Unite for Good

### WEEKLY MEETING Minutes

Wednesday, September 17th, 2025

Paul Allen, Collins Archeampong, Frank Adamson, Mel Groom, Ann Harrison, Paul Hewitt, Annie Holtby, Crystal Lambkin, Carolyn Mullin, Dave Sherwood, Dave Schulz, Paul Snack, Mike Taylor, Touti Gendre-Guittard, Guest Speaker – Crystal Lambkin’s Classification Talk

**1. Welcome!**

**2. Land Acknowledgement – September is the Month of Truth and Reconciliation -Ann**

*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 – Dave Sherlock & Carolyn, All**

**4. 4-WAY TEST –Collins**

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- Collins** We give thanks for serving our community.

**6. Updates, Correspondence, etc.**

**Dave Sherlock.** Tomorrow is the Ploughing Event. We have a special package for Volunteers and Guests. Please stay to get one at the end.

**Ann Harrison** Purse Bingo still has tables available. There’s a Volunteer List on link. Ann can help you if you need it. [Pursebinge@rotarycluboffonthill.ca](mailto:Pursebinge@rotarycluboffonthill.ca) Thanks for your support.

We had 127 tickets and there are 20 to go! **David Sch.** It’s going in MyPelham on Monday. Ray Bradbury and his friend Chad’s book: A Life within a Year. Is \$20 bucks on Amazon. Ryan will be back Nov 15 for reading week. Watch for Pelham Today for an article. They’ll get in touch with Ryan.

**Ann** Interact had a full meeting last week with 32 in attendance! They’re doing Stock October. Once they collect, we deliver. It’s on Social Media, the Instagram page for EL Crossley.

**Mel.** Phil Hanna gets his Rotary Nametag.

**Polio Plus Society started** last month; anyone donating \$100US will be a charter member of the Society.

**7. Introducing Crystal Lambkin, our very own Rotarian** for her Classification Talk. A Personal Approach. Right from the start, her Mom and Dad, Jo and David were huge supporters. Her parents loved Rotary and contributed their home made chili! In 2007-08, Crystal lost both her Dad (to a stroke) and then her Mom (passed 6 months later).

**Family and Rotary Family were very close.** Pool parties helped. Another David came along. Life opens up in other ways because you have kids.

**How did I end up in Rotary?** I was invited to a morning meeting. That Thursday at 10 am, a call came from Gord "You missed a great meeting!" Each week. I went the third week and in June 2002, I joined Rotary. I am ever so grateful that Gord was so persuasive! **We sometimes forget it's a gift to be a Rotarian.**

There are lots of benefits being in Rotary. I learned how to run a meeting from the International Chair. Invited members to Chair's home. **Public Speaking was the greatest challenge as President** when invited to present at a Gala. We'd received an award. There were 500 in the room. Followed the coach and talked of the synergies of our organisation, **Great opportunities to grow including running the lobster night fund raiser! We supported 'Homeward Bound'** – moms in shelters, activities for the kids, Life Skills Training for the moms. 3 years later offered the job of breaking the cycle of Poverty. Ministries Provincial and Federal gave money. Our donation gave it credibility in common.

**Best part of Rotary is our friends.** In line for the International Conference and its hour wait, I considered it a donation to Rotary!

**Personally, my favourite travel was to Playa del Carmen.** Favourite because I could work from there! David brought Quebecers, Mexican and English speakers together by throwing a ball! **60% of my working time is Corporate Travel.** I had that account for 20 years.

During the pandemic, New York office decided they needed only one rep and I was let go. One year later the CFO was begging me to take them back! Of course!

**In the fall of 2019, Lola** had clients in the Galapagos/Amazon area. With Covid, they had to get them back from the Amazon to the airport. They did. When things opened up again, Lola was telling her story everywhere.

**Paul.** Business shrunk a bit during pandemic.

A working group went to **Japan.** I was working on a website again.

Now, with David there, I'm embracing life at Ridley College.

**Frank.** Thanks, Crystal. Very proud of you!

## **8. Rotary Moment. Happy Loonies.**

**Annie.** We're moving and that's all I see. Thanks for that share, Crystal!

**Carolyn.** Thank you, Crystal. As President you get up every week. Did you tell HOW you got into travel? **Crystal.** My sister met this fellow on a cruise. He wanted an office manager in Windsor. In 1997 she bought Paragon Travel and I got to travel!

**Phil.** Going the extra mile is so important! My birthday is Sept 5<sup>th</sup> – brother came from Bahamas.

**Paul S.** We have water – it started a week ago!

**Paul A.** Thanks for sharing your travels. (for Bob) Jennifer has the table sold!

**Troy.** We were at the Niagara Falls Lobster Fest!

**Ann.** Picking up Touti. Heading to the Black Forest! Michael has German roots and has never been!

**Crystal.** Davis made the rowing team!

**Touti.** Thanks to everyone!

**Collins.** I didn't get to talk to you earlier to know you didn't like winter either! Thanks for sharing.

**David Sh.** Happy! Had a call from a good friend from States – southern drawl – his mom has Alzheimer's – shared. No Trump talk.

**Frank.** Holland and Germany – brother and me – had our quota of beer. Sat 430 in Holland. Sunday did the Big Move in honour of Art Wing, PDG, St Catharines. Goal was \$3000 and we made it!!

**Anything else for the good of Rotary?**

#### **9. Meetings/Events to come**

**Fundraiser/Helping Hand Sept 18<sup>th</sup> International Plowing Tournament 4H**

**Board Meeting Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. Concession First Floor. Everyone Welcome.**