

"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 September 27, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

Collins Acheampong, Paul Snack, Hugh Graham, Ann Harrison, Dave Schulz, Bob Eamer, Mel Groom, Annie Holtby, Satoka Hayashi, Lance Wiebe, Mike Taylor, Terry Dow.

1. **Welcome Satoka Hayashi**, Our 2023-24 Youth exchange Student and Speaker **Terry Dow**, Leadership Niagara.
2. **Land Acknowledgement. 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. **Toast & National Anthem. Paul**
 - 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. Paul**

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. Dave**

Life is short. Break the rules. Forgive quickly, kiss slowly. Love truly.
Laugh uncontrollably and never regret anything that makes you smile.
Mark Twain

6. **President's Report, Correspondence and Announcements. Collins, PE.**
Announcements. Tracy Dow is our Guest Speaker and the Executive Director of Leadership Niagara.

Purse Bingo is going well.

Participate for Polio. On the Canadian side, it will start at St David's and end at N-O-T-L. 2 hour bike ride with goal of raising funds to end polio. Not as many riders as previous year. There will also be **Paddle for Polio** on the US side

Rotary Auction Niagara Everyone has the documents for approaching donors and receiving donations. Please make sure the Donation form is filled in with all information. If anyone has questions, please let Annie or Hugh know. Remember we are looking at October 27 as deadline for confirmation of donations. There's another week after that to get the donations from the donors. We are also looking for a warehouse space 400-600 square feet for receiving donations, taking pictures, etc. Need it till November 24.

REMINDER for October 4th. Please attend our meeting as District Governor Scott Marcin will be with us. He will be inducting 2 new members that day as well. **NOW October 11 at Domenics!**

Website to check events. Collins goes to calendar to find out what's up

Auction query regarding ONE Closure at 9 pm Last Day. In previous years, items were geared to one of three nights and daytime on the Saturday. We're not set up for three separate closings. District 7080 who has been doing this for a number of years says there has been no problem or concerns.

7. **Guest Speaker. Terry Dow, Executive Director, Leadership Niagara.**

Terry is thrilled to be here and working for Leadership Niagara. Who is Leadership Niagara It's a non-profit that started on 2007. There was a need to identify and grow leaders. It continues to inspire community leadership, its leaders and building community. There are 10 Community Leaders who serve as the Board of Directors. There's also a Program Advisory Committee of which Ann is the Chair. We create teams of '7' and our Community Development Program better reflects what we're about. It's a 9 month learning journey.

Our target is anyone living in Niagara in some area of Non Profit management entry level. The average age is 40.

Do you feel like making a difference? It's for those ready to make a positive change. Are you Human Resource professional or practitioner? All have a role. There's no fast track – requires dedication!

Rotary could sponsor something like learning days, etc. Niagara Health – we can have a company to help us.

Paul. Is there a cost? **Terry.** Yes. **Paul.** Usually a company sends its people? **Terry.** Yes.

Mel. How many max in program? **Terry.** 40. We're at 27 right now.

Dave. Do you accommodate special needs? **Terry.** Absolutely and I would work with them to make sure all works well. We do lots of different modalities.

Lance. Do you get people in manufacturing? **Ann.** Our focus is community leadership and service groups more than unions and conflict resolution.

Bob. How long have you been in existence? **Terry.** 2007. You can go on website and see who has graduated.

Our objective is to give back to Niagara.

Mel. If you've gone through the program it's really a feather in your cap! **Terry.** We have over 400 alumni in just over 15 years.

Dave. How would you select the person to help us? **Ann.** They're getting experience with non-profits. All projects are presented to participants. They create the team themselves.

Collins. How do you keep up with it?

Terry. We stay 'relevant' and keep people 'inspired'.

Collins. Thank you, Terry. A DONATION WILL BE MADE IN YOUR NAME TO PELHAM CARES AS OUR THANK YOU.

8. **Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies. Dave**

Mel We had a surprise party for Rick's 65th!

Paul thanked Hugh and Annie for their behind the scenes work on the Auction.

Bob. I'm reflecting on our politicians.

Lance. It's my grandson's birthday. We're going up to Gravenhurst to see the leaves changing.

Frank was happy that his daughter had been here from England for 9 days. Last time was 6 years ago. Welcome to anyone who can make the Polio Ride.

Annie. Looking forward to friends from Salt Spring who are stopping for a few night in their road trip around 'once home' Eastern Ontario and visiting other friends now in Niagara..

Hugh. 4 Way Test moment. I was hit by a Van from behind and when I went to meet him in a less trafficked area to exchange information, he'd disappeared. A better moment – Sandy and Hugh went to 1st Ontario to see the Everly Brothers Show from England. It was an amazing music night.

Ann hosted **Satoka** for 5 nights. It was Michael's birthday one night and Ann asked Satoka 'what would your mom cook for you?' Japanese Beef Curry. It was very nice. Satoka showed Ann how to make it.

Terry. Happy to meet everyone and only 2 walked out! (Mike taking Satoka to school early)

Dave. It's our grandson's birthday on Monday but we're going up for the weekend. Looking forward!

Collins. I'm excited to be part of the club. Volunteered to be the point person for Leadership Niagara!

Meeting OCTOBER 11, 730 am AT DOMENIC'S! (Sign Up!) DG Scott Marcin's Fonthill Visit and his induction of two new members. Please welcome our new members and our visiting District Governor, Scott Marcin.