



"Where everyone is kin; with a sense of worth, over all the Earth"

~ adapted from Robert Burns/Gordon McInally, RI President 2023-24

WEEKLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday September 6, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

Collins Acheampong, Bev North, Paul Snack, Hugh Graham, Ann Harrison, Gail Levay, Dave Schulz, Troy Killick, Bob Eamer, Carolyn Mullin, Annie Holtby, Satoka Hayashi.

1. **Welcome Satoka Hayashi**, Our 2023-24 Youth exchange Student
2. **Land Acknowledgement**

We begin this gathering by acknowledging the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee (Hoe-de-ne-show-knee) and Anishinaabe (Ah-nish-nah-bee) 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**

- 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**

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 Troy. A Rotary Poem.**

6. **President's Report, Correspondence and Announcements Carolyn.**

Announcements. Carolyn reminded people about RLI signup. **Sept 7, 6 pm, Arches** official opening event/turnover to the Town of Pelham. Wear Blue shirts if you attend. Paddle for Polio in US. **REMINDER** No Meeting next week. AGM is on the 20th and Terry Dow from Leadership Niagara on the 27th. **On October 4th, please attend as the District Governor Scott Marcin will be with us.** He will be inducting 2 new members that day as well.

September 16, Wellspring Tour de Lac Bike Ride. Frank and team are completing the 150 KM Great Circle Route. You are welcome to help, ride and donate.

September 30. Pedal for Polio in NOTL. 2 hour bike ride with goal of raising funds to end polio. There will also be **Paddle for Polio** on the US side.

- 7. Guest Speakers. Hugh and Annie - Rotary Auction Niagara** is the new name for our Auction. It's the first year it will be on line ONLY after initially being on TV only and then more recently both TV and online. It was felt that TV was no longer as effective as before. We also want to make sure donors are appreciated and with Auctria our auction website, there are more opportunities to do that including for example, a live link on the donation page to the Business Website. WE have a PPT presentation to give an overview of how things work. For you, our donor solicitors, making the call on donors, your past ones and new ones and for newer members, new donors, is our starting point. The documents Hugh gave out are **VERY IMPORTANT!** And very helpful! The Canvasser paper is yours so you can follow the steps. The Donor's sheet is to get all the information about the Donor and the Donation Page is the description of the item or gift certificate. Both those need to be filled in and confirmed that there will be a donation. Hugh will send electronic copies so you can either print your Donor Form and the Donation Form so you can approach Donors **OR** you can canvas by sending Donors the copies of the form with a message to these potential or repeat donors. Your choice. Here is the link to today's PPT that gives an overview of how things will work this year.
<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/bee4c923-a349-479a-b923-cbc86d2e5057/1/>

If you have any questions about canvassing, etc., for Rotary Action Niagara, please check with Hugh or Annie. No question is too small. We want everyone to feel comfortable with the process.

- 8. Leadership Niagara** is an organisation in Niagara. It's a small organisation in operation for 17 years, training and developing in community leadership and I suspect we'd find them as leaders in service Club, Boards. We look to Non Profit groups, etc. We look for programs and we can help with a number of things including new skill sets. The idea came up when Ann, chair of group who creates content for a program, talked to the board about working wuth the club. Get a team of cross Niagara Leadership people to help us walk through strategic planning/ It would be a bonus for us – 4 people who have experience helping us while doing Leadership Niagara!
Carolyn, I worked with Learning Disabilities in the Niagara Region when I was taking Leadership Niagara. With the timeline this year for our strategic plan, we'd have the point person in Rotary meet with 4 Leadership people. The Strategic Plan will start in the New Year. For Fonthill Rotary, we DO have a plan and updated Troy's year's plan. Strategic plans should be a living document.

9. **Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies Ann**

Hugh was happy to chat about auctions, golf, seeing Rod Stewart's amazing show and also, their family time with siblings.

Paul was happy Zach was back in school. It's quieter.

This is **Troy's** first meeting as Past President. Family had a diving trip in Honduras including a night dive and dolphin camp.

Bob's Rotary moment was how to use a flashlight for repairing the flashlight from late Rotarian Bruce Elliott.

Bev just returned from Newfoundland and it was beautiful!

Gail was happy to report Thursday's concert is the last of the season.

Ann's son is back in school in Sudbury so it's been hectic getting him an apartment and moved.

Collins was celebrating his three years in Niagara in NOTL and found the Rotary stone engraved with 'Have you made someone's life better today?'

Carolyn is excited for Alex to start her masters. Tessa is back at Guelph for her 4th year/ On Campus it's active and energetic.

Dave shared that summer has finally started!

10. **Next Meeting is September 20.**