

April 25, 2019

Musings according to Paulie

...Today's session was chaired by the ignominious Greg who kept us all in suspense for the entire week with the prospect of a program for today's Gathering. However, due to conflict in schedules for the presenter Chairman Greg did say that the presenter may present his presentation at another point in the future that is not of the present time. Never the less, Chairman Greg did regale us in a story of self sacrifice: After many o' years of being dead set against being one of the countless on Facebook, Rot Greg with the help of his better half Rot Shelley, decided on a social experiment. It was announced at today's Gathering that Mr. Greg was now a member of the Facebook community and in the 24 hours of becoming such he has received well over 900 friend requests. I can only imagine then that our home grown Greg will aspire to be the social media titan rivaling even those Kardashians; Flaunting his wares, providing advice on what hot sauce for wings, and posting videos on how not to cut your toenails.

There were 7 of us in number today as most were away on Easter sabbatical. However there was some Groupspeak that carried us through the luncheon. Rot Mike had passed commentary on the viewpoint that dogs should not be allowed to sleep on the bed as dogs are pets and not humans. That was quickly followed up by a cool conversation on hot house fires. Rot Mike went on to credit our GFW volunteer department for its knowingness on how to douse a fire without excess water damage. Our fire guys have the experience, training and the equipment to deal with just about anything they might come across.

As for today's business of Rotary, Chairman Greg presented our newly minted Rotarian Roxanne with her recently arrived member badge and congrats to Rot Roxanne for joining the Rabble with Rot Kim squeezing off a few iphone pics. There was a question on the fly fishing fundraiser to which I replied that the tickets to the event are both at the Classic and with ERMA should you wish to get some to sell to your friends. There has been some promotion on this through Facebook thanks to Rots Shelley and Kim. Rot Heather, although not present today, has come on board to help with the promotion and selling of tickets. She will be emailing the Rotarians to see if anyone needs tickets for the event as well so that she can secure them for you. We didn't have a report handy for what has been sold however it is my understanding that ERMA has sold a few as well as the Classic.....Remember the event date is Monday May 6. Chairman Greg also asked the Gathered if the current board agrees with the Prez Elect's recommendation for him to set the date for the 2019 Wine tasting event to which I reported that this was Ok given the need to establish this date soon. The Chairman henceforth has booked the Wine event for November 9<sup>th</sup> this coming fall. Chairman Greg also added that the town, who is assisting in the coordination of such, would like to offer something "almost every weekend and avoid service groups competing with each other on the same weekends". This should help make our event a reasonable success and the town could provide another plug in getting the interest out there.

Finally, Rot Kim presented both the Mount and our Rotary club with a big Thank You for their involvement with the Special Olympic Games this past winter that never seems to end. Pictures of plenty were taken while both the Chair and Rot Deirdra snuck out early leaving everyone to scratch their heads and fetch their coats as this, and not the chiming of the bell, signaled the end of another Rotary gathering.

May 23, 2019

Ma Prez is back in the Camp!.....The Dias now shines with authority as the Gathered had been without its Queen far too long now. Becoming dusty and cobwebby, the front and center now illuminates brightly with Ma Prez once again at the helm... An like moths to a flame, the Gathered are drawn in and hang on every word she says.

Actually, such words were few as Ma Prez body motioned for someone to please start the Ode only to have Rot John lead that charge. Ma Prez then pulled out her Tome of Wise Words and Welcomes to parse out an audible Rotary Grace. The Maiden of the Mount, who buzzed around us like an electron in its orbital, was taking orders of leafy salads and lunches, and pleaded with us not to place any reviews on Trip Advisor as she seemed to be the solitary Maiden on deck.

The Plan of Proceeding, given there was no speaker, was to receive club input on a Founder's Night. However Rot Peggy wanted the floor to address the club with matters concerning efforts to secure the Grand Falls house from the clutches of the government and plans her group has proposed for the House. However, Rot Peggy advised the club that there were some sensitive information to be parlayed and hence not fit in the publication for public consumption. Some club members suggested an in camera session with no note taking, however I assured Rot Peggy that I would provide upmost discretion in what I would note and would only release a redacted account of her report on these matters. Rot Peggy thought that this should suffice and hence her report is presented below....

Rot Peggy's Report on the Refurbishment and Utilization of the Grand Falls House and Surrounding Areas (Redacted)

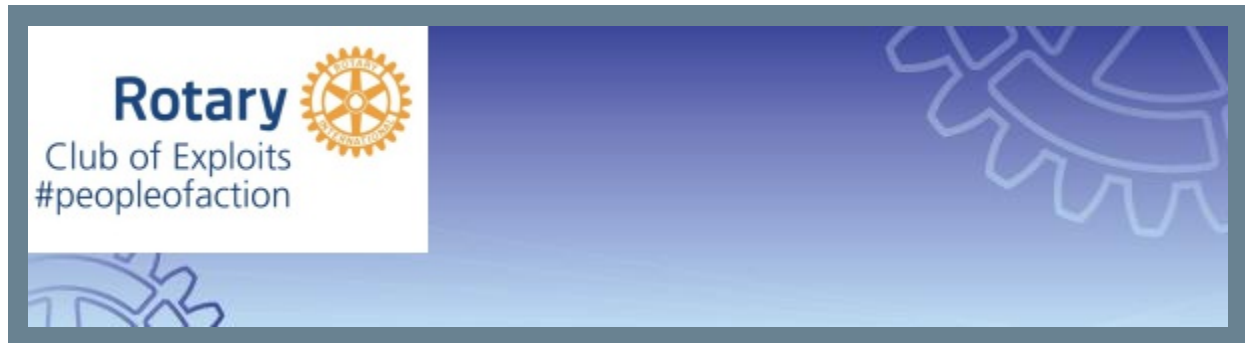
Rot Peggy reported to the club that the Grand Falls House and the surrounding property have been left in government limbo since the province annexed the land and hydro generating assets from Bowater to which this property is a part of. For years, Rot Peggy and a group of individuals have been prodding the Provincial government to turn over the property to a foundation set up to develop this property into a viable heritage site and community center set to attract visitors throughout the year. There is a proposed development plan which has been presented to government and other partners. The aim is to have a building that serves to entertain, engage, and educate visitors in different aspects of the community life within the historical context of life in a paper making town. The plan would call for a dining room, working kitchen, [REDACTED] Swedish Chef [REDACTED] British tea room, and a welcome area for visitors on the first floor. On the second floor, the bedrooms would be converted to themed dioramas depicting historical life in the area. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor has two rooms that could be utilized in a partnership with MUN archeology as an example.

The building would require some upgrades to its fire suppression and electrical systems, [REDACTED] 1" sewer pipe [REDACTED] filled in with greasy globulations [REDACTED], and renovations as required to meet the proposed needs. Outside, there could be some features such as an amphitheatre and a logging exhibit that would pair nicely with this concept, pink garden gnomes [REDACTED] boundary markers, [REDACTED] razor wire electric fence, [REDACTED], and camouflaged bear pits. Funding would be sought among different partners such as ACOA, municipal, offshore accounts [REDACTED] Panama Papers [REDACTED], and the provincial government. Rot Kim suggested that that employment grants would help offset the operating costs associated with this with

Rot [REDACTED] chiming in with proposed prostitutions as a possible revenue stream and [REDACTED] Bishop Falls Generation as offsetting measures. Once the property is under custodial control of the group Rot Peggy estimated that the Phase 1 refit should take about 18 months.

With Rot Peggy's report pushing past the 1:30 mark Rot John hurriedly did the draw with him pulling out his own ticket. After the usual cat calls died away he pulled out some unimportant card thus keeping the still young pot safe. "No time for fines" as MaPrez rose one again to shoehorn a comment reminding all about this weekend's training for us Rots before hitting the bell to shoe everyone out.

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Feedback and comments are welcome, so we can continue to improve this mailing, just hit "reply" and your message will land in my inbox pronto.

Have a wonderful week!

**February 14, 2019 Meeting notes:**

**Opening/Chair:** Vicky chaired the lunch meeting.

**Visitors/Guests:** Susan Hickey (Rotarian John Whelan's wife), and Vanessa Howard (Rotarian Paul Howard's wife) joined us today.

**Speaker(s) & Program:**

Rotarian Amy Critch presented a well-documented powerpoint to the club on her recent trip to India. Amy has had a keen interest in Rotary's Polio Plus program for a considerable time. I remember her telling me about this program 4 years ago when she first spoke to me about Rotary. You could tell by her excitement and enthusiasm about this that she was passionate!

The impact of this program and the value, as well as the appreciation from the people receiving this vaccination for their children really hit home in contrast to the more casual attitude found here in North America. The official status is that Polio has been eradicated in India but the wise strategy is to continue for a few more years and travel to more isolated villages to ensure there is not a hot-pocket that can resurface polio's ugly face. Areas of the world that have seen the recent outbreaks of polio have experienced this disease first-hand and know how horrid it is.

Thank you to Rotarian Amy Critch, not only for this presentation but for her sincere desire to help eradicate this disease and making this trip!

**NEXT MEETING:**

The breakfast meeting that is scheduled for Thursday is cancelled. Instead, our club is gathering at the Legion on Queen Street on Wednesday, Feb 20th for our annual Monte Carlo Night. This event used to be known as Founder's Night, then as our Mini-Auction. We added the blackjack tables a couple of years ago and they are a popular addition!

If you've put your name on the "attending" list, please be sure to attend :)

# MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Feb 20th

AT THE  
LEGION  
ON

QUEEN STREET

JOIN US FOR A

*Scoff and a  
Laugh*

DOORS OPEN : 6:00 PM

BLACKJACK TABLES: 6 - 7:30

DINNER: 7:30 PM

\*\*Tickets are only \$40 (inc tax, and a starter pack of poker chips - \$5)

\*\*Newfoundland-themed buffet by Chef Al Milley

\*\*Live Auction, featuring Auctioneer Paulie Howard and his fabulous assistant, Greg "Vanna" Woolfrey!

The first hour we will have Black Jack tables running - use your winnings to pay for your auction item!



**Stories**

## Feb 14 2019 Musings

Posted by Paulie Howard on Feb 18, 2019



### *Paul's Musings ...*

Happy Valentine's Day!....although I didn't hear anything about it during groupspeak at today's luncheon meetings.... We must be a heartless bunch then chewing on our strips of meat and stuffing buttered oval bread into our gobs; speaking incessantly about the comings and goings of current affairs amongst the din of banging cutlery and the rattle of teacups in saucers....although our Mount Mistress Lisa did arrive a little later to pass around squishy heart-shaped marshmallow valentines to the gathered crew. There were other voices that rose above others in Groupspeak: Rot Peggy did announce to the club that there was a chamber dinner next week... something that has to do with financial advising. (I guess I better turn in all those empties at home then). Rot Michelle wanted a head count for the upcoming Monte Carlo Night for next Wednesday and she stood amongst us all to garner a number. Rot John was musing about a food allergy while Rot Amy was fussing around with the projector in preparation of her India presentation in a little while later. Now we take a break from our regularly scheduled meeting to bring you a message from one of our paying sponsors....

*....Have you experienced a fear of heights, open spaces, closed spaces, spiders, snakes, smells, strange people, sounds, and other cornucopia that unnecessarily amps up your heartthrob, jacks up your blood pressure, and makes you feel that you can't breathe? Well then look no further for there is Polyphobist...A general purpose salve that comatoses the synapsis and makes you feel level in any environment. Do you feel anxiety when the pilot tells you to assume the crash position? Not to worry... Polyphobist will do the trick. Feel a little tight around the throat when the power goes out and you start to smell smoke in your upper-level condo? No problem...Just smear on extra Polyphobist for good measure...Or maybe you get a little sweaty when you run into a tangly spider web that suspends you from the floor....Polyphobist can deal with that!.....Polyphobist....apply topical ointment as required....best used with approximately 6 oz of alcohol. Polyphobist can be found at Canadian Tire, Walmart, or Best Buy.....*

(Now I return you to our regular meeting) The bell was wrung again to garner the attention of all as Sarg Amy rose to administer the draw and fines. My better half Vanessa was here with us today as she was proffered the ticket bin to draw out a ticket from the bunch only to pluck out Rot John's ticket...And guess what, our Johnny drew out the Ace of Spades winning himself a cool \$395... the largest win recorded yet. After the excitement settled down, Rot John led the club in the Happy Birthday song to both Rot Lisa and John's spouse Sue as they both were enjoying B-Days. Sarg Amy buzzed around the room looking for Happy Bucks: Rot Kim paid for an announcement that Cate Robinson, a previous GSE member from Australia, will be visiting this area shortly, Rot Shelley paid a titling for her kids were home for midterm breaks this week, Rot Fred threw in some change for a call out to Judy for being fabulous, Rot John paid a double for winning the 50-50 and celebrating with Sue her B-day, and Rot Peggy paid an allowance for finally having a bit of me time after having

the grandkids for 2 weeks. However before MaPrez introduces our program, we interrupt our musings to bring you another paid promotion.....

*....Everyone likes to be the centre of attention...and what better attention is there when you are the life of the conversation. Are you stuck for a witticism, meme, or a general one-liner? Do you need a quick rhetorical response or an acerbic burn to wedge yourself in a conversation? We have the solution for you...Bad Mouth, an app for your Bit with an eavesdropping A.I. algorithm that hears the conversation and Presto....provides the wearer with an appropriate come back, conversation starter, a swarmy remark, or zinger. Bad Mouth also provides advice on voice inflection, body dynamic, and proper facial expression so you can get the most out of your off-putting pun. Bad Mouth has over 2 million phrases to tailor exactly to each group situation that you simply cannot do without it...Everything from: "Don `t have a cow man!" to "You kleptomaniac...you take everything literally!" Compatible both with Fitbit and Fatbit....just \$9 to download from the app store.....a small monthly \$99 fee applies for updates and tech support....Brought to you by K-Tel....the media medley company.*

MaPrez introduced Rot Amy, who just got back from her Polio trip to India. This was a Rotary International hosted trip where interested Rotarians from around North America and Belgium went as a group from January 26 – February 5 to see what Rotary's Polio prevention program was about and to assist in the delivering of the Polio Vaccine. Upon arriving in India the first thing Amy noticed was that the folks were very friendly and the whole experience was well organized. Rot Amy said that her group experienced the opposite ends of the economic spectrum where her group was housed in the finest hotel yet seeing and experiencing the poverty conditions that exists in some of the communities there.

While there they visited 3 schools where they observed Polio rallies which were awareness campaigns around the disease and Rotary's efforts to eradicate it. Her group took part in helping to administer vaccinations where the group were swarmed by the local population in queuing to receive the medications. Rot Amy reported that drops were provided to youths under 5 years and older folks would receive the injectibles. Amy's group also visited a facility that specifically catered to patients who had missing limbs and need prosthetics and physio services as these were provided under one roof. There was no fee to the public for this services as this hospital was funded by grants and donations.....They even manufactured limbs there for the visiting patients. As a result of these efforts, India has no new cases of Polio since 2003.

MaPrez thanked Rot Amy for a very informative presentation however before we clue up the musings I would like to bring to you an important message from one final sponsor.....

*Imagine this situation....you are with a group of people in an office, car-pooling, or on the trains. Suddenly, you get a vicious gaseous cramp that needs to be gassed out. The bathroom is not handy nor an alone space available for you to retreat to relieve the pressure. You can always take a gamble and let it go, but this is chancy as it needs to be silent and not deadly to the nostrils. Introducing SmartFlat...an intelligent non-descript charcoal filter that attaches to the crotch of your undergarments. For the first time ever, you can flatulate to your heart's desire. The secret is in the charcoal filter and noise cancelling technology. Offending smells are neutralized from the charcoal particulates within the filter and posterior noises are nullified via the electronic fart suppressor. The premium version comes with the Frat House package where you can worsen the smell of the flatulence and amplify and change the fart noise to decibel bursting rippers. Also available in your choice of colours. SmartFlat... Get it now from Amazon or eBay starting at \$199 with financing available.....Brought to you by P<sup>2</sup>&G... a consortium of Panasonic and Procter & Gamble...*

With the time running late at 1:35 MaPrez rang the bell and wished all a good Rotary day and we will see you again at next week's Monte Carlo nite.



Deadline for submission has changed!

Submitted essays or videos selected as finalists will be presented in person to our club on February 28 at the Mt. Peyton Hotel over lunch.

Please share with anyone you know who may be a good candidate!

## Upcoming Events

[Monte Carlo Night](#)

Branch 12 Legion

Feb 20, 2019

6:00 PM – 10:30 PM

[Weekly Lunch Meeting](#)

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*Anniversaries*

**Fred Lee**

**Judy Kearsy Lee**

March 17

**Mike Goodyear**

**Sheilah Goodyear**

March 18

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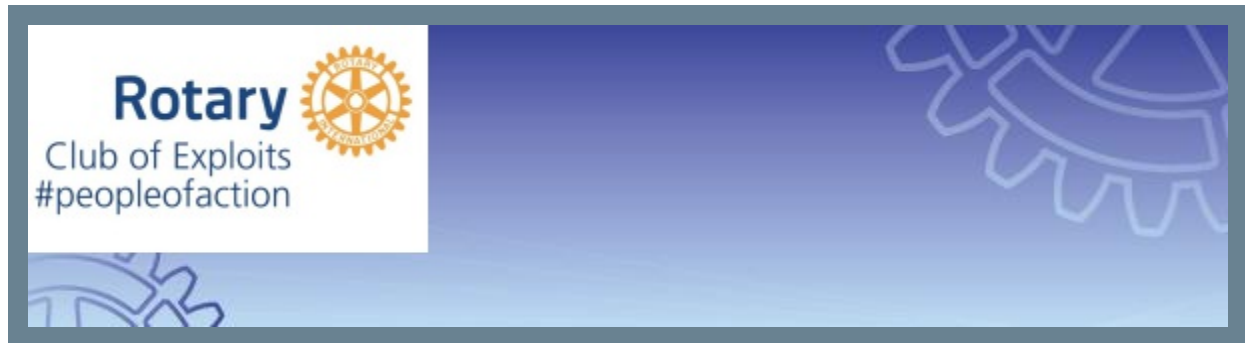
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***January 10, 2019 Meeting notes:***

***Opening/Chair:*** Rotarian Scott Kenny chaired our meeting today, Frank Howard offered grace before our meal.

***Visitors/Guests:*** We had no visitors at this meeting

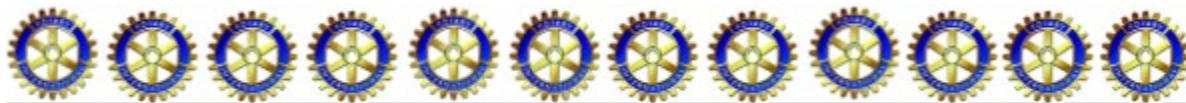
***Speaker(s) & Program:*** The first part of our meeting Vicky updated the club on items discussed at the Executive meeting held on Jan 9th, and discussions that followed. An abbreviated recap:

- A fireside gathering for Jan 24th - location to be determined. Please watch for announcements and be sure to share with your Rotarian friends. The topic we will be diving into is Membership, so please bring all of your ideas to the meeting!
- We need a chair for the Monte Carlo Night event. This is a turn-key event and all the parts are working great. If you've hesitated to step forward in the past, consider this the perfect opportunity to get your feet wet. Lots of support from Rotarians who have done this in the past.
- The board approved the sub-committees recommendation of financial assistance to Special Olympics NL for \$5,000, and GFW Meals on Wheels for \$8,500.
- We have sufficient points to recognize a community (or club) member with a Paul Harris Fellow pin. Note, although typically Paul Harris is awarded to individuals based on their donation to the Rotary Foundation (\$1,000) our club is looking to recognize the contribution of individuals who have made a difference to our club and our fund-raising efforts. Rotary membership is not a requirement.
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***NEXT WEEK:***

Thursday, January 17, 2019  
Breakfast meeting: 8 am - 9 am  
Mt. Peyton Hotel

Chair: Michelle Daye



I have received this meeting notification from Stella Roy and have been given the approval to share with our membership. If you are interested in learning more about any of this (there's no commitment required to fill a role, but you may find something that lights a fire under you! - here is her email pasted directly into the bulletin, please be sure to register if you would like to attend.

NOTE: The meetings for this committee are all conducted online so you need a webcam with a mic to participate. I'm not sure if you need it to have this if you only want to attend to watch and learn.

On to the email: ...

Here is the invite to the Third Club International Service and Club Foundation Chair meeting  
We are covering a few things:

- I will introduce you to the RI Learning center and the Foundation Club Course ( see materials below)
- Elva will tell you about an opportunity to learn how to plan a Global grant and work through the process over a few months
- We will go around the room catch up on grants and projects in process
- reminder about the Feb 15 deadline for a report for current District grants
- polio update World greatest Meal Feb 23

Here is the invitation:

**Please register for Club Foundation Chairs and International Service Chairs on Thursday, January 17, 2019, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM AST at:**

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### [Paul's Musings - Jan 10 2019](#)

*Posted by Paulie Howard on Jan 10, 2019*



*Paul's Musings ...*

...Blurred eyed and shell shocked from the Christmas Visa, I entered the Mount for the first time in the current calendar year. The cool damp wind coming around the corner of the brick stung as a needle and pulled a tear along my dry cracked cheek. Clearing my vision with the backside of my cuff, I kicked along a briny piece of icy snow just for giggles. Like a horse with blinders, I ignored the distractions of the cars in the lot and grumpy looking tourists in the lobby as I pierced the doorway into the bar crucible.

It is assumed that the speed and thought around the innuts of one's head is quite zippy. Today, after many days of Christmas days of overindulgences, my thoughts were as fast as a bubble pushing up through pea soup. Damm....that....Christmas....cheer.. as my head sorely ached over its memory and the resulting impeding function. Luckily, Rotarian Scott K was chairing and I was caught and dragged along in the wake of his pretentiousness.

Spaghetti was served in ghastly amounts slathered over platters served with buns to sop up the leavings. Steaming hot coffee was poured into cups and tea slurped over lips as Chairman Scott invited Rot Fred to be the Sarg. The Sarg bounded up off of his seat to discharge the Sarg duties. With a smirkiness in his face, the Sarg offered up a memorable happy buck story of him surviving a helicopter free fall. Apparently, it was purposely done to create lift on a hot day however the pilot kept his passengers in the dark on this plan. After the Sarg plunked a looney in the Bin for his story Rot John paid some coin as their daughter is doing well, Rot Tim paid a happy looney as he was excited about his plans to attend "Come From Away", Rot Kim paid a ducket for them spending New Years in NYC, and finally Rot Michelle paid a fee to recognize Rotary's donation to both the food bank and Meals on Wheels.

For one last duty of the Sarg Rot Fred invited our past Rotarian Boyd to pull the ticket only to call out his own number however the resulting card draw kept the pot safe once again.

With the duties of the Sarg discharged Chairman Scott reminded everyone of the "Ol' Christmas Day" gathering to be held this Friday nite at Rot Kim's house starting at 7 pm. Rot Scott then invited MaPrez Vicky to brief the club on the previous nite's Board meeting. Prez Vicky provided the club with a quick summary of the board's biz: Checking into a venue for a fireside either at IBEX or Barney's. Also looking for a chair for the Monte Carlo however the date is not yet set....Finally, the board passed motions to donate \$8,500 to Meals on Wheels and \$5,000 to Special Olympics as a result of the proceeds from the wine event.

With no other announcements, Chairman Scott with one eye on the clock and the other on the bell adjourned the meeting and sent all out of the bar....



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8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

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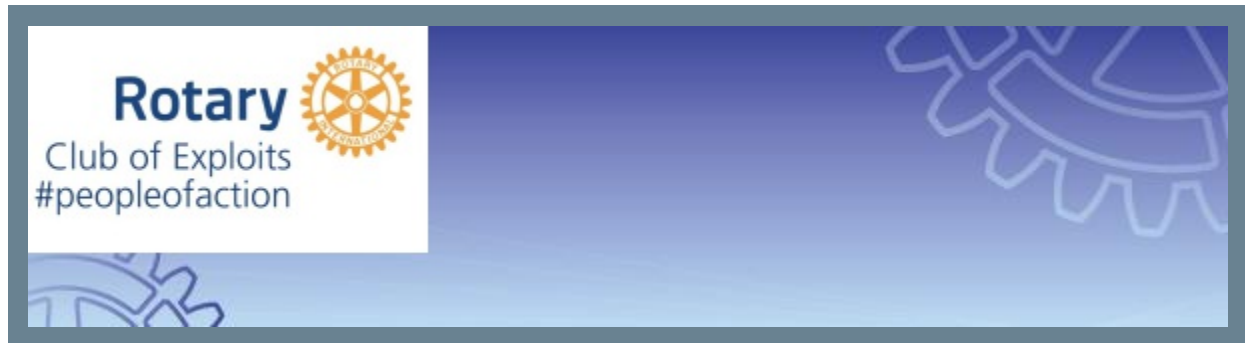
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**Feb 28, 2019 Meeting notes:**

Our club suspended it's regular weekly meeting to hold our annual Adventure In Citizenship speak-off.

This year we had 3 excellent presentations delivered by students from Central Newfoundland.



Reanna George, Bay d'Espoir Academy, South Coast, NL  
Shiloh Burton, Indian River High School, Springdale, NL  
Jessie Austin, Velmont Academy, Kings Point, NL

Our winner was Jessie Austin. We have invited Reanna and Shiloh to apply for the available seat held by our District. Let's wish them luck!

Guests to our lunch included the parents of each student, and our program patron, Dr. & Mrs. Boodhun. Dr. Boodhun has supported Adventure in Citizenship for many years and we appreciate this very much.

Jessie will be spending a few days in Ottawa at the beginning of May and we are looking forward to her return presentation (and maybe one from Reanna or Shiloh as well) when she returns.

***NEXT WEEK:***

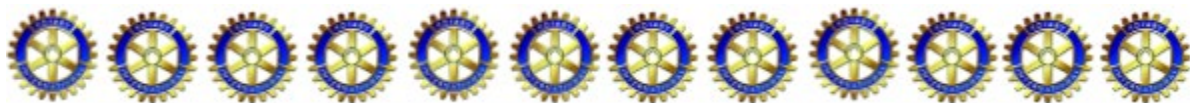
Thursday, March 7, 2019

Lunch Meeting, 12:30 - 1:30

Mt. Peyton Hotel

Chair: Vicky Knee

Speaker: Heather Oakley, Intro talk.



## NEW FUNDRAISER - MAY 6

We will be putting together our committee for this fundraiser at our next meeting (Mar 7th). If you can't attend but are interested, please email anyone on the board.

The Classic Theatre has been booked for the evening of May 6th (Monday) to show a collection of independent films on fly fishing. Considering the active interest and the fantastic river we have at our feet right here in Grand Falls-Windsor, we thought this would be a super fit.

The committee will be charged with finding volunteers for the evening of, and promoting the filmfest to Central NL, as well as all wrap-up reporting and work.

Here is a link the a promo for this - [click here](#)

## Stories

### [March 5 2019 Musings](#)

*Posted by Paulie Howard on Mar 05, 2019*



*Paul's Musings ...*

....Well today our club hosted the speak off for the adventure in citizenship program. For you noobs out there who may have missed it the Adventure in Citizenship program is an opportunity for our Club to send a student to the host Rotary Club of Ottawa where they meet up with like-minded students from across the country to participate in a Canadian citizen experience. More specifically kids from across the country are shown around our nation's capital including Parliament, Supreme Court, and the other institutions of Canadian democracy. They also participate in the witnessing a sitting of the House, participate in the swearing in of the new citizenry, and do some team building to boot. We as a club get to choose who the lucky adventurer will be via a speak off.

However, a speak off is a bit of misnomer, as the student is free to choose the method of their presentation. It could be a speak off, a power point, a video production, or a combination of all three in a timed presentation to the gathered. The judges, selected by the committee of this program, sit quietly in judgement of the presenters. The Judges are then excused, and retreat to some hovel within the Mount to deliberate on their notes. The Jurists return with a verdict on the winner and runner up which is presented to the chair for the announcement. After the clapping of hands and the congratulatory hugs, pics are taken and everyone is sent on their way.

I was one of three judges during the event, and being so I sat in austere reflection of the presenter's efforts to bring their points across. The chair, Rot Deirdre, asked each three predeveloped questions to elucidate a response to which formed a part of their syllabus. Once we went through all of that, the three of us left the room and wormed our way through the labyrinth of the Mount to seek out some unused quiet corner for our deliberations.

Once the cone of silence had fallen, we would compare notes on presentation, content, and style scoring each attribute on a scale of 1 to 10. "So..... What were your thoughts on Speaker #1?", or "How did you rank your speakers in order of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup>?", or "What are your plans this weekend?" were some of the considered thoughts of the sequestered. Thoughts and considerations would be pushed back and forth like a skiff being caught in opposing waves, wind, and tide until a consensus is reached and an agreement is made on who gets to go to Ottawa. Rot John, who headed our group, would then break the sequester to return to the room of the Gathered where verdict would be rendered to the Chair.

It's a lonely profession....this judging bit. Impartiality implies cutting oneself off to the Gathered so as not to let bias build into your decision process. Your only interest is to observe the participant one after the other and let their presentation wash over you like shower water running down your skin. You render your judgement without any emotive effect as there are winners and losers. It would be then the affair of the rest of the Gathered to heap praise on the participants for trying and doing, not the jurists. In the end, there is a starkness to what we did; and a joy to hear the bell once again as we are invited back into the fold of the Gathered.....

## Speakers

Mar 07, 2019 12:30 PM

[Heather Oakley, RBC Commercial Account Manager](#)

Introductory (classification) talk

Mar 14, 2019 12:30 PM

[Peter Alteen, President & CEO Newfoundland Power](#)

We'll be there ... a conversation with Peter Alteen

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*Member Birthdays*

**Vicky Knee**

April 1

**John Whelan**

April 4

*Anniversaries*



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**Fred Lee**  
**Judy Kearsley Lee**  
March 17

**Mike Goodyear**  
**Sheilah Goodyear**  
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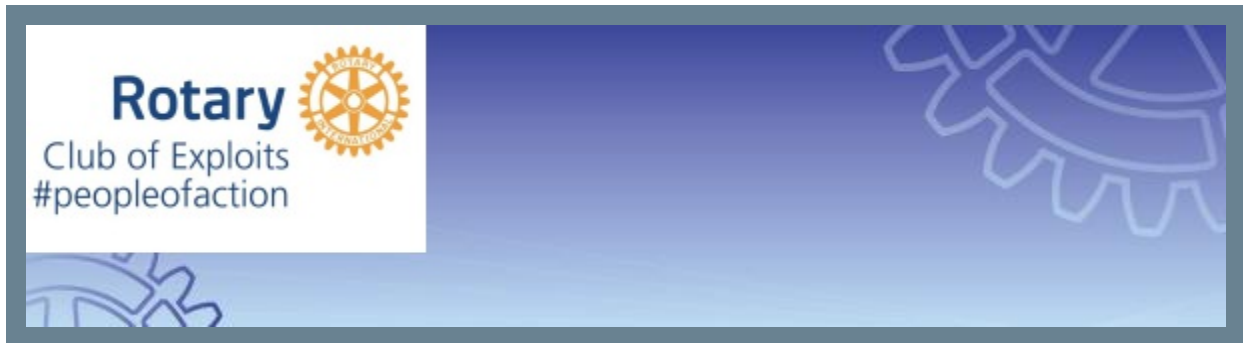
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***January 24, 2019 Meeting notes:***

***Opening/Chair:*** Michelle Daye let the Fireside at Barney's on Thursday night

***Visitors/Guests:*** Susan Hickey accompanied John to the evening.

***Speaker(s) & Program:*** The purpose of the Fireside was set out to do a deep-dive into ideas for improving our membership. Whether it's growth or retention, we need new ideas. Sadly, there were only 5 members who attended so we will have to reschedule this topic. However, some great stuff still came out of this evening, Michelle will give us more details on Thursday.

I received 2 nominations for the PHF - here are the nominating documents if you would like to add someone's name to the deliberation. Please be sure to provide the reasons you think this person should be recognized this way.

- - [To download Word doc](#)
  - [To download PDF](#)

***NEXT MEETING:***

Thursday, January 31, 2019

Lunch meeting, 12:30 - 1:30

Mt. Peyton Hotel

Chair: Vicky Knee & Michelle Daye

Program: Club Business & Updates - Decisions will be made, please attend if you want to have input!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Club Secretary

I'm pleased to welcome John Whelan onto the board as our Club Secretary. John has stepped up and joined the board as Director at Large and now has agreed to fill the important role as Secretary. He will be rolling out his Secretarial duties over the next few weeks.

I would like to thank Fred Lee for stepping in to take Board minutes while we were without a Secretary.

### Monte Carlo Night

Michelle Daye and Sonya Piercey are co-chairs for Monte Carlo Night. A tentative date has been set for Feb 21 - this is subject to approval by the Legion and Al Milley, so please pay attention to emails as they will contain important information.

### Housekeeping ...

- Apparently, there were people who went to the Mt. Peyton on Thursday at lunch. My apologies for the confusion. If you're unsure of a meeting, please refer to the club calendar on the website. If this is not an option text me and I'll update you. My text is 709.293.4769 (PLEASE make sure you include your name).
- Please check your calendars, I've been asked if members of the club would be interested in a **live training** day. The District has organized a training session in St. John's on Saturday, Feb 23rd and Alex is asking us if we would be interested in attending the following day, **Sunday, Feb 24th**. These live sessions are beneficial in many ways and I hope we get enough uptake on this to make it happen. If we get enough from our club interested I'm pretty sure we can arrange to hold the training here instead of in Gander. There would be NO fee for members to take part. Please let me know if you're looking for more info, I'll have it for our next bulletin.
- Paul will be back next week with his musings ...



## ONLINE TRAINING FOR PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

### Paul Harris Society Webinar

The Paul Harris Society has grown to over 21,000 members in 138 countries worldwide and 16% of donations to The Rotary Foundation came from this special group last year. Are you looking for ways to encourage growth in the society within your district or club? Or new ways to keep society members engaged? If so, join us on **Tuesday, 12 February from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm NST**, for a webinar hosted by the Foundation's Annual Giving team. During the webinar, Rotarian panellists will provide tips on how to recognize new Paul Harris Society members, how to engage them after they join and continuously for years to come. In addition, we will include a brief history and update on the Paul Harris Society.

During this webinar, you can expect to hear:

- Ways to promote the PHS in your clubs and districts
  - How to recruit members
- Tactics for engaging and thanking PHS members

**Please register at:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9143508306328160771>

This webinar session is being offered in English only.

Can't make it? Register for the webinar to receive a link to the recording after it is completed.

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**Michelle Daye**

January 18

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## What just happened?

Our April 4th meeting was well attended, and with the return of Paul we were back to our 50/50 tickets and happy bucks!

Rotarian Frank held the winning ticket but drew a Jack (not a Joker, oh so close!) ...

Lots of Happy Bucks were tossed into the coin collector, but alas, I missed jotting them all down so we'll have to just believe there were a LOT of happy people at the meeting!

Not to be missed - we sang a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" to Rotarian John Whelan, who is now a very young 60 years old! I must ask him his secret ...

My intention was to give an informative tour of how to navigate the Rotary.org and Club sites, but instead I believe I gave a decent demonstration of how to not totally fall apart when technology is against you. Or at least I hope I did.

For a much, much better day of training, please join us on May 25 at the College. See below for more details!

*Our next meeting:*

**April 11th at the Mt. Peyton Hotel**

12:30 to 1:30

Chair: Rotarian Kim McDonald-Wilkes has invited Tina Miller to present a very unique fundraising event to our club. I'm looking forward to learning about this and hope you will attend. Bring a friend and please share this meeting info with your Rotarian friends in case they aren't receiving this bulletin.

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### Club Leadership Training

**When:** 8.30am – 3.15pm Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> – includes lunch and refreshments

**Where:** College of the North Atlantic, Grand Falls-Windsor Campus, Rms 107/109

**Who:** Open to all. Essential for incoming presidents / secretaries / treasurers. Very useful for any club directors or anyone interested in Rotary leadership.

**Why:**

- The training gives the details on the “must-do” elements of club leadership
- Includes hands on computer training for the essential web sites
- Practical instruction in navigating Public Image resources
- Get up to date information on RI Foundation
- Also includes guidance on how to enable clubs to thrive
- A fabulous opportunity to swap notes with your neighbouring club

**RSVP:** to AG Alex Twells [alexdtwells@gmail.com](mailto:alexdtwells@gmail.com)

Posted by Paulie Howard on Apr 08, 2019



*Paul's Musings ...*

My sister, Rot Michelle, helped me hopped-footed up to the Mount this Rotary day as I was without wheels. I had returned from my week long sojourn to hear the tales both good and bad from the Gathered Heard. I instead ignored all as I was busy sorting out my abacus to prepare to bilk Rotarians of their lunch money. I did not heed the Groupspeak at all for there was plenty of paperwork to process. I barely recognized the ode and the Rotary Grace for I was being taunted by the kitchen staff: “Would you like today’s meal?” ...”No just the salad please”...”It’s beef on chiabata!” ...”No thank you...that would



give me food coma...Just the salad please”....”It comes with homemade fries!”...”Salad should do.”....”Okaaaay then, what kind of salad?...Chef?...Dressing?...House?”...”umm..OK. (asked and answered)”. Well then, with that level of engagement with the staffer my thoughts were a mangled mess and it took all I had to make the Rotary books proper making me miss out on all the fun stuff being talked about by the group.

I sat down to finally stuff greenery into my gob and I noticed a screen with a computer attached to a projector. “I wonder what the presentation will be today?” I mused to myself. So distracted was I with that thought I ended up not noting the fines and the happy bucks, nor the draw and who won. So lost in my reverie that I felt I was inside my own personal universe with its observable horizon a mere few inches from my being. Consequently I had totally missed out on all that was going on outside within the room where the Rotarians were gathered to placate each other with stories of taunting, torturing, ribbing, and other such vocalizations in the genre of foolishness. I also had missed out on all the MaPrez proclamations about upcoming events and assorted chit-chat.

My focus returned to the screen in front of the Gathered where MaPrez was hovering over the computer and projector like mama bird coddling her eggs. “OK..MaPrez was the program”, my realization informed me. From my vantage point, it was a show and tell on how to navigate both the Rotary International website and our own club web presence on Clubrunner website. MaPrez walked us through the basics of both sites for the Gathered to get a feel, but by and large this is something you would need to practice on your own. This presentation also reaffirmed a personal long held belief: I haven’t yet sat through a computer projected presentation where it didn’t go off without a technical hitch. The screen seemed to take forever to refresh as if it was on dial-up and MaPrez had to readjust her spot so she could be heard addressing the group. However the important takeaway with the presentation is getting through the sign on screen on both sites. Once you do that you can access all sorts of info on both. On the Club runner site which houses our club’s presence on the internet, you can send email to both club members and affiliated members, as well read the occasional blogs about our activities there. On the Rotary International website, you can find out all the cool programs that Rotary is into, as well find online resources needed to help run your club. So if you haven’t signed on to either one of these sites, try and do so and see for yourself what each site has to offer. Do not worry about pushing the wrong button. Unless you got MaPrez’s God access to these sites, you can’t break anything.

Rot Michelle finally chimed in a remark prompting MaPrez that she was running 5 minutes past the token half hour in her presentation. MaPrez, who was finishing her thought on an element of her presentation, acknowledged the Rotarian’s time signal and quickly concluded her remarks. Rot Michelle, outside of arm’s reach of the Rotary bell, gave a vocal onomatopoeic “ding” to signal to all that the gathering was officially over and everyone should go home....

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12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

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The Classic Theatre  
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6:00 PM – 10:30 PM

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Mt. Peyton Hotel  
May 09, 2019  
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

[Breakfast Meeting](#)

Mt. Peyton Hotel  
May 16, 2019  
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

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**John Whelan**  
April 4

**Amy Critch**  
May 2

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