



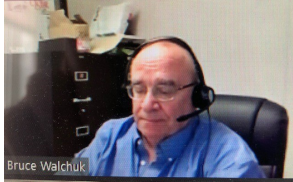
EXECUTIVE 2020- 2021	DIRECTORS	RI & DISTRICT	MEETING LOCATION
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#1016..... VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING November 11 th , 2020			

November is Rotary Foundation Month

GUESTS

- ▶ Karen Mazurski

PROGRAM



- ▶ Rtn Bruce W was here on Remembrance Day to give us the history of his wife’s grandfather , **Lew Evans**, who served in WW1
- ▶ Born 13 July 1890, Llewellyn “Lew” Evans left his home in Meifod, Montgomeryshire Wales to join his brother, Evan Evans in Cleveland, Ohio. He travelled on the SS Mauretania, arriving at Ellis Island in New York 17 May 1912
- ▶ On arriving in New York, Lew was processed through Ellis Island to ensure he was disease-free, had funds to support himself and an actual destination. Those who had no money and no destination were returned to the ships they arrived on.
- ▶ Lew, his brother Evan and half brother “Jock” worked as plasterers in Cleveland. In 1913, Lew and Evan heard about ‘homestead land grants’ in Bedworth, east of Dryden. They arrived in Bedworth in late 1913, barely having enough time to settle in before a typical Canadian winter arrived. Discouraged by the land and the cold weather, Lew wanted to go back to Cleveland, but Evan convinced him to stay.
- ▶ For the next two years, Lew toiled on his small farm and laboured building roads in Bedworth. One hot, humid day in June of 1916, while working on the ‘road gang’ and trying to wave off blackflies and mosquitos, Lew threw down his pick in disgust saying “It would be easier to be in the army than do this..”
- ▶ Lew Evans enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force (Army) 10 June 1916 . He ‘signed up’ in Dryden where he was certified as ‘fit’ by a young Dr. Dingwall. He was described as being 5’ 4” in height, fair complexion, grey eyes and brown hair. He was noted to be a ‘farmer’ and a ‘Methodist.’
- ▶ Eventually, the Dryden area recruits received their orders and were ‘shipped out’ via the CPR. Each time, a crowd of proud family and friends would see them off.
- ▶ April 1917 – His training complete, Lew Evans embarked for England on the RMS Olympic - sister ship of the Titanic. Built to carry 2,400 passengers, Olympic carried 6,000 Canadian Troops on each voyage from Halifax!
- ▶ From August 15 – 25 of 1918, the 52nd fought in the “Battle of Hill 40” where the 3rd Canadian Division suffered heavy losses. The 52nd was down to 260 able-bodied men. Some were with other units, the rest were casualties. On August 25th the 52nd was ordered to another ‘push’ just east of Arras

- ▶ Utterly exhausted, the remaining 260 men of the 52nd arrived at their position early on the morning of August 27 1918.....
- ▶ Numb with fatigue, the 52nd “New Ontario” was ordered into action within hours. The ‘Second Battle of Arras’ was part of the final 100 day offensive by the Allies and the men from our area were in the thick of it.....
- ▶ Assisted by British Tanks, the Canadians advanced. They captured German positions, trenches and guns. After two days, the 52nd was able to muster just over 100 men still fit to serve. Lew Evans was not one of those still standing.
- ▶ At some point on the 27th of August, Lew was hit by enemy fire. A gun shot wound in his left leg and shrapnel from a shell or grenade in his right eye. He was carried from the field either by his comrades, or by captured German prisoners.
- ▶ From 28 Aug 1918 until 04 September, Lew was treated at the 83rd Canadian Field Hospital near Boulogne, France.
- ▶ From 10 October until 17 December, Lew was treated at the ‘West Cliff Canadian Eye and Ear Hospital’ at Folkestone. His right eye could tell dark from light, and he could see the motion of fingers - from a distance of one foot.
- ▶ 24 February 1919 – Lew was posted to the 10th Canadian Casualty Company and set sail on the RMS Essequibo. A small ‘White Star’ liner, Essequibo served as a Canadian Hospital Ship with beds for 600 wounded and full medical staff. Arriving in Montreal, he was sent by train to Winnipeg.
- ▶ Lew was at the Manitoba Military Hospital in Winnipeg briefly in March of 1919. The diagnosis was simple – blinded by a GSW to the right eye. Recommended treatment was to use ‘warm compresses’ whenever there was pain. There would be no medical pension for his wounds – just a basic ‘soldier’s pension’ for his service
- ▶ After returning home, Lew was introduced to Alice Clarke, the sister of his old friend ,James Shapland. A widow with three small children, Alice left Toronto to live with her family in Eagle River. Lew and Alice were married 28 March 1921. Lew and Alice Evans had three children together. On 03 November 1929, at the Red Cross Hospital in Dryden, Alice died in child birth along with their newest son. Lew raised the three Clarke children as his own, along with the three Evans children. A single large family of Lew, 3 boys and 3 girls, living on his farm in Barclay.
- ▶ In 1959, he became a Canadian Citizen. In the early sixties, he travelled back to England to visit his family one last time.
- ▶ In time, his mind began to wander and he would often relive his war in the trenches. His last years were in a veteran's hospital in Winnipeg, where he passed away 13 January 1972. He is buried in the Dryden cemetery.

BIRTHDAYS

MacKinnon, Shayne	Nov 06
Stevens, Bob	Nov 11
Braid, Brian	Nov 12
Vares, Mark	Nov 14

ROTARY CALENDAR (If you cannot make it , please arrange for a replacement)

"Rotarians who wish to invite Guests to our Zoom Meetings on Wednesdays are asked to send guest names and email address to 4pattyvann@gmail.com by 4pm the day before the meeting.

An email invite will then be sent on the Tuesday evening to all invited guests and will include information about the format of our meetings as well as the link."

Nov 18th ,2020 @ Noon on ZOOM

Ali DeClercq, Natalie Welniak, and Kailey Divers - A look at how three of so many small Dryden & area businesses have had to adapt due to Covid 19

Nov 19th ,2020 Tri-Club Meeting via ZOOM at 7:00PM

Nov 21st 2020 9-12 District Workshop - then at 2pm Tailgate Fellowship and Walk at Laura Howe Marsh

Nov 25 @ 7 PM on ZOOM Paul Harris Fellowship Awards for 2020 and Induction of New Members

HAPPY BUCKS

- ▶ Brian K (4) for presentation today - and story of first black Cdn soldier to die in war - and Lancaster pass over Burlington
- ▶ Noel S for presentation - and granddaughter's fourth birthday
- ▶ Brian B of wartime stories from Dad - tailgunner who survived 22 missions
- ▶ Shayne M (3) for presentation, 42nd birthday !! , and sad not to be marching in Remembrance Day parade - poppy to father's grave
- ▶ Peter M (5) for presentation , life is good , sad for passing of Alex Trebek and Howie Meeker
- ▶ Mardi for Bruce's presentation including the pics , parents 70th wedding anniversary today
- ▶ Bruce W (5) for kind words - note that Lancasters were flown by only 1 pilot
- ▶ Patty V - touch space bar to unmute in Zoom - for presentation today - online Poppy store
- ▶ Anna T (5) - for son in military

THE SGT BRIAN K

- ▶ everyone who is disillusioned with a birthday - everyone to pay for Remembrance Day

DRYDEN ROTARY CHARITY FOUNDATION

Moved by Carl E , Seconded by Ed I to approve following payments:

Ignace Christmas Cheer (Mary Berglund)	3,000
Chukuni Christmas Cheer (Ear Falls)	1,000
Chukuni Christmas Cheer (Red Lake)	3,500
Community Support Centre NW-Cheer/Adopt-Family	5,000
Dryden Food Bank	12,500
Dryden Minor Hockey Breakfast Club (\$1,800).....	2,000
Dryden Ski Club (orig. request - \$45,000)	16,000
Ghost Lake Trail Alliance	4,000
Dryden Rotary _ Free Reading/Be Reading	750
Dryden Rotary _ Little Free Libraries	1,000
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CARRIED

THE GRAPE

- ▶ Nicole B - who donated monies back to club to go with Happy Bucks to Legion

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- ▶ chance to John B - but Anna pulled the 6 of clubs

THE LIGHTER SIDE

- ▶ An old philosophy Professor stands before his University class. Without saying a word, he reaches under the desk and pulls out a large empty pickle jar, which he places on the desk. He then takes a bag full of golf balls, and places the balls, one by one, in the pickle jar until it is full. He then asks the class if the jar is full, and they agree it is.
- ▶ Next, he takes a bag of small pebbles, and carefully adds the pebbles to the jar, shaking the jar so that the pebbles trickle down to fill the spaces between the golf balls. Once he can't any more pebbles, he again asks if the jar is full, and the class agrees that it is.
- ▶ Then he takes a jar of sand, and carefully pours the sand into the jar taping and shaking the jar slightly so that the sand runs down to the bottom, and adding more sand until the jar is full to the top with sand. Again, he asks the jar is full, and again, the answer is yes.
- ▶ Lastly, he takes 2 bottles of beer, and carefully pours the beer over the sand into the jar. He then addresses his class.
- ▶ “This jar represents your life. The golf balls are the most important things in your life – your family, your loved ones, close friends, your health, and things that you are passionate about. Note that if your life is full of these, even if everything else was lost, your life would still be full.”
- ▶ “The pebbles are other things that matter: your job, your house, your car. The sand represents all the small stuff. Note that if you fill your jar with sand, there will be no room for the golf balls and pebbles.
- ▶ Life is the same. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness.
- ▶ Spend time with your parents and grandparents, your children and grandchildren. Get your medical checkups. Take your partner to dinner. Take care of the golf balls first – the things that matter.
- ▶ Everything else is just sand”
- ▶ One of the students raises her hand and asks what the beer represents. The professor smiles and says “The beer is to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there is always room for a couple of beer with a friend”

