

Rotary



Lakehead Rotary Club

Membership Newsletter

July 18, 2019

Welcome to all Members

President Clifford Mushquash opened the meeting on July 18, 2019 and welcomed all 19 members to the meeting.

Club Reflections

Karl offered reflections to the group and he referred to an article published in the May Rotarian titled - Putting Civility Back into Civil Discourse a program offered by Better Angels. Everyone is encouraged to read the article pages 35-40 of the May 2019 edition of the Rotarian. The article talks about how a group of individuals from two deeply divided political viewpoints were put together across from each other to talk through a carefully arranged groups of exercises that were designed to help people cultivate the vanishing skill of listening to each other and in this case talk about politics in a civil manner.

Key quotes from the article include:

- I am really worried about our country, about the way we are separated more and more**
- By the last exercise, certainty on both sides seems a lot wobblier than it was in the morning**
- Applying the four-way test to the idea of having a civil conversation is really appropriate.**

Karl mentioned that by applying the four-way test to discussions helps us keep focused on being civil and working better together!

Announcements

Clifford announced that the meeting format will be a Club Assembly discussion. This is in follow up to the discussion a group of the club members had about the various fundraising events - the discussion focused on December Dreams. Clint Kuschak facilitated the discussion.

General Announcements:

- Board met and it is noted that all Directors agreed that hard copies of the board reports will be compiled and available at meetings e.g. Communications; Comprehensive club report; financial and donations reports. Questions from members about the reports can be directed to the specific Director responsible for the development of the report.**
- Clint reminded everyone of the Presidents challenge of contributing \$32 towards the club foundation as a celebration of his upcoming 32 birthday. The annual club commitment is \$2800 to the annual fund for the foundation and \$1800 towards polio.**
- Don Morrison spoke about the upcoming Terry Fox Run scheduled for Sunday September 15, 2019. The website has a lot of information about the upcoming event and volunteers will be asked to help out at the event.**
- December Dream committee will meet following the Club Assembly discussions today. Date to be confirmed.**

Club Presentation - December Dreams - Talented Clint Kuschak

Clint provided an excellent power point presentation on December Dreams successes, challenges, revenue generation, pros and cons of changes to the event, competition, marketing of the event, need and ability to recruit talent for the event and the focus and purpose of the event.

Clint also produced a hard copy report of the details of his presentation. This report was made available at the tables for members to review and it will be posted on the Club Runner.

Members of the club raised questions about various components of the presentation and also made suggestions for the committee to consider such as:

- **potential change in days of the event**
- **venue location**
- **time of start and end**
- **music**
- **focus on millennials and how to draw them out to the event especially those with families**
- **what would attract them to the event and,**
- **potential addition of other types of artists.**

Once the committee has met a follow up report will be provided to club members.

Closing Remarks

Clifford offered closing remarks with special mention to thank Carol for being the door greeter, thank Karl for the reflection and for being such an excellent fine master and to Clint for the excellent presentation and discussion on December Dreams!

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 A.M.

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