



FEBRUARY 8, 2017

This week's program featured guest speaker **Rob Devitt**, supervisor at CKHA. Ken Deane, President and Interim CEO, CKHA was also present as was the new CEO Lori Marshall. Lori recently served as CEO for the Nipigon District Memorial Hospital and the Erie St. Clair Community Access Centre since 2014.

Our guest speaker and other guests were introduced by **Rotarian Fannie Vavoulis**.

Rob, who served as interim CEO for a struggling eHealth Ontario and also as CEO of Toronto East General Hospital for 11 years, was recommended as supervisor by Bonnie Adamson, who was assigned to investigate the CKHA last year. He was appointed by the Ministry of Health.

Rob received his Bachelor's degree from Queen's University and his Master's from University of Ottawa.

His goal is to build a strong organization to support a stronger community. He talked about focusing on 5 areas of activity, starting with **patient care**. He has restarted the quality care committee which meets monthly. Part of the new effort will be to record videos of actual patients and their concerns.

The second area involves meeting with the **medical staff** to help with a new medical model. The third area is the **senior team** which involves new leadership with a new CEO, 3 VPs and a new CFO.

The fourth area deals with the **culture** of CKHA and the need to maintain a safe workplace for the staff. Workplace violence is a major problem in hospitals. Both internal and external engagement is necessary and ongoing to help with this concern.

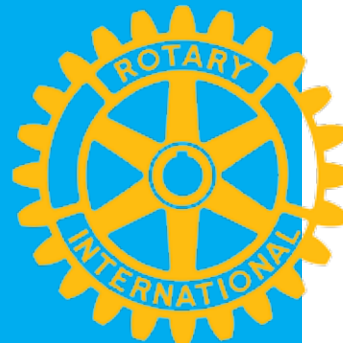
The fifth area is **governance**. This area involves focusing on best practices. This will require the help of a rural health advisory committee.



Guest speaker Rob Devitt



Introduced by Fannie Vavoulis





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At the current time, Rob said that the CKHA is starved for cash. The line of credit has been recently increased from a reasonable \$4 million to a dangerous \$10 million. Cash intake has dropped and the organization is running a serious deficit.

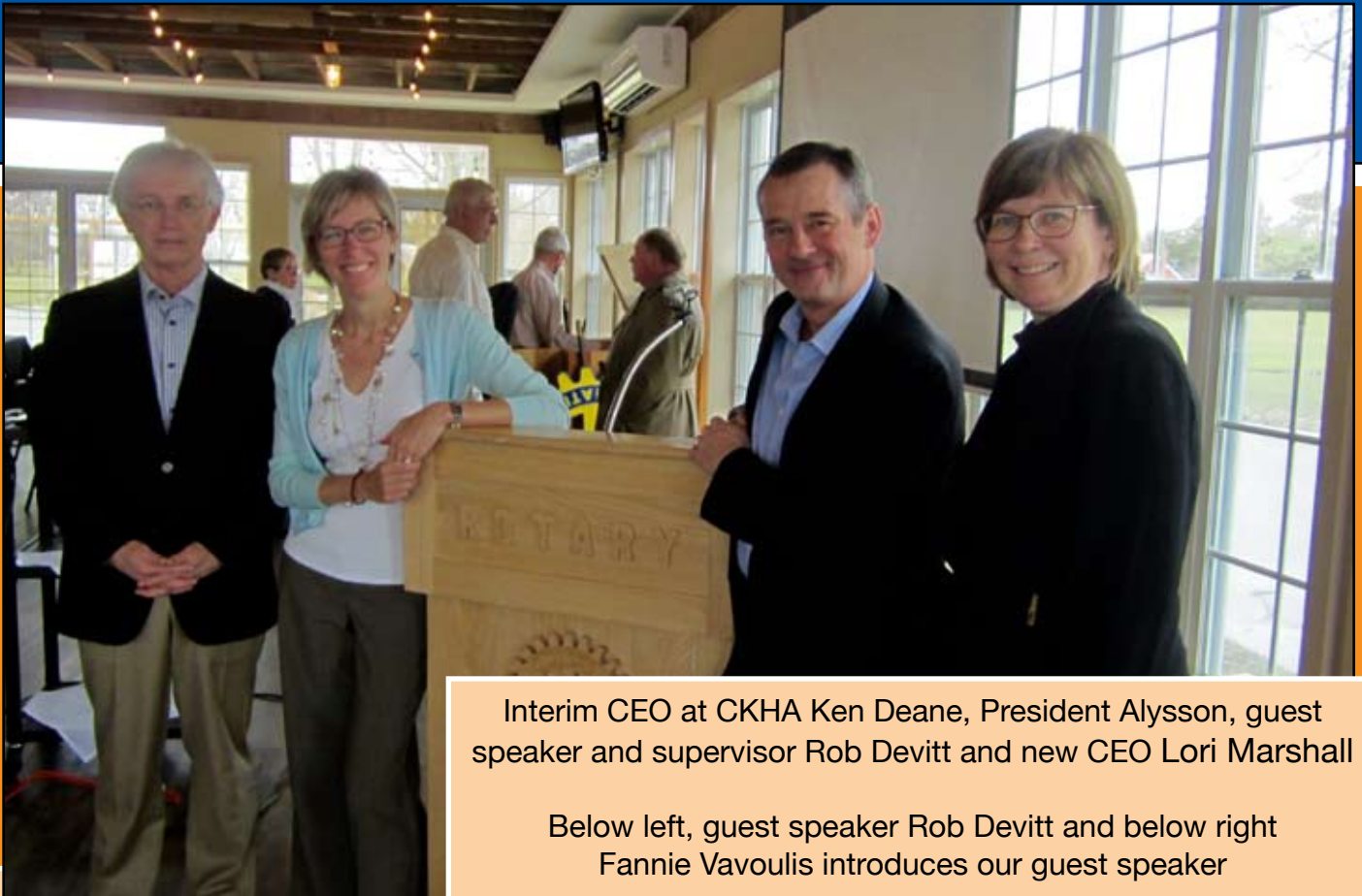
An independent study of finances is needed and there is also a need to develop an understanding of finances and funding.

The priorities for 2017 were also highlighted. These highlights included new medical leaders, new CEO, a financial recovery plan, and the creation of a rural health advisory committee that recognizes that 60% of the area served by CHKA is rural. A new board will also be created. In the meantime, Rob is acting as the board.

Today's program was of great interest to all Rotarians and we thank Rob for updating us on the local health care situation. Our thanks were more formally expressed by **Rotarian Janet McGuigan-Kelly**.



Janet thanked the speaker



Interim CEO at CKHA Ken Deane, President Alysson, guest speaker and supervisor Rob Devitt and new CEO Lori Marshall

Below left, guest speaker Rob Devitt and below right Fannie Vavoulis introduces our guest speaker





Andy Watson paid a fine that goes to the Rotary Foundation so that he could report some Happy News.

His happy news was that he has just finished building another podium similar to the one he built for our club.

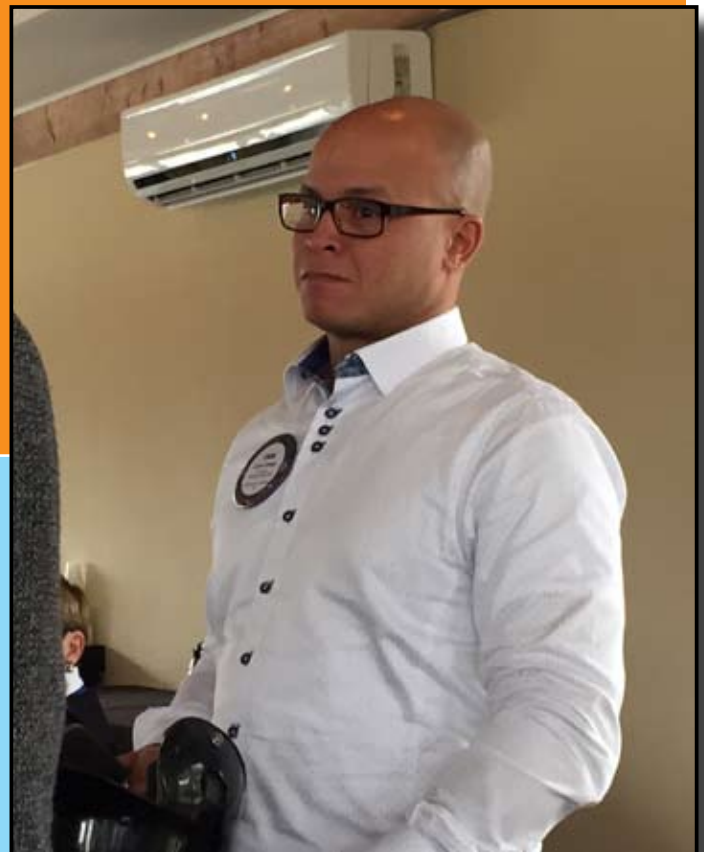
These happy news items cost the member a minimum of \$1 - and sometimes more.

Several members each week have happy news to report.

Over \$1,000 will be collected this year for the foundation.

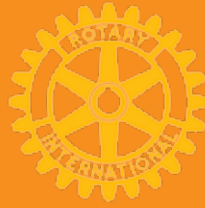
We have our own Finemaster, Chris Prince, who is happy (more than happy) to collect these fines.

Below Janet thanks our guest speaker.



BIRTHDAYS

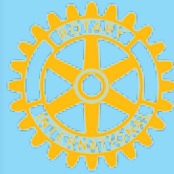
Moira Kerr on Feb. 10
Doug Sulman on Feb. 12
Chris Prince on Feb. 14



Happy Notices

ANNIVERSARIES

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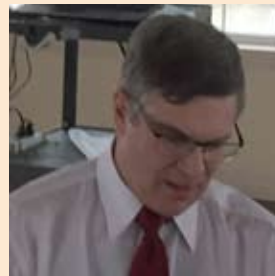


Pianist Julia Smith and songleader Peter Cook lead the Rotary Club in singing each week. Our club has a long history of singing and particularly enjoys songs that are from long ago - usually very long ago. Today, Peter led us in a rousing version of "A Bicycle Built For Two." They don't write songs like that any more.

President Alysson reports . . .



that she attended a make-up meeting while in Key West Florida. The meeting was a sunset meeting and Alysson was intrigued by the motto of the club "Warm Smiles and Cold Drinks." Her father attended the meeting also.



Paul Watson won the 50-50 today. Congratulations.

NEXT WEEK

Stuart McFadden
Economic Development
Report from the Municipality

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

February 22

Brad Colebrook

"The Resilient Mind: Thriving in a high stress environment"

Paul Mayrand received this email from exchange student Jacklyn Janssen.

Hello,

Belgium has continued to be good for me. I have adjusted to my new family well and school is going ok as normal.

I am doing really well in art class here but in math and science, not the best - but I'm ok with that.

This month, in the middle of January, I attended the New Year banquet with my Rotary Club. This was a fancy event to celebrate the new year. It was hosted at an old farm reception where we had lamb for supper. All the Rotary members attended this meeting.

Same for the exchange students - there are four, including myself. They come from South Korea, Brazil, Colombia, and Chile.

Then on the 7th of February I attended a normal Rotary meeting, but this one was a little bit more special because not only did I exchange my club "fanon" (in french) but also the exchange students from my club last year who went on a exchange gave a little bit of a presentation on how their exchange went. Their presentations made me realize how precious my time is here in Belgium and how I must make the most of it.

In a normal day I leave for school at 8 am and return at 3:20 or 4:10 pm depending on the day. In the afternoon I might walk the dog that they have here or play board games with my host family. So far the thing that I have liked most about Belgium is their train system. Even though every other train is late, I like the independence of being able to go places when I want without having to ask my host family to drive me around.

Till next month, Jacklyn Janssen

