



JANUARY 18, 2017

This week's program was an impromptu program that was quickly organized by President Alysson when our scheduled speaker became ill with the flu.

Alysson started the meeting by mentioning that there were four Rotarians in our club celebrating anniversaries this week. These Rotarians have a combined 131 years of service to Rotary. Win Elzinga, Charles Seaman and Doug Sulman are each celebrating 34 years with Rotary and Carl Veroba joined Rotary 29 years ago this week. This is certainly a week to celebrate.

As the program continued, President Alysson asked several Rotarians why they enjoyed belonging to Rotary.

Many talked about the friendships that they have developed with fellow Rotarians. This was a very common theme.

Another common theme was the high esteem that the Rotary organization commands around the world and how proud many were to be a part of Rotary.

Others mentioned the enjoyment in visiting other Rotary clubs as they travel on holiday or business.

Still others talked about the value of the weekly meetings and how much they learn from the speakers. Many talked about the satisfaction of volunteering on the Mustang and similar projects.

Karen mentioned how pleased she was to be the first female Rotarian in our club. Charles mentioned how he enjoyed the opportunity to talk to some of our guest speakers, such as Lawrence Hill, while he served as co-chair of the banquet committee. Chris also mentioned that he will remember his experience with this year's banquet.

Tom recalled some of the events from the year when he was president. One such event was the amazing project of the Pierces. Lois and Dick Pierce were members of the club who decided to walk across Canada to raise awareness of the Rotary Polio Program. The journey took over 8 months and the Pierces were both in their seventies.

Our exchange students thought the Rotary Exchange program was one of the best things about Rotary. We can certainly agree with that.



President Alysson has requested that everyone put their thinking caps on for a fun and inclusive Canada Day idea.



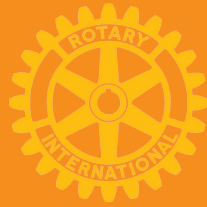
ANNIVERSARIES

Elzinga, Win
34 years
Jan 19 1983

Seaman, Charles
34 years
Jan 19 1983

Sulman, Doug
34 years
Jan 19 1983

Veroba, Carl
29 years
Jan 20 1988



Happy Notices

BIRTHDAYS

Terry Smith on Jan 5

David Barr on Jan 22

Brad Langford on Jan 25

Chris Summerfield on Jan 30



EXCITING NEWS

It was announced at the meeting today that Rotarian Don (Sparky) Leonard has been accepted as District Governor Nominee Designate for the year 2019 - 2020.

Congratulations Sparky.

We are very pleased to have Rotarian Sparky and also Rotarian Barry Fraser from our club both serving as district governors in the near future.

Serving as district governor is a major undertaking that requires a lot of dedication.

Our Rotary Club is very proud of both Sparky and Barry and offer our support as they continue with the work of Rotary.

NEXT WEEK

Jodi Maroney and Hugh Logan

Strategic Gift Planning

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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To Be Determined