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The Rotary Club of Chatham

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This week, our program started with Colin McGregor introducing our newest Rotarian, Tracey Walker. Tracey works at CIBC in Chatham. She was formerly a member of the Blenheim Rotary club and we are pleased to welcome her as a new member to our club.

The program continued with President Jennifer inviting each committee chair to give a report on the activities of that committee.

Colin McGregor started with a report on membership and briefly described the new concept of corporate membership. He also updated the club on our investments.

Tania Sharpe talked about the Bingo program. Each evening of bingo brings in several hundred dollars and the money accumulates. We were able to make a donation of \$20,000 to the Children's Treatment Centre recently using money raised from Bingo.

Paul Mayrand talked about our new exchange student who will be arriving shortly for the new school year.

Les Herman told the club that we made about \$28,000 profit from our TV Bingo on Cogeco in 2018. This has been our club's major fundraiser during the past few years and requires many volunteers. Les expressed the appreciation of the club to these hard workers.

Tom McCarthy reviewed the club's involvement with Mental Health over many years. Tom Storey is the co-chair of this committee.



President Jennifer Hill

by managing our Facebook and Twitter accounts. Many of our members do not have facebook accounts. Nor do they access our Rotary homepage. This might be a sign of the age of our members.

Keith Koke has been our polio representative for many years. He told us that although there are under 50 cases of polio worldwide, there is still a large cost required to keep this disease from spreading. Fortunately, the Bill Gates Foundation is a huge supporter of this program.

Peter Tanner, who has just returned from France with a nice tan, talked about the involvement of our club in the Rachel project in Guatemala. Several members from our club are joining Peter on an excursion to Guatemala this summer to visit schools that are using computers and phones that we helped to supply.

Many Rotarians are working hard behind the scene and we are so appreciative of their efforts. An occasional update on their activities is needed to keep us informed and we thank President Jennifer Alysson Storey keeps our club in the public's eye for having a club meeting program this week.

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Clockwise, from top left: Les Herman, Tom McCarthy Peter Tanner, Alysson Storey and Keith Koke



BIRTHDAYS

Dave Pudwell May 7

Caitlin Caldwell May 17

Alysson Storey May 21

Janet McGuigan Kelly May 22

GLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Karen MacDonald 1 yr - May 9



Colin McGregor introduces our newest member Tracey Walker



The Rotary Club of Chatham gratefully acknowledges the support of Riverview Gaming Centre

Happy Notices

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 8 Laura Richardson Water Work in Guatemala

May 15 Don (Sparky) Leonard

May 22 Monte McNaughton

May 29 Jason Herder Special Olympics

June 5 Vaneet Nair, Author Healthier You

June 12 Club Meeting

June 19 Paula Reaume-Zimmer Vice President, CMHA

> June 26 Jennifer Hill Swan Song