



OCTOBER 17, 2018

This week, our speaker was Paul Allen, a local author who wrote a book about his father and the history of his father's industry.

Paul was introduced by Rotarian Ed Robbins who went to CCI with Paul. Ed also played ball with Paul on a local team that won 2 championships.

Paul wrote a business book that tells the story of tobacco from its earliest days to the present. It is also the story of Ed Allen, his father, who was the long time president of the Canadian Leaf Tobacco Company. The book is called "When Tobacco was King."

Although tobacco has been vilified for its impact on health and harassed by governments and anti-smoker groups, at one time it was the world of the wealthy and a world of glamour. Names like Duke, MacDonald and Allen dominated the industry.

Tobacco at one time was the most profitable agricultural product, not only for the tobacco factories

but also for the farmers who grew the crop.

Paul's father was born in North Carolina and came to Canada as a teenager. He rose through the ranks to become the President of the Canadian Leaf Tobacco Company, the second largest processor of tobacco in Canada.

Paul's father travelled the world as a tobacco-nist. He hopped on one of the first transatlantic airplane flights, sailed on the Queen Mary and even visited Japan.

The book tells about the employment and prosperity that came to those who participated in the industry. It talks about the huge tax revenues that the governments received, and examines the philanthropy of the MacDonalds, Stewarts and other who have generously supported hospitals and universities such as McGill and Duke.

Paul was thanked by acting President Tania Sharpe.

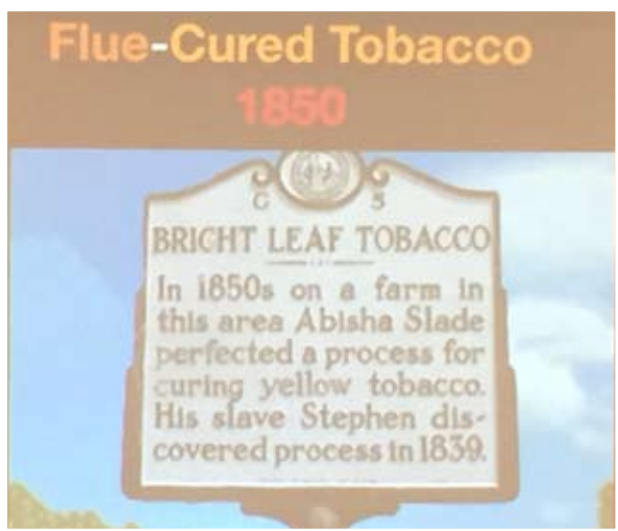


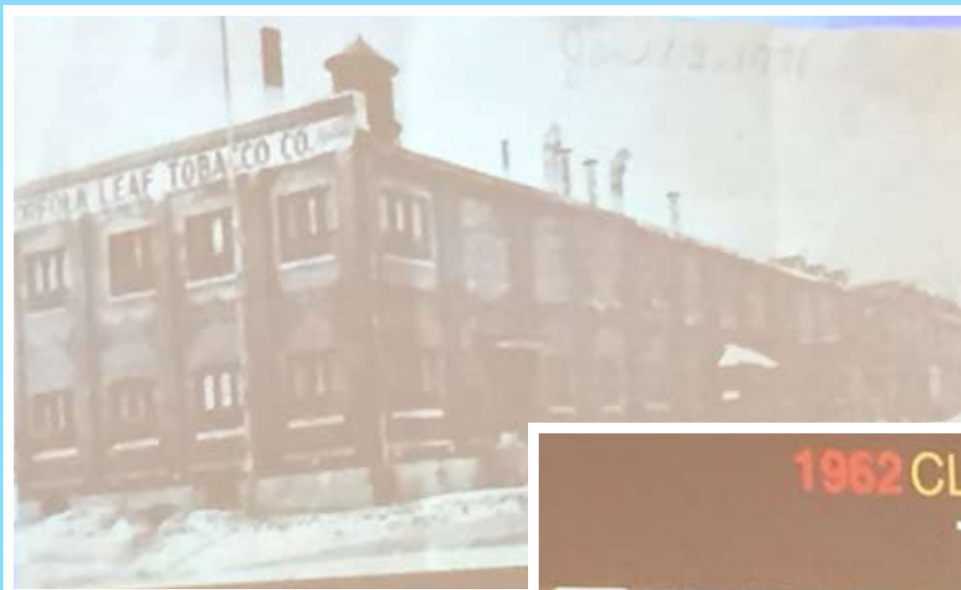


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Macdonald Philanthropy

About 3.0 Billion in today's

- McGill - Physics, Chemistry, Engineering Buildings - Salaries, Land, scholarship
- McGill University of British Columbia
- Macdonald College St. Anne de Belle
- Montreal General Hospital

Duke Endowment

Gift of \$1.3 billion in today's funds
Endowment has given \$3.4 billion between 1924-2013
Fund's value climbed 16% to \$7.9 billion in fiscal 2017.





Happy Notices

BIRTHDAYS

Les Herman
October 18

Gerry Bellinger
October 23

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Cook and
Keith Dawson
26 years

At noon on International Polio Day October 24 the Rotary Club of Chatham will hold an appreciation Pizza Lunch for Community Living's Parkfield Day Program, located at 1099 Park Avenue West.

The members at Parkfield have, over the past 3 years, bundled over a quarter-million Bingo Cards for sale to Rotary TV Bingo players.

Club members are invited to drop by shortly before noon, meet the Workshop crew, and perhaps take part in some authorized photos.

*For further information, contact Rick
at 519-351-3126.*

UPCOMING MEETINGS

OCTOBER 24
**NO NOON HOUR
MEETING**

OCTOBER 31
Club Update

***John Lawrence from the
Sunrise Club sent an
invitation to Water Docs in
Chatham. The invitation is
on the next page.***

Colin McGregor is encouraging Rotarians
to attend a social evening
on Wednesday, October 24, 5:30 pm.

Note that this event will be held at The Kent
located on William St. at Park St.



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

Invitation to Water Docs in Chatham



The public is invited to the second Water Documentary Film Festival in Chatham. Two films will be shown at 7:00 p.m. November 16 and two the following evening, November 17.

Viewing will take place at Villa Angela, 20 Merici Way, Chatham. Doors will open to the public at 6:30 pm each evening. **Admission is free.** Donations to support the work of Ecologos are appreciated.

On Nov.16 the films to be shown are

Invading Giants (12 minutes) showing the importance of the arrival of icebergs to communities in Newfoundland and Labrador.

A River's Last Chance (65 minutes) documents the wild salmon recovery in the Eel River, California, and how that recovery is threatened by competition from other water users.

On Nov. 17 the films to be shown are

The Tale of Two Cities (14 minutes) is the story of two Michigan communities, Evart and Flint and explores the growing threat of water privatization.

In a story about the Canadian Arctic **The Peel Project** (67 minutes) highlights the landscape, culture and wildlife of one of the last intact water systems in North America. A case concerning development in this watershed came before the Canadian Supreme Court in 2017.

The Chatham Sunrise Rotary Club is pleased to partner with Ecologos, the Toronto based Water Docs Film Festival, to bring these films to Chatham. Asked about Ecologos, Executive Director Stan Gibson said "We dedicate ourselves to protecting water, using documentary storytelling and experiential learning to revive a sense of reverence, address threats and stir action." John Lawrence, Chair of Sunrise Rotary's "Clean Water for Living" project said "the Sunrise Rotary club's **Clean Water for Living project asks everyone to do their part in respecting and protecting our water.**" Lawrence indicated "the movies selected for these screenings all illustrate people's dependence on clean water and show them in action trying to protect this scarce resource - clean water."

