



Report on the Meeting of April 30, 2018

Head table

President: Ron Dick

Introducer: Geoff Lloyd

Guest Speakers: Rev Judy Herron Graham and Earl Wotton

Thanker: Bob Alexander

Sergeant at Arms: Kevin Harding

Introductions/Guests

- Rev Judy Herron Graham
- Earl Wotton
- Keith Marshall

President's Announcements

- Ribfest Meeting – Wednesday May 2 at 5pm
- Friendship Meeting – Wednesday Morning
- 76th Annual Air Cadet Review – May 16th at 8pm
- 7070 District Assembly - May 12th 8:00 to 2:00 at the BMO Institute for Learning, 3550 Pharmacy Ave, Scarborough
- Rotary Leadership Institute – June 9th 8:30-4:00 - Centennial College Event Centre, 937 Progress Ave., Toronto
- Lunch on May 14th will be last at Jubilee Pavillion. Danny promises something special

Mic Time

- Rotarian Tom Hodgson: Past Presidents Night – June 18th An evening event. The awards committee has planned another special meeting. Please book the date as many members will receive awards.
- Rotarian Mike Adams: The new SNAP is available on the tables with an update on Rotarian activities. The Oshawa Clean Up didn't make this month's cutoff, but will be there next month.
- Rotarian Emmy Ithema: Reminded everyone of the International Conference June 22-27.

New Member Kevin Harding Sr. was sworn in as a new member and welcomed by his son. Kevin Sr believes in service, helping others and giving back. Welcome Kevin Sr.

Happy Bucks

- Tom Maxwell: Please turn off the phone... also great to see no Maple Leaf jacket.
- Art Lovell: Had a great golf tour... 4 out of 5 rounds.
- Mike Adams: About a song he heard

Speaker – Rev Judy Herron Graham and Earl Wotton

The introduction of our speakers was by Geoff Lloyd. Geoff is their good friend, and glad that they could spare the time to come and talk to the club. Judy is from St. Georges Memorial Church in Oshawa, and Earl will assist in the presentation.

Syrian Refugees in Durham

Judy began by explaining that in September 2015 a picture of a drowned child started a movement. The Government of Canada 25,000 refugees would be sponsored. The Syrians were fleeing because staying was not an option.

The Anglican Church stepped up to help. The Anglican Diocese raised \$55,000 from 5 Durham churches and a family of 7 were taken in. More fundraising was started to raise additional funds and the family arrived in May 2017.

Earl Wotton continued by updating the current situation. The family's English is improving, and the youngest are doing very well in English. The father has a job supporting the family.

Another 3 family members are trying to escape Syria. They are currently in Turkey.

The Syrian civil war is decimating infrastructure. 7.6 million people have been displaced. Many are in brutal conditions in Turkish camps.

St Georges will lead the process of trying to settle the additional family members. There is a need for \$40,000 for this effort. They hope to do this in the next 18 months.

They are asking Rotary to join in the efforts.

Questions followed.

Bob Alexander thanked our guest speakers.

Noon Hour Draw

CONGRATULATIONS goes to Kevin Harding as he chose the Ace of Spades and won the jackpot of \$230.

Next Meeting – May 7, 2018

Speaker: TBA

As we move to our new luncheon location here are the dates and locations:

Monday, May 7th - Meeting at the Jubilee. Pavilion

Monday, May 14th - Final Regular Club Meeting at the Jubilee Pavilion

Monday, May 21st - Holiday-no meeting.

Monday, May 28th - First Regular Club meeting at the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club.

All Regular Meetings at at 12:10 pm on Mondays.
