



ROTARY WHEEL

Rotary Club of Oshawa

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Report on the Meeting of August 20th, 2018

Head Table

President: Kevin Harding Jr.

Soon-to-be-New Member: Jim Van Allen

This Guy Should Be a Rotarian: Walter Fernandez

Rotarian and Thanker: John Hudson

Sergeant-at-Arms & Introducer: Tess Pierce

Introductions/Guests

Jim Van Allen, prospective member

Courtney Doldron, RC of Willowdale President & Trinidad Literacy Project representative

Jodi Cowan, UOIT Advancement

Paul Bignell, UOIT Ex. Director IT Services

President's Announcements

1. We received a thank you from Louise Snider. Al Snider passed away last month. Al served in Rotary since 1969 and was past President of Parry Sound club 3 times!
2. Thanks to the support of our club under the ambassadorship of Past-President Geoff Lloyd, our club received the Bronze Hero Award from ShelterBox Canada. Well done Geoff!

New Member Induction

President Kevin Jr welcomed new member Jim Van Allen to our club. Jim was proposed by Martin Parker and approved by the Board this month. Welcome Jim!

Mic Time

- Tess Pierce: The Welcome Tent with the strong support from Emmy Itheme's security team raised over \$6000 in cash donations at Ribfest this year.
- Tess (yes again): Save the date for Trivia Night on Sept 11. Berry Hill. Fellowship 6-7 and trivia starts at 7 pm. Trish Best will be the Trivia Host and warns us that there will be questions from the ON driving exam!
- Rhonda Vanderlinde: Signs!! If we see any Ribfest signs as we drive about please stop and retrieve them. You can either bring them to the meeting next week or contact Rhonda for an alternative.
- Jay Cannings: The Ribfest was a tremendous success and he thanked all the volunteers who helped make it happen. If you have any invoices please let him know.
- Jay also said that we will be invited to the new Brock Brewery facility once it opens in Sept. Watch for more announcements on dates and times.
- Clive Waugh: Clive and President Kevin did a special Mic Time presentation to the Trinidad Literacy Project. Clive & the World Community Service Committee presented a check for

\$500.00 representative Courtney Doldron. This project provides educational supplies to students in Trinidad. It is modelled after the very successful Guatemala Literacy Project. In addition to the check, Clive Waugh arranged for UOIT to donate 100 gently used laptops to the project. Jodi Cowan and Paul Bignell made this donation on the behalf of UOIT.

- Courtney Doldron: Thanked the club for this generous donation.

Happy Bucks

SO many people were happy that this Sargeant-at-Arms forgot to write them all down. But luckily John Hudson stepped up to make a list. (I remembered a few. My apologies for missing someone.)

Tess Pierce: Thanks to the generosity of club members Tess will drop off 3 backpacks fully loaded, 5 bags of miscellaneous supplies, and checks and cash for over 1500\$ to the Simcoe Settlement House Backpack program today after the meeting.

Kim Tan: Thanked Tess and Welcome Tent volunteers for their hard work. Kim is going on vacation and will see us in September.

Jim Van Allen: is happy to be officially a Rotarian

Courtney Doldron: Is happy to be in Oshawa and thanked the club again for the generous donation.

Peter Hernandez: Had a great time selling tickets at Ribfest with his wife Irina and his buddies from the club.

Other Happy People included:

Tom Maxwell, Emmy Itheme, Mike Uphoff, Trish Best, & Kevin Sr.

A SPECIAL HAPPY DAY

Rotarian Bill Stirling joined us for lunch. It was Bill's 90th birthday. Bill has been in Rotary for 51 years. In addition to serving on the Ribfest committee for many years, Bill was president of the club 1977-1978, received the 1995 Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, was Rotarian of the Year in 2011, and earned multiple Paul Harris Fellows. **Mayor and Rotarian John Henry** presented a Proclamation from the City of Oshawa honouring Bill and his years of service. We sang Happy Birthday and Bill successfully blew out his candles. Thanks Rhoda Vanderlinde for acting as Bill's chauffeur. Bill is happy and invited us all to visit him at his new place at Amica in Whitby.

Speaker: Wilf Bradnock "Weeds of Ontario"

Tess Pierce introduced Wilf. Wilf had a long career in weed and seed management that started in England and continued when he came to Canada with his family in 1969. Wilf gave a very educational overview of Ontario weeds of roadsides, verges, ditches, and home gardens & lawns. He defined a weed as a plant that is growing where it is not wanted. These plants are often cultivated and then spread or used as ornamentals. He had excellent images of some of the weeds that included, dog strangling vine, ragweed, scarlet pimpernel, coltsfoot, and bindweed vines. He told us interesting stories about some of the origins of common plants. Chicory, for example has been cultivated since Roman times and is used as a coffee substitute. Dandelions came over on the Mayflower. He ended his talk showing us the transitions his own garden had from dead lawn to beautiful flowering garden. I loved his last quote. He said there is a Chinese proverb that says "If you want to be happy for a day, get drunk. If you want to be happy for 3 days, cook and eat a pig. But if you want to be happy for life-plant a garden." Rotarian John Hudson thanked Wilf and Wilf stayed after the meeting to answer several members' garden questions.

Noon Hour Draw

The pot was \$350. Keith Marshall had the winning ticket but picked the Queen of Diamonds.

Next Meeting – August 27, 2018

Keith Marshall: Craft Talk

NOTE: There is NO MEETING on Monday Sept. 3 – Labour Day.

All regular meetings held at:

12:10 at the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club.
