

Rotary Club of Oshawa

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Report on the Meeting of Date, 2018

Head table

Introducer: Past Pres. Emmy Iheme
Speaker: Heather McMillian
President: Kevin Harding
Rotarian : Gordon Dowsley
Rotarian: Rhonda Gorham, new member
Sergeant-at-Arms: Tess Pierce

Tess started the meeting with a thought about resilience

Resilience is often thought of as an ability to cope, no matter how dire the circumstances. Resilience as coping relies on humans working together to bounce back.

Introductions/Guests

Jeff Patterson & Leigh Rowney, guests of Ron Cartmell
Lynda Harlos, guest of Mike Adams
Walter Fernandez, Honorary Rotarian
Heather McMillian, our speaker

President's Announcements

Next week we will not be at the golf club. The program committee will let us know the details, so watch your email.

1. Board meeting Arthur Lovell's at 5:30pm
2. 75th anniversary video for the 151 Chadburn Air Cadets.

Video submitted by Secretary Rhonda featured Johanna Wagstaffe the on-air meteorologist, seismologist and scientist for CBC VANCOUVER NEWS and CBC NEWS NETWORK. Wagstaffe is also an Alumni of 151 Chadburn - Happy 75th anniversary!

Special presentation:

The Honours & Awards Committee announced the Rotarian for January is Tom Hodgson. Even though he received this award a few months ago, he deserves recognition for taking care of the directory and the member board. He's been taking care of the directory longer than President Kevin has been alive. (>36 years)

Mic Time

John. Hudson: Global Grant Scholarship applications on the table
Over the past we have had 2 people supported by these grants.
\$40,000 Canadian
Got to <https://www.rotary7070.org> for more information.

Emmy Itheme: ParaSport Games update. There are many ways we can support the games. For more information go to: <https://durhamregion2019.ca>

Happy Bucks

- Tom Maxwell made fun of the Sgt-at Arms about learning a new word
- Trish Best & Clive Waugh spoke about their trip to Dominican in February
- Emmy Itheme is happy to be part of Parasport Games and happy Heather McMillian is our speaker today.
- John Hudson told a good groaner joke
- Kim Tan said thanks for the money for artists in Tabago and she needs more \$\$ to sponsor her in the YMCA Megathon.
- Tom Hodgson told a cute story of his only granddaughter. "I'll check on you later grandpa"
- Rhonda Gorham is happy to be in club.

Speaker: Heather McMillan, Executive Director Durham Workforce Authority

Emmy introduced our guest, Heather, who is a symbol of what it means to be an Oshawa community member. Heather was laid off 12 years ago from auto sector. She is now the Executive Director of DWA, a community-based research group working on skills gaps, increased productivity, and rate of technology infused employment. DWA does not work on their own. They partner with labour, government, education, and industry. Heather provided quite a bit of details on what the DWA does and plans to do. Some of these include:

- Labour market & intelligence of the Durham under 25 yr. old workers & employer surveys
- Conducting industry tours for educators and parents to showcase the different opportunities in Durham.
- Planning two summits one in February and one later in the year.
- Organizing a community data walk event

Heather also provided detailed slides and graphs of Durham demographics, the changing face of jobs in Oshawa, the low unemployment rate (5.3% this is lowest in +25 years). All data points to the fact that Oshawa is poised to grow because the workforce is diversified beyond auto.

She ended by saying this is an opportunity for us. Not only will Oshawa be OK we will get better!

Rotarian Gordon Dowsley thanked our speaker.

Noon Hour Draw

The pot was 395\$. Jim Van Allen had the winning ticket but pulled the 4 diamonds. A second draw was for a hand-knitted cap for the Parasports games. Tom Maxwell had the winning ticket.

Next Meeting – January 22, 2019

Our next meeting will NOT be on Monday. It has been deferred to Tuesday.

The Program committee has arranged for our club to join with the Rotary Club of Oshawa Parkwood at 6:00pm at the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club.

All regular meetings held at:

12:10 at the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club
