



Rotary Club of Oshawa

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Report on the Meeting of 08.07.19

Head table

President – Jay Cannings

Guest Speaker – Kevin Harding (Retiring President)

Sergeant at Arms – Trish Best

Fellow Rotarians – Gary Kindree, Peter Hernandez, Alan Densham (new Board members 2019/2020)

President's Announcements

1. Next week's meeting will feature the launching of Ribfest 2019 at 11.00am on the Golf Club patio with press present and Brock St Brewery and some special ribs! Jay encouraged as many club members as possible to attend the launch. There will be an ordinary meeting afterwards in the OGC.
2. Board meeting tonight at Core 21, Oshawa
3. 100th Anniversary Committee Meeting tomorrow night at Core 21 at 5.30pm
4. Meetings for this year will start at 12.05 and finish at 13.15 at the latest

Introductions/Guests

Guests present:

Karen Dick, wife of Ron Dick

Saleem Kassum, guest of Geoff Lloyd

Christine Gilmet, prospective new member

Mic Time

Al Densham– Thanked everyone who attended Lobster Dinner – profits will be going to The Rotary Foundation.

Kevin Harding – Thanked everyone who turned out for Summerfest at the weekend – a great success. Several members around the room agreed with Kevin.

Happy Bucks

Kevin Harding and **Peter Hernandez** for Summerfest

Saleem Kassum member of Toronto Rotary Club, pleased Geoff had invited him to lunch and also for taking part in golf tour of PEI with Oshawa club members

David Mills for successful house move

Ron Dick for being able to have lunch with wife Karen and also for handing over Treasurer role to Croydon De Mello

Bob Merry for healthy and happy family

Speaker – Kevin Harding, Retiring President

Kevin gave a heartwarming speech about his Presidency for 2018-2019 year. He decided to take on the role because of what a motivational speaker once said: "If you want to live an epic life, say yes, figure it out later". This is what he did. He discovered that he had tremendous support within the club and didn't have to figure it out alone.

There is an excellent framework in place from Club to District to Rotary International which provided him with anything he needed. He thanked Ron Dick, immediate Past President, for his guidance and mentorship, Rhonda Vanderlinde for her role as Secretary, Ron for his role as Treasurer, Sgt. At Arms Tess Pierce for her fantastic way of keeping our weekly meetings interesting and humourous, and Trish Best, Martin Parker and Peter Hernandez for being alternates. He also thanked the rest of The Board for their support and leadership.

Kevin continued by thanking the Committee Chairs for their hard work this year. He said that the Committees are what really drive our club and he thanked everyone who has served on them. He thanked other individuals in the club for their contributions through the year including Tom Hodgson and Croydon De Mello for their musical talents, Dave Brooks and Kevin Harding Snr for manning the registration table, Geoff Lloyd for his exemplary role as a ShelterBox Ambassador, and Michael Adams for his promotion of the club in Snapd Oshawa.

Kevin listed the vast number of events we have made for the good of our local community, the broader Ontario community and even communities abroad, particularly Ribfest, Dominican Republic Service Project and the 151 Chadburn Squadron Air Cadets. From all of activities through the year 4,700 volunteer hours were used and \$62,000 invested both in Oshawa and around the globe. He maintained this was an incredible achievement and as a reward we have received the Rotary Citation with a Platinum Distinction – the highest award made by Rotary International.

He finished by wishing Jay Cannings and the new board well and thanked all present for their support in his Presidential year. He hoped everyone had as much fun as he did.

Noon Hour Draw

Trish Best - \$28.00 – 10 of Hearts

Next Meeting

**Monday July 15 at Oshawa Golf Club
at 12.05pm.**

**NB Ribfest Launch at 11.00am at Golf
Club**

All regular meetings held at:

12:05 at Oshawa Golf Club, Alexander Road, Oshawa
