



ROTARY WHEEL



Rotary Club of Oshawa

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Report on the Meeting of June 19, 2018

HONOURS AND AWARDS EVENING

The O'NEIL COLLEGIATE MODERN/JAZZ BAND gave a rousing rendition for our entertainment during fellowship and cocktails.

The meeting started around 7:15 pm after Rotary grace/prayer presented by Geoff Lloyd, commending Rotary's work in Canada and Worldwide. National Anthem

Head table

Introducer;	Gary Kindree.
Speaker:	Thanh Campbell.
President	Margaret Wallace.
Thanker:	Abb Gilbert
Sergeant at Arms:	Emmy Iheme
Past President:	Geoff Lloyd.

Honourary Members were presented by Rhonda Vanderlinde.

Ian McCready was recognised for his Video for Rotary/Ribfest and club events; promoting both with lots of 'sizzle'.

Walter Fernandez for his awesome amazing enthusiastic' as Tanh would say; commitment to Ribfest.

Major Weigle as Commander of 151 Chadburn Squadron. Major Weigle is a retired Det. Sgt. from the Durham Regional Police and joined the Chadburn Squadron as a Warrant Officer

Rotarians of the Month:

Michael Adams, Martin Parker, Trish Best, Gordon Dowsley, Bill Sterling, and David Brooks.

Perfect Attendance:

David Mills, Bill Sterling, Kevin Harding, Abb Gilbert, Ron Dick, Tom Hodgson, Mike Adams, Martin Parker, Margaret Wallace.

Years of Service:

20 yrs. Bob Merry 40yrs. Tom Hodgson, our ubiquitous pianist, Gary Kindree (43) and David Flett (39)

Past President's pin:

Kevin 'pinned' Ron Dick; together with a caricature of Ron as the indefatigable cheering Leafs fan. Artist Eric Sanguine stood and was recognised. He also helps with O.R.Club designs. Kevin was honoured to be Ron's V.P. this past year.

Paul Harris Fellows:

Presented by Al Densham, who gave an overview of the P.H.F. If every member of the club is a PHF then the club is designated a Paul Harris Club.

Al presented Gary Kindree with his PHF pin.

Dave Perkin and Bob Alexander will receive their second pin (with Sapphire) at another Rotary meeting. Rhonda Vanderlinde and Emmy Itheme received theirs from Al.

Ron pointed out that The Rotary Foundation was one of two foundations which distributed most funds back to their community.

Each year the club donates a P.H Fellowship to a deserving member of the community. This year we recognise someone who has served Rotary well in the past and has rejuvenated the Jubilee Pavilion where we are today and the patio which is a real treat to the Lakefront. We would like to donate an Honourary PHF to Danny and also recognise the great treatment that his staff has given our club. Ron presented the pin to Angie for Danny.

Al congratulated all the recipients

Rotarian of the Year; was presented by Louise Parks, last year's ROY, to Gordon Dowsley. Gordon has many years of service to Rotary and is recognised internationally and has Chaired the Program committee which has produced a series of Events/Regular meeting Speakers, which would be the envy of most clubs.

Gordon has organised the distribution of tens of thousands books to First Nations children in isolated Northern Communities.

Margaret then asked Gary Kindree to intro our keynote speaker Thanh Campbell, pronounced TON

Thanh now lives in Hamilton, is the host of his show Our Ambitious City, is on Facebook and YouTube. He sits on a number of boards; McMaster Children's Hospital, Hamilton Media Advisory Council. He was born in Vietnam coming to Canada on the last flight from Saigon on a Canadian Forces C31 in 1975 with 56 other orphans. He has told his story on CBC, TVO, Canada AM and many newspapers. He has just finished his book ORPHAN-32 an autobiography. He has spoken to many business groups, conferences and schools

He has been awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship.

“I have a big mouth and a loud voice” no need for a mic. “turn to the next person and say; you are amazing and awesome and now say the same thing to yourself, and notice how the enthusiasm drops as that is not the way it is in your head” We are all born and have a ‘sell by’ date, it’s up to us what we do in that time. Be a Winner! Have purpose.

The last few hours in Saigon with a frantic effort to get 3,500 babies out before Saigon fell. The last plane a Galaxy double decker crashed. An urgent message was sent from Saigon to Hong Kong for planes. There were no more planes left. Only the efforts of a training crew from Trenton who were flying a training mission from Trenton to Hong Kong took the chance. A decision of the captain of the plane, made with compassion, in the ensuing chaos a C31 and no seats but lots of banana boxes which were duct taped to the floor. In went the babies and off they went. –Saigon –Hong Kong—Vancouver—Toronto. Most of the kids (57) had no papers but had adoptive parents waiting. For Ton the Campbells. Remember my name---won Ton Campbell soup. He was in Sarnia 30 years later and someone had met one of his C31 compatriots and helped contact his sister in Vietnam. Then his father by DNA tests finds his long lost son! So never give up, tomorrow can be ‘the best day of your life. A miracle perhaps. ‘When you look at things differently, the things you look at can change.

Thanh thanked us for what we do, ‘the step you take to help your neighbour can be awesome and amazing’.

Abb Gilbert thanked Thanh for his amazing and motivating message

Future Meetings

June 25th - No Meeting - Rotary Int'l Convention

July 2nd - No Meeting - Canada Day long weekend

Next Meeting – July 9th, 2018

Oshawa Golf Club - 11:00 am Ribfest Media Launch

- 12:10 pm Presidential Turnover Ceremonies

All regular meetings in July at:

12:10 at the Oshawa Golf Club
