



Rotary Club of Oshawa

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Report on the Meeting of March 5th, 2018

Special Meeting

This meeting was partially run by the cadets of the 151 Chadburn Squadron RCAC. We were happy to host the outstanding cadets in their roles as members of the head table.

It has been a squadron tradition for many years to hold an annual squadron mess dinner for cadets, parents and family members. This year it is Sunday, March 25 at the Lviv Ukrainian Hall at 6 pm. This event is an excellent opportunity to meet the squadron staff and to hear of the successes of the cadets and the many opportunities that are available to youth involved in the air cadet program and 151 Squadron.

Head Table

President: Ron Dick

Introducer & Thanker: Warrant Officer Chandler

Guest Speaker: Sergeant Brandon James

Sergeant at Arms: Flight Sergeant Rabjohn

Rotarian: George McCormick

Introductions & Guests

1. **Sergeant Brandon James** of the Canadian Armed Forces-Advanced Warfare Centre.
2. **Art James:** Brandon's grandfather
3. **Hala Abou Youssef:** Visiting Rotarian from RC in Cairo.
4. **Lori Talling:** Durham Region Sports Tourism Coordinator & Guest of Emmy Itheme
5. **151 Chadburn Squadron Guests:** Capt. Brosseau, Flight Sergeant Rabjohn, Warrant Officer Chandler,
6. **Margaritte O'Neal:** Guest of Mike Adams and prospective Rotarian

President's Announcements

1. Say Hello to Dana Hesp, & Pat Rudka who we have not seen for awhile.
2. Board meeting @ Margaret's house tonight
3. Membership meeting @ 6 pm John Henry's office
4. World Service meeting after meeting next week.
5. Banner exchange with Hala Abou Youssef

Mic Time

Tess Pierce: Challenged us all to "try to top" her awesome PI pie. Celebrity judges are prepped and ready. Awards are set. Let's get irrational! Who will win the Quacked award?

Happy Bucks

Gord Dowsley: (1) The evergreen trees near his daughter's in Dundas are favorite roosting sites for migrating turkey vultures. They were there in full force over the weekend. So Spring is officially here.

(2) The current Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, gave our club a number of copies of 150 stories about Canada for the Thunder Bay book project.

Emmy Iheme: (1) Happy to have Hala here from Egypt. Also welcome to Lori Talling.

(2) Emmy's daughter is an emerging artist and some of her drawings posted on Facebook are getting positive comments. Olivia is proof that art and science go together.

Hal Youssef: Thank you for hosting me and she is proud of her husband.

Peter Hernandez: Participated in Toastmaster Evaluation contest and placed at area level and will be in district level later in year. Peter also was happy about his positive experience going cell phone free all weekend.

Mike Adams: IOU for happy bucks about RCAF gold medal.

Speaker

Sergeant Brandon James of the Canadian Armed Forces-Advanced Warfare Centre is a paratrooper instructor out of Trent. He shared both photos/videos of parachute demonstration team the Sky Hawks. One was a breathtaking video of the intricate show maneuvers like the "hop n pop" maneuvers done while falling at 70-80 mph. Another was a video of him being "schooled" by his instructor in a jump. James shared a story of jump near Bowmanville where the wind was so strong he flew backward and he landed 2 km off target. Broken ankles are normal injuries for this elite team of paratroopers. Instead of a speech he took questions from the group. Some questions were:

- Do disaster jumps include smoke jumping into fires? Answer: Not at this time but they have deployed to fires. They are currently evaluating if they will be trained in smoke jumping.
- Are there any women in the SkyHawks? Answer: One was in the group in past, does not know if current class includes any women.
- Who packs your chutes? Answer: There is a chute packing team that packs everything except the jumper's personal pack.
- What is the difference in sizes of parachutes? Answer: Total pack weight could be over 200#. Each pack is sized to match reason for jump.
- What is the training like? Answer: In 5 weeks training session they jump 10 times a day everyday and are debriefed after every jump.
- What is your most scary experience in Afghanistan? Answer: James told a moving story of child being shot and his role in child's recovery from a tension pneumothorax (collapsed lung).

Noon Hour Draw

The pot today was \$185.00. The winning ticket 4477 by this scribe, Tess Pierce. But alas, I drew the 8 hearts. So the pot grows.

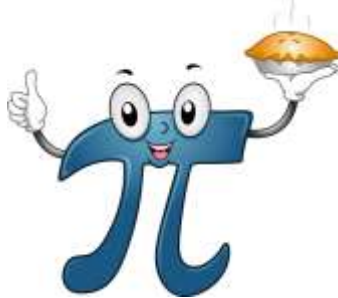
Next Meeting – March 12, 2018

Speaker: John Hudson

Topic: Collecting Classic Cars for fun and profit

REMEMBER!!

Let's get irrational! It is PI day.



All regular meetings held at:

12:10 at the Jubilee Pavilion Banquet & Conference Centre
