



ROTARY WHEEL

Rotary Club of Oshawa

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Report on the Meeting of May 14th, 2018

Head table

Margaret Wallace, Past President
Dorris Heffron– Guest Speaker
Ron Dick, President
Kevin Harding – Sgt-at-Arms
Keith Marshall, Rotarian

President's Introductions - Guests

President Ron Dick introduced Dorris Heffron as our guest.

Announcements:

President Ron Dick announced that this was our last Club meeting at the Jubilee Pavilion and thanked Danny and staff for looking after the Club so well during the time our Club has had luncheon meetings at the Jubilee. Danny and his team were presented with plaques for our Club in appreciation of their services. Danny thanked Rotarians for the support we have given to him and his team and stated that they are true friend of Rotary.

Board of Directors meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m. tonight.

There will be no Club meeting on Monday May 21st as we are celebrating Victoria Day.

The Club meeting on Monday May 28th will be at the RMG and members and guests are encouraged to sign up no later than May 22nd.

The first regular Club meeting commencing at the new location of the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club will be held on Monday June 4th, 2018.

The Club meeting on June 11th is our annual picnic at the Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens to enjoy the 14th annual Peony Festival.

The Club meeting on June 18th is a dinner to celebrate and honour Club members for their contributions and service with awards. This meeting will be held at the Jubilee Pavilion. More details to follow.

Mic Time

Clive Waugh, on behalf of the World Community Service Committee, requested a meeting following the luncheon to discuss the possibility of a Club Member that could dedicate a week of time to the Dominican project and the costs related thereto.

Kevin Harding and Jay Canning discussed the District meeting in Scarborough that they had recently attended with President Ron and Kevin Harding Sr. There were many good sessions in particular recruitment and retention of new Members. They highly recommended members of the Club to participate in this event in the future.

President Ron Dick also recently attended an Oshawa Parkwood Rotary event including a silent auction that provided him with some good ideas to assist us with fundraising events undertaken by our Club in the future.

Happy Bucks

Dale Duke, Trish Best, Tess Pierce, and Michael Adams all participated and contributed to Happy Bucks and provided expressions of happiness and gratitude to other Rotarian Members.

Speaker – Dorris Heffron

Past President Margaret Wallace introduced the internationally acclaimed writer, Dorris Heffron. Dorris has an Honours B.A. and M.A. in Literature and Philosophy from Queen's University. While working as a tutor for Oxford University she wrote three novels about teenagers, published by Macmillan, London, and is a pioneer in the genre of young adult fiction. The novels were translated and incorporated into high school courses in Europe, Japan and Canada. Dorris has served on the National Council of Writers' Union of Canada, the Board of Directors of PEN Canada, the Writers' Trust of Canada, the Toronto Arts Council and the Board of Directors of the Native Men's Residence. Dorris was Chair of the Writers' Union of Canada from 2013 to 2014.

Dorris provided Rotarians with an informative and interesting presentation on how her career as a writer started, developed and flourished. Dorris said she knew at the age of 8 that she wanted to be a writer. She began recording events in her life around her. Knowing there were a lack of books for teenagers she was inspired to start writing realistic novels about teenagers. Dorris was 25 years old when she published her first novel *A Nice Fire and Some Moonpennies*. This was the first of three novels about teenagers that Dorris wrote and became internationally acclaimed as a pioneer in the genre of young adult fiction.

In 1980 Dorris decided to write adult fiction books. Her first novel was *A Shark in the House* about a woman dentist in Toronto who reluctantly finds herself involved in the aboriginal standoff at Oka. Her new novel, *City Wolves* is a story of Canada's first woman veterinarian who becomes the notorious "Dog Doctor of Halifax " in the 1890's and winds up in the Klondike gold rush tending to sled dogs. Inspired by her sled dog "Yukon Sally", at the heart of the novel is the story of how wolves became sled dogs and the human nature of wolves and the wolf-life nature of humans.

Gary Kindree thanked Dorris for taking the time to share her interesting story of her writing career and how her career had evolved over the years.

Lucky Draw

Kevin Harding Sr. was the lucky ticket holder however was not successful in picking the lucky card.

Meeting Adjourned.

No Meeting – May 21st, 2018 - Victoria Day

Next Meeting – May 28th, 2018 - **Meeting at Robert McLaughlin Gallery**

Please contact Tess Pierce if you have not signed up yet.

Guests are invited as well.

Cost to attend is \$25.00. Final date for signing up is May 22nd.

Future Meetings

June 4th - Oshawa Golf Club- New Members meeting

June 11th - Botanical Gardens- Peony Festival

June 18th - Jubilee Pavilion- Honors and Awards Dinner
- 5:30pm cocktails, 6:30pm dinner

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

July 2nd - No Meeting- Canada Day long weekend

July 9th - Oshawa Golf Club- Ribfest Media Launch 11am and Turnover
Ceremonies

All Regular Meetings at at 12:10 pm on Mondays.
