



ROTARY WHEEL

Rotary Club of Oshawa

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Report on the Meeting of Monday October 15th, 2018

Head table

President - Past President Ron Dick
Introducer – Clive Waugh
Guest Speaker – Dr. Stephen Murphy, President UOIT
Thanker – Bob Alexander
Sergeant at Arms – Tess Pierce
Fellow Rotarian – Bonnie Brown

President's Announcements

There would be no meeting next Monday October 22nd as our meeting has been transferred to **Wednesday October 24th from 5.00pm to 9.00pm at Durham College.** The meeting will be held in the new CFCE (Centre for Collaborative Education) which is the new building on Simcoe St. that contains the Global Classroom on the ground floor. It will feature interactive screens linking Rotarians across the world on World Polio Day with Dr. Bob Scott, former chair of Rotary International Polio Eradication Committee, as our guest speaker.

Following the Foundation Walk Al Densham would like all club members to bring their contributions to the meeting to be held on October 29th.

Introductions/Guests

Ron Cartmel – a Rotarian from BC who has recently moved to Oshawa and told us he wants to become involved in Rotary here.

Guests of Clive Waugh from UOIT:

Dr. Stephen Murphy, President and guest speaker

Peter Stoett

Craig Elliott

Jodi Cowan

Loreen Feddema

Cheryl Foy

Yvonne Stefanin

Debbie McGarry

Sue Rawlinson

Mic Time

Trish Best on behalf of the Fellowship Committee said there would be no more trivia evenings this side of Christmas as everyone was too busy. She did announce, however, the date and venue of our Christmas Dinner:

Thursday November 29th, 2018 at The Jube Club and Patio at a cost of \$40 per person and start time to be announced later.

Gordon Dowsley announced that The Annual Night of a Thousand Dinners to raise funds for the Rotary International Committee for the Eradication of Landmines around the world will be held on **Thursday November 21st, 2018 at The Officers' Mess in The Armouries, Simcoe Street, Oshawa at 6.30pm for 7.00pm**. The cost will be \$75 per person which includes both the meal and a donation to this worthwhile cause.

Tess Pierce announced that celebrated Canadian author and journalist, Gwynne Dier, would be giving a lecture on the rise of populism in The Regent Theatre, Oshawa, on Wednesday 17th October at 7.00pm.

Happy Bucks

Tess Pierce has 6 of her students attending Washington DC Conference.

Peter Hernandez and his wife are expecting their 3rd child in February.

Michael Adams' son scored the winning goal in representative hockey game.

Dale Duke will be curling against the Rotary Team going to Scotland.

Gordon Dowsley was happy to receive Ken Ridge's library of books into the store room of books going north to the Indigenous Peoples near Thunder Bay and thanked Trish Best's daughter for sorting the books for him.

Jodi Cowan from UOIT was glad to be at the meeting.

Ron Dick's granddaughter is 1 year old.

Bob Merry is proud of his grandsons.

Ron Cartmel was glad to reconnect with Rotarians on his arrival from BC.

Mike Uphoff had visited Bill Stirling who is in relatively good health.

Dave Mills had a great holiday in Las Vegas.

John Hudson's granddaughter won a singing competition in Vancouver.

Speaker – Dr Stephen Murphy, President of UOIT

Stephen Murphy opened his talk by informing us he had arrived at UOIT in March and the first thing he did was to consult with the students who were about to leave, the staff and the community to discover what were the priorities and what needed to be changed. He found there was a huge pride everywhere in UOIT and that there are many physical and human resources cementing the pride everyone had.

He mentioned the ACE Wind Tunnel as the prime of example of hands on experiential learning combining the classroom with experience running alongside. He described this as cooperative education and he wanted to extend this to other disciplines with students learning in the University and in a company in the community. He believed partnerships between UOIT and the Durham community were very important especially with the auto and nuclear sectors.

He said the university now needed to form teams to bring innovation into the teaching and learning opportunities they provided. He said that at both locations – Simcoe and downtown – he would like to see entrepreneurial faculties set up, social entrepreneurs downtown and technological ones at Simcoe. He wants UOIT to become the MIT of The North, the most ambitious, strongest technological university in Canada.

The new President continued by saying he wanted the university to become a “sticky campus”, i.e. a place where students want to stick around rather than leaving for other activities. He has therefore installed picnic tables and chairs around the buildings and

open areas so that students can socialize together more and encouraged team games including Inter Varsity basketball.

He also wants UOIT to become a place of technological focus with a conscience. He gave an example of the Internet development to illustrate his point. The years 1989 to 2005 was a phase when most people were accessing the Internet by going online, from 2005 onwards we were wondering what the next and newest development would be, now we are worrying about privacy and security. So, we need to look at the question: "What are the implications of technology?" That's what students and staff need to come to grips with and determine what advances their consciences will let them take.

He finished by telling us that the university will be known as On Tech U – UOIT is a bit of a mouthful!

After answering some questions Dr Murphy was formally thanked by Rotarian Bob Alexander.

Next Meeting

Wednesday October 24, 2018 at Durham College, Simcoe St. 5pm to 9pm.

Cost is \$25

Parking is free in Foundation 2 lot.

Location: CFCE (Centre for Collaborative Education) which is the new building on Simcoe St. that contains the Global Classroom on the ground floor.

All regular meetings held at:

12:10 at Oshawa Golf and Curling Club
