



Report on the Meeting of September 24, 2018

Head table

President: Kevin Harding

Introducer: Michael Adams

Guest Speakers: Peter Hernandez

Thanker: Gordon Dowsley

Rotarian: Clive Waugh

Sergeant at Arms: Tess Pierce

Introductions/Guests

- Rayon Gillespie
- Linda Noble – visiting Rotarian from Scotland
- Doug Sanders
- Maureen Black

President's Announcements

1. Kevin presented Linda Nobel (from Scotland) a Rotary Club of Oshawa banner
2. No meeting next Monday, instead we meet on Tuesday October 2, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Oshawa Golf Club, please RSVP via email to kharding82@hotmail.com

Mic Time

Al Densham – Foundation Walk in Kleinberg Sunday September 30, 2018, we have 20 members who have donated approximately \$2,300, our objective is \$6,000. Oshawa Rotarians to meet at 9:30am Sunday morning in the gallery, bring your lawn chair, there is a picnic lunch.

Tess Pierce – Reminder the club has reserved 10 seats to the Billy Bishop Goes to War Musical, tickets are \$38 each, October 25, 2018 at 7:30pm

Gary Kindree – Come out tomorrow for honors and awards committee meeting, contact Gary if interested.

Happy Bucks

Peter Hernandez – Celebrated his daughter Lucia's first birthday, his family is also moving into a bigger house since his family is growing once again

Kevin Harding – Kevin's son Logan turns 4 this week and they had a birthday party for him this past weekend

Gary Kindree – Gary's grandson is a warrant officer with 151 Chadburn Squadron, he also bought a cottage this weekend

Bob Merry – Spent Saturday with his grandsons at the Royal Ontario Museum, great weekend with his family

Guest Rayon Gillespie – His wife is pregnant, they are expecting a baby boy on December 23rd

Geoff Lloyd – Great golf yesterday, Tiger wins the Tour Championship, Justin Rose (England) wins the FedEx Cup and his granddaughter is visiting tomorrow for lunch

Bonnie Brown – Gordon told her that the Night of a Thousand Dinners is happening this year

John Hudson – Happy for his lovely family, especially his beautiful granddaughters

Visiting Rotarian Linda Noble – Happy to visit Ontario, happy to have been married for 44 years

Speaker – Peter Hernandez – Craft Talk

Introduction – Michael Adams – Peter has been a member of the club for almost a year, since joining he has added another member to his family. Michael brought Peter to the club before he joined as a member. Peter and Michael are also members of the 100 Men of Oshawa. Michael says like a glass of wine, Peter gets better with age.

Peter Hernandez started by saying that Michael Adams had asked him for a bio to which Peter replied with “If you don’t know anything about me after a year you haven’t been paying attention, you are going to have to wing it”

Peter started with a quote from author Neale Donald Walsch “Life begins at the end of your comfort zone” which is something Peter has followed for most of his life.

Peter is married to Irena, they have two daughters Layla and Lucia, his parents are from Chile, they moved to Canada in 1975 on a temporary basis, which has turned into a lifetime.

Peter’s father was an engineer in Chile and when he came to Canada he had to go through all of his designations to become engineer in Canada, his mother was a teacher.

Peter lived in many cities growing up since his dad’s job required them to move around, his dad finally landed a permanent job at Darlington Nuclear Plant and they ended up living in Oshawa where Peter grew up.

Peter went to Brock University graduating with a BA in Business Administration, this is the first time Peter went out of his comfort zone, he had never been on a rowing team before but decided to try out for the Brock rowing team, and he made the team and was positioned as one of the power rowers. Peter then attended the post graduate program at Sheridan College and was one of 6 candidates to work at the consulate.

After university Peter became a Flight Attendant, this is where he learned he wanted to do much more in life, a colleague had asked him “what’s your story kid?” Peter’s response was “I’m just going to travel for a year and move on” his colleague replied with “that’s what I said when I was your age, and here I am”, this is when Peter realized he had better start looking for something new.

Peter then moved on to work at Maple Leaf Foods, he now knows everything about potato’s. His role with Maple Leaf Foods took him to Mexico City where he lived for a few years before they shut that office down, he then moved to Montreal for a few years

and then came back home to Oshawa when his dad became ill. He now works from home trading internationally.

Peter is also a founding member of the 100 Men of Oshawa, he has also taken on a role with Snap'd Oshawa.

Peter ended with a few fun facts, he once met his childhood hero soccer great Pele, he has also met the members of his favourite rock band Kiss.

And lastly he let everyone know that his wife is pregnant with their third child due in February 2019.

Noon Hour Draw

Jim Van Allen - \$56 – 7 of Clubs

Next Meeting – Tuesday October 2, 2018 – 6:00pm

Speaker: District Governor Mary Lou Harrison
Oshawa Golf and Curling Club

All regular meetings held at:

12:10 at the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club
