



ROTARY WHEEL

Rotary Club of Oshawa

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Report on the Meeting of April 10th, 2017

Head table

Louise Parkes

Professor Robert Wright - Speaker

Ron Dick, Acting President

Janet Chappelle

Kevin Harding Sgt@Arms

President's Introductions - Guests

Acting President Ron Dick introduced the following guests:

Professor Robert Wright

Darryl Sherman

Gabriel Kakamoto Exchange student

Announcements:

Acting President Ron Dick announced the following:

1. Rotary Leadership Institute would be held at Centennial College on Saturday April 22nd. Contact Ron to register or register online on the Rotary website;
2. District Assembly on Saturday May 13th at BMO Learning Centre, Toronto. Contact Ron to register or register online on the Rotary website;
3. World Community Service Committee meeting to be held immediately following the luncheon meeting; and
4. Tom Hodgson – “You’ve Got Mail” Please ensure to pick it up.

Gordon Dowsley reminded everyone that on May 8th, 2017, Rotarians are to meet for lunch at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery to celebrate the 60th Anniversary. Signup sheet were available at each table.

Janet Chappelle presented the Rotarian of the Month to Tom Hodgson and thanked Tom for all that he continues to do for Rotary.

Happy Bucks

Frank Murphy, Abb Gilbert, Ron Worboy, Dale Duke, Bill Stirling, Donna Doherty, and Kevin Harding all explained why they were particularly happy at our meeting and contributed to Happy Bucks.

Speaker – Professor Robert Wright

Rotarian Louise Parkes introduced Professor Robert Wright, Trent University at Durham, as a noted Canadian historian, author of bestselling and award winning non-fiction books, and in particular, his most recent book Trudeaumania The Rise to Power of Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

Professor Wright provided Rotarians with a very interesting and thought provoking talk about the rise of Pierre Elliott Trudeau and challenged the superficial interpretations by many critics that Trudeau's rise into power was primarily due to his charisma and charm.

Professor Wright enlightened us on how Trudeau vaulted to political stardom because he provided both a cogent diagnosis of the crises facing Canada and the world, and a uniquely Canadian set of solutions borne of decades of study and debate. Trudeau's rose to prominence as a lawyer, intellect and activist in Quebec politics. The intellectual consensus in Quebec in the 60's was that, for Canada to survive, it could only survive as two nations. In 1968, Trudeau won the election as a result of his vision of Canada as one nation preserving national unity against the Quebec sovereignty movement, suppressing the FLQ crisis, fostering a Canadian identity in implementing official bilingualism to ensure Quebec would always feel at home and a part of Canada, patriation of the Constitution and establishing the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Janet Chappelle thanked Professor Wright Mr. Bowman for taking time from his busy schedule to attend at Rotary and provide his informative and interesting presentation on the rise of Pierre Elliott Trudeau in Canada.

Lucky Draw

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

Changes to directory, PLEASE contact Tom Hodgson

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting – April 24th, 2017

Michael McDonnell - Canadians in the American Civil War

All regular meetings held at:

12:10 at the Jubilee Pavilion Banquet & Conference Centre
