



ROTARY WHEEL



Rotary Club of Oshawa

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Report on the Meeting of January 29, 2018

Head table

President: Ron Dick
Introducer: Carol Henry
Guest Speaker: Dr. Joel Baetz
Sergeant at Arms: Kevin Harding
Thanker: Rhonda VanderLinde
Rotarian: Louise Parkes

President's Announcements

1. Feb 12 Board meeting @ Rhonda's
2. Great Fireside chat thank you Rhonda and Kevin for the new members presentations.
3. Another Chat is scheduled for May
4. Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is Sat. Feb 24 @Centennial College. Tuition for Level 1 is free, Level 2&3 is 70\$ each.

Introductions/Guests

- Dr. Joel Baetz (speaker)

Mic Time

Kevin Harding: briefed us on the highlights of his Pres-Elect training last week. These include: Strengthening relationship with Parkwood, RI Theme for 2019 is "Be the Inspiration." He was also surprised that other clubs struggle to find quality speakers. Glad our club does so well, Thanks to Gordon Dowsley & his committee..

Happy Bucks

Ron Dick: Happy about our new puppy "Dakota"

Peter Hernandez: Happy and blessed because his new baby, Lucia, was baptized yesterday.

Kevin Harding: Thank you Ron for chairing the membership committee

Dave Mills: went to fabulous Opera singer at Regent. Clubs should go to these cultural events as a group, and Oshawa is becoming a hub for culture like this.

Mike Adams: Happy both kids did well at hockey over weekend, and the cover of Snapd will be amazing (Stay tuned!)

Speaker – Dr Joel Baetz – Trent University

Rotarian Carol Henry introduced Dr. Baetz

Dr. Joel Baetz is the program coordinator for Trent University Durham's Communication and Critical Thinking Program. Before his career as an academic, he worked at a boutique management consulting firm, with a reputation for helping national corporations with strategic planning and human resource development. While at Trent, he published work on Canadian national identity, urban resource development, anxiety, and war poetry.

Dr. Baetz's ongoing work is a project with the Region of Durham on storm water management. Most municipalities (and the ones in our region are no different) are facing a funding crisis when it comes to storm water services. As infrastructure ages and as climate gets warmer, wetter, and wilder, municipalities will need to find ways to pay for the construction, maintenance, and improvement of storm water services.

Baetz discussed different strategies for funding storm water services that will improve the aging infrastructures. This is part of his work with students at Trent on community involvement and identity. His background in English and poetry influences how he feels about water. The changing ways of learning at university is a desire for learning and skills for preparing for a career. Community-based research projects merge university knowledge + skill building. The Capstone project on storm water management is a direct result of this new dynamic. One way municipalities are addressing issues is a three-tiered fee (read tax) that is based on how much impermeable surfaces on the property. There are also plans to apply fee to industrial complexes. Using good environmental communication can improve the public's thinking from taxes to community building.

Good questions that followed his excellent talk focused on project development, new green planning technologies and the decline of creek life, and who actually manages storm water in Durham.

Rotarian Rhonda VanderLinde thanked our speaker.

Noon Hour Draw

The pot today was \$153.00. Dale Duke picked the 8 of Spades So the pot grows.

Next Meeting – February 5, 2018

Speaker: Garth Johns – Oshawa Business Improvement Area

All regular meetings held at:

12:10 at the Jubilee Pavilion Banquet & Conference Centre
