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Another ZOOM edition

“Antarctica. You know, that giant continent at the bottom of the earth that’s ruled by penguins and seals.” – C.B. Cook, Twinepathy

President’s Announcements.

Fireside Chats are important for connecting to the club and for learning the ins and outs of what we do and who we are. **The next FS Chat is June 12.** New Members - watch your emails for more information about this fun night!

New Member Meeting Today

Our traditional NM meeting was a huge success. Here are the members of this fine group of Rotarians: **Acting President:** Stanley Lilavois, **Sgt-at-Arms:** Bob Linton, **Introducer & Thanker:** Randy Nickerson. **Also Contributing** Bukky Ojo, Jeff Fertile, Marty Franssen, Lynda Harlos, Christine Gilmet, and Shailene Panylo.

Happy Bucks

Happy Bucks today introduced using e-transfers as a donation opportunity. The New Members requested a minimum donation of \$5 and several Rotarians upped their donations to show their support. Happy today - **Tess** because of the opportunity to mentor the new members. **Emmy** announced his move to Greenbank. **Bob L. & Donna** expressed gratitude to all the nurses working on the frontline. This is National Nurses Week. **Bob’s** daughter is a nurse in the COVID unit and **Donna** praised the nurses trained @ Trent. **Rhonda G.** reminded us that the 151 Squadron committee is busy interviewing graduating cadets for scholarships. One example of exemplary cadet is Warrant Officer 1st Class Lloyd who is the 4th member of her family to be a cadet. This cadet also won a prestigious trip that she cannot take due to COVID. **Tom Maxwell** also expressed pride in our cadet scholars. **Michael Adams** was happy to announce that all Durham SNAPD will be honouring Nurses in the next issues. Send him pictures! To send your happy bucks donation contact Croydon DeMello at croydon.demello@gmail.com.



Mic Time

Tess Pierce announced the new alliance Rotary has with Toastmasters, Toastmaster's is offering new communication courses to help you grow your networks, improve your skills, and increase your impact in the community. Visit [Rotary's Learning Center](#) to take the first two courses (Note: courses can't be accessed on mobile devices). Check your email dated 11 May for more information.



Tess also invited members to be guests at her Toastmaster's meetings. Wednesdays at 7-9 pm. Just email Tess and she will make sure you receive the ZOOM link.

Donna Doherty Reminded us about Trent Talks, curated 30-minute chats by Trent experts. This week the topic is Emotional Wellness. Go to <https://mycommunity.trentu.ca/trenttalks> to register and access previous talks. New videos are posted each Wednesday at noon. This week: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. EDT.



Scribe for Rotary Wheel:
Tess



Guest Speaker: Leif Petersen

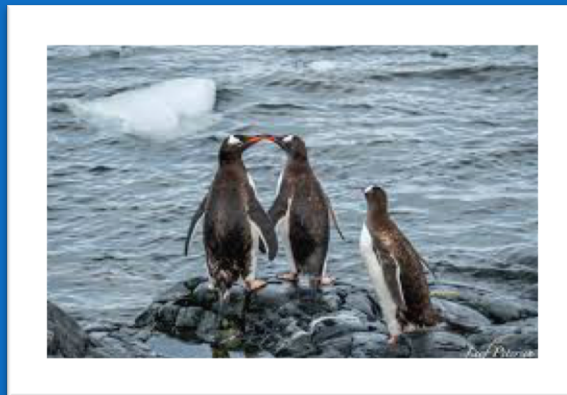
Leif Petersen is a retired fine art photographer who has traveled to all 7 continents with the most recent local being the seldom visited Antarctica. Leif has been heavily involved with the Oshawa Camera Club since his retirement, holding several positions including his second time being President. Leif is also an ambassador with Lumix (Panasonic) using their products on many of his adventures. Leif brings a wealth of travel experience and with his latest outing, he will be able to bring his experiences to the people of Oshawa.

What a treat to hear about Petersen's recent photographic expedition to Antarctica. He started by telling us a little about Antarctica – it is not a country, but a scientific outpost hosted by 7 countries (Surprisingly, Canada is NOT one of these 7.) His journey began on Feb 21 in Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego on a Hurtigruten ship called the MS Midnatsol. For 11 days the group of photographers enjoyed mild weather, encountered ice bergs (and 'Bergy bits'), penguins, sea lions, and whales.

The Drake Passage – a skinny 400-mile stretch between Tierra del Fuego and Antarctica, through which 130 million cubic metres of water are squeezed per second – simulates an experience of being strapped in a roller coaster without being given the option to get off. The "Drake Shakes" have been tormenting seafarers for the past 200 years, and Leif had to spend this part suffering in his cabin. But once thru that, the rest was one beautiful photograph after another. From Neptune's Bellows to Deception Island to Dorian Bay, Leif took photos of Gentoo, Adélie, and Chinstrap penguins (Watch out for projectile poop!). While in a Zodiac boat they got within 10 feet of a Humpback whale. They also saw Minke whales and, on their final day saw an Orca hunting in the bay.

In addition to animals, Leif saw the famous 'watermelon snow' on Dorian Island. This pink snow is caused by the pink krill eaten by the penguins. Some of his most dramatic photographs included both colour and BW images of the same icebergs. One berg was bigger than the cruise ship.

His trip home on March 6 was interesting because of the COVID pandemic but he made it OK and there are no cases of the virus in Antarctica. Visit his [website](#) to view more of his exceptional photos from all across the world. Thanks! New Members for this great presentation!



Leif Petersen Fine Art
Photography
<http://leifpetersen.ca>

We are now ZOOMING all our meetings

Monday 12 noon

Contact President Jay Cannings for link.

There is NO Meeting May 18-Victoria Day Holiday

Our next meeting is May 25

