



# ROTARY WHEEL

## Rotary Club of Oshawa

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### Report on the Meeting of May 8th, 2017

#### Head table

As we were at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery, there was no head table. Our Emcee for the day was Ron Worboy who introduced Fellow Rotarian and Oshawa's Mayor, John Henry, to bring greetings from the City.

#### President's Introductions - Guests

We had a number of guests:- Gabriel Kakimoto, (Exchange student); Kailan McGee; Adam Worboy; Marley Worboy; Lindsay Albright; Jack Sharma; Marlene Owen; Marie Hodgson; Jill Maxwell; Dianne Lloyd; Margaret Perkin; Tess Pierce; Lyn Armstrong and our guest speakers, Donna Raetsen-Kemp and William Lishman.

#### Announcements:

Due to the social nature of the program, there were no announcements except for a reminder of the Past Presidents' meeting after the luncheon.

#### Happy Bucks

No happy bucks this week.

#### Speakers – Donna Raetsen-Kemp and William Lishman

Ron then introduced our first speaker, Donna Raetsen-Kemp who is the CEO of the Robert McLaughlin Art Gallery and who advised us of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans and history of the Gallery. The Gallery has had an extensive partnership with the Durham community and she thanked the City and organizations for their support and contributions over the past 50 years.

After briefly recalling the history and the origins of the Gallery, she outlined some of the currently running programs and displays—such as the Gallery being the

“spiritual home” of the Painters Eleven with worldwide recognition. Also, of interest is Gallery A which allows artists to experiment and Durham Reach where some 70 plus artists’ work is on display. The Gallery continues to work and provide programs and encouragement for numerous young people and emerging artists. Last year, the gallery had over 20,000 visitors. We are very fortunate to have this facility in our city.

Ron then introduced William Lishman who is a man of many talents—sculptor, author, artist, movie producer, nature lover, environmentalist, etc. He claimed to exist in a “Creative Continuum” as he derives joy from all new creations.

Growing up in the Ajax area, he struggled at school because of undiagnosed Dyslexia and colour blindness but after some 70 years, he was awarded an honorary degree from UOIT!! He claims to have been good at three dimensional concepts and had a love of flying at an early age—he was also a cadet with our 151 Chadburn squad!

At the age of 18, he worked in a blacksmith’s shop where he learned the skills for metal sculpturing and soon had a following and started to win some awards and was commissioned to do sculptures around the world. He showed us some fascinating pictures of his work –horses, sheep, buffalo, “Autohenge” and a lunar lander—often made from scrap metal and old automobiles.

In addition, he became a pilot of ultralight aircraft which led to his experiences with Canada Geese (Father Goose movie) and Whooping Cranes trying to lead them on different migration routes and destinations.

Mr. Lishman set out to be an artist (at which he has succeeded) but now is also considered one of the top Canadian Explorers.

President Nominee Louise Parkes thanked both of our very interesting speakers.

Please let Ron Worboy know how thankful and appreciative we are for organizing and hosting this exceptional meeting.

### **Lucky Draw**

There was no lucky draw ---so you can buy double amount of tickets next week!!

Meeting Adjourned.

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### **Next Meeting – Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Jubilee**

All Rotarians are encouraged to attend the lunch and the meeting!

### **All regular meetings held at:**

12:10 at the Jubilee Pavilion Banquet & Conference Centre

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