



Rotary Club of Oshawa

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Report on the Meeting of September 18, 2017

Head table

President - Ron Dick (aka Don Cherry)
Introducer – Rhonda Vanderlinde
Guest Speaker – Steve Wilcox
Thanker – Emmy Iheme
Sergeant at Arms – Kevin Harding
Proposed Rotarian – Trish Best

President's Announcements

According to Bill Stirling, Pres Ron who arrived wearing a colourful Toronto Maple Leafs jacket and tie, was the best dressed Rotarian he has seen in over 50 years.

Pres. Ron did a “My Rotary” demo, one of a number he will do over the coming weeks to familiarize the club with the program. See Ron or Margaret to get your personal password.

Friendship Day is next Monday Sept 25 at Parkwood Estate. Cost is \$75 and there will possibly be a tour after.

District governor's visit is Oct 3 at Oshawa Golf Club at 6:30 pm.

Introductions/Guests

Steve Wilcox – guest speaker
Kennisha Dyer – guest of Kevin Harding
Peter Hernandez – guest of Mike Adams
Irina Roudenko – guest of Mike Adams
Trish Best – guest of Rhonda
Joe Kolodzie – guest of Tom Maxwell

Mic Time

Janet Chappelle announced that the Honours and Awards committee recently met and have named Gordon Dowsley “Rotarian of the Month” for Sept. in part for his expert involvement in the Program committee. Well done Gord.

Proposed new member Peter Hernandez spoke about the Night of 1000 Dinners at the Officers Mess on Oct 12. See Gord Dowsley for tickets.

Happy Bucks

Kevin Harding happy to have such a well dressed President.
Mike Adams happy that the Hernandez family is about to increase in size.

Bob Merry happy summer has finally arrived.
Emmy happy for nice weather.
Speaker Steve Wilcox hoping the airport reopens Oct 10.

Speaker – NAME of GUEST SPEAKER

Past President Rhonda introduced Steve Wilcox of Total Aviation who has been the airport manager since 2006.

The City owns and operates the airport assisted by Steve and his staff. The airport operates 24/7 365 days a year. Being in the centre of the City the airport has both advantages and disadvantages. On the plus side, it is close to major highways and local customers. The downside is no room to grow and being close to residential neighbourhoods. No flights are allowed between 10:30pm and 6:30am except for medical flights or the DRPS helicopter.

Oshawa Airport and 9 other GTA airports are part of a project designed to fill particular niches. Oshawa's role will be corporate flights, Medical/Police/Military flights, flight training and general aviation traffic.

Currently the airport is shutdown to traffic for a \$6m runway replacement due to be completed mid October weather permitting. Nav Canada is building a new \$8m control tower on the south side of the property.

The airport pays \$1.5m municipal taxes per year and has potential for considerable growth. In 2005 the airport was responsible for 180 jobs and \$29m GDP. For 13 years Oshawa Airport has been the flight centre for our own 151 Chadburn Squadron Air Cadets.

Noon Hour Draw

Tom Maxwell picked the 7 of hearts missing out on the \$193 jackpot.

Next Meeting

Sept 25 - Friendship Day

All regular meetings held at:

12:10 at the Jubilee Pavilion Banquet & Conference Centre
