Rotary Club of the 1000 Islands Meeting Minutes for October 4, 2017

\*\*Amund Christensen is the speaker for October 11, 2017.

Call to order by Dave Paul at 7:15 am

**October is Rotary Vocational Service Month**. Vocational Service focuses on adhering to and promoting the highest ethical standards in all occupations.

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Grace by Brent Collett

4 Way Test

Dave welcomes Rotarians and guests - Dale Elliot, Wendy Onstein, Trish Buote – Prospective new members – John LeClair, Marilyn powers – Noon Hour Club – Robert Nolan – Guest speaker

Dave Paul wanted to recount a story on the creation of the 4 way test from the 1930’s since he thought no one had taken his challenge regarding Socrates from the September 6, 2017 meeting. President Dave clearly had not read the September 13, 2017 meeting minutes in which Bonnie Burke and Rene Melchers gave great responses to his challenge. Bob Castle jovially fines President Dave $0.75 for not reading the minutes.

Mystery greeter – Chief Scott Fraser – everyone shook his hand

Fellowship – Bob Barbour – nothing to report - Marilyn Powers from the morning club reports that Doris Hallett’s husband has had major surgery. He is now home and feeling better. Marilyn also notes that Doris has been named Brockville’s 2017 Citizen of the year. Congratulations to Doris!!

## Rotary minute – Ray Marshall – Club Flexibility

## The 2016 Council on Legislation voted to give Rotary clubs more flexibility than they’ve ever had. The changes in policy affect when, where, and how clubs meet and the types of membership they offer. The following are five ways to use the new flexibility:

## Change your meeting schedule

## Vary your meeting format

## Relax attendance requirements

## Offer multiple membership types

## Invite Rotaractors to be members of your club

## Dave Paul mentions that we always need new members.

Jokemaster – Scott Fraser – Funeral home jokes just for Doug Radford. Scott mentions that he tried his jokes out on his wife and was booed out of the kitchen! He got some good laughs.

Finesmaster – Don de Groot

How old is Jaromir Jagr? 45 – What player on the Toronto Maple Leafs failed their second medical? Joffrey Lupul - How many clients per month does the Brockville Food Bank serve? – 1360 – What is the average spend per month? – The Food Bank spends on average $14,400 a month in addition to donated food – What is the annual budget for the Food Bank? - $173,000 – How many families does the Food Bank serve per month? – 625 – What is the average food cost per month? - $15,000

Birthdays and anniversaries – Andrew Melchers has a birthday on Oct 8, 2017 – Andrew says that it is an unmentionable milestone (30) – We all sing Happy Birthday to Andrew – Kathy and Glen Hunt have a wedding anniversary on Oct 9/17 celebrating 17 years. Anniversary of joining Rotary – Nick Dinh – 1 year on October 1/17, Bob Castle – 10 years on Oct 3/17 – Darren Gallacher – 7 years on October 4/17

50/50 – looking for the 6 of spades - $104.00 – 10 of hearts – Robert Nolan – King of hearts – Robert Nolan – It lives for another week!

Happy fines

Tim Ross is happy that he got a new house out on the 2nd concession.

Don de Groot is happy to share the milestone that he incorporated D.D.D.G. Engineering Services 25 years ago. Congratulations on a great accomplishment Don!

Doug Radford is happy that his son, Fraser, and his are were a part of Culture Days.

Wendy Onstein is happy that she is going to be an Oma in February. Congratulations Wendy!

Attendance 22 Regulars for 66.7 % - 6 guests

President’s announcements

Doris Hallett is Brockville’s 2017 Citizen of the Year!! As quoted from the Recorder and Times article: “The chamber said the mother of two – to David and Darlene – and grandmother of four “lives by the ‘Service Beyond Self’ mantra,” a slogan used by the Rotary – one of Hallett’s favourite organizations to be involved in.

“I really enjoy Rotary,” she said.

“I like it because it’s service above self. We do a lot of things for a lot of organizations and people that are really special.”

Even when being recognized by the community, Doris got Rotary some great PR! Well done and well deserved Doris!!

John LeClair and Dave Paul attended the district conference, which had a major focus on youth. Dave will give a report to the club next week on what they learned.

Amund Christensen from the Spitfire Café is the speaker next week.

Our first Pub night is scheduled for the last Wednesday of November, the 22nd – This recording secretary thinks it’s a great idea, as it is her birthday!

The noon hour club is having a pub night on Oct 16/17 - 5:00pm – 7:00pm at the Keystorm – all are welcome!

We received a Thank you card from Canadian Aid for Chernobyl.

October 24, 2017 is World Polio Day.

Prescott Splash Pad proposal - On October 17th the Community Splash Pad Committee are hosting a public meeting at 7:00pm in Prescott Town Hall’s Ruth Evenson Room. The volunteer group has come together with the mission statement of constructing a splash pad which will enable children and families of all abilities and background to engage in positive social interactions and enhance physical activity in a safe, fun and stimulating environment.

Tune in to channel 10 for a great feature on The Life and Times of Bob Barbour!

Reports

Santa Claus Parade – Anne Denny – The committee has met and it has been decided to have an evening parade this year. The DBIA made a compelling argument about why this would benefit all parties, and will be contributing, volunteers, a cash prize for the best float, and a float in support of the time change. More to come in the following weeks. Volunteers will be needed on the day before, and the day of. November 25, 2017

Food Drive - Alan Bennett – There are still some empty spots this Friday from 10:00am –noon. Next Tuesday, help is needed for offloading the truck from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. They could use a few more people. Alan shared a joke with us – A man went into a bar and was served by a robot bartender who claimed it was programmed to be able to hold a conversation with anyone based on their IQ. The robot bartender asked the man what his IQ was and he replied 168. The robot carried on a great conversation including science and literary topics. Intrigued the man returned to the bar the following day. When the robot bartender asked his IQ he replied 100. The robot carried on a great conversation about Nascar and the NFL. The man returned the following day and when asked his IQ replied 50. The robot bartender looked him up and down and asked “are you people still happy with Trump?” Laughter all around the room! Good one Alan!

Marilyn Powers – Quilt of Belonging was begun in the fall of 1998 by artist Esther Bryan. In 1995 she went on a life-changing journey to Slovakia with her parents to find the family and home her father had left behind 43 years earlier. The dream of making this artwork was born as she recognized that everyone has a story to tell, each culture has a unique beauty and that the experiences and values of our past inform who we are today. In this textile mosaic, each person can experience a sense of belonging and find a place in the overall design – there is “A Place for All”. Together they record human history in textile, illustrating the beauty, complexity and sheer size of the human story.

This monumental artwork, Canada’s most comprehensive textile art project, is the work of volunteers from Victoria to Newfoundland to the Arctic Circle. From across Canada, participants were invited to contribute their talents and ideas, reflected through the prism of their cultural backgrounds. The range of materials is astonishing, from sealskin to African mud-cloth, from embroidered silk to gossamer wings of butterflies. In 2009, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaël Jean, Governor General of Canada became Quilt of Belonging’s Honourary Patron.

The companion book, Quilt of Belonging: The Invitation Project is in its fourth printing, and a French version, Fibres du monde: le projet Invitation is also available. Quilt of Belonging: Stitching Together the Stories of a Nation is a children’s book, popular with parents and teachers.

Marilyn would like to have this book in every local school. She is asking that we partner with the noon hour club to put this book into the local schools. The cost to our club would be $160.35. A show of hands for support is asked for. The club agrees to participate. Thanks for bringing this forward Marilyn!

Letter from Dave LeSueur and Jack Kenney – Sat 10770, Sun – 11048

Ray Marshall – 100 % attendance awards –

320 makeup meetings recorded july1/16 to june 30/17

1 year – Jordan and Shannon

Bradley Cozens

Anne Denny

Bill Fox

Mario Zambonin

2 years – Doug Beattie

Susan Brister

3 years – Dave Paul

4 years – Pierre Atchison

Darren Gallacher

Shelley McCaffrey

6 years – Bob Barbour

Allan Bennett

7 years – bob castle

Don De Groot

8 years – Ray Marshall

12 years – Gord McCrady

Doug Radford

14 years – Bonnie Burke

Adventures in High Tech is the end of this month – doing interviews next Tuesday – will be sending 5 – hopefully there are more than 5 to interview – should be gr 11 12

Robert Nolan is the guest speaker – Dave’s replacement – from Durham – uxbridge – worked for city of Toronto –

Guest speaker introduced by Dave Paul – Robert Nolan is an economic development professional with over 20 years experience at delivering programs and strategy development at the local, regional, and national levels, as well as in the private sector. He started with the City of Brockville in May 2017. He worked for the Regional Municipality of Durham, attracting investments from China, Germany and Brazil. He also worked for the City of Toronto as their Manager of Sector and Strategic Partnerships. Rob spent more than 12 years living and working in the United Kingdom. He holds a Master in Business Administration degree from the University of Kingston in London, as well as a Master in Applied Environmental Studies and undergraduate degree from the University of Waterloo. Rob and his wife, Lisa, recently moved to the area and have enjoyed exploring the 100 Islands.

Taking over from Dave – used to be introduced as the new Dave Paul – bothered him at first – then he realized what a great man Dave is, so now he introduces himself as the new Dave Paul – he saw that Brockville had many great qualities – close to 401 – lots of commercial property – charitable community – he was amazed to see, at the Gala, the amount of giving for this community – he did the mechanical bull at the gala – took two days to recover – after he accepted the role – fulford academy – employments lands – hospital expansion – twin pad – first couple of weeks everything was great – 3rd week on the job p&G announced closure –

What is going on at P&G – they have been very responsive to what was going on – they said that the employees are first and foremost – what are their options – they have established a team to help all 480 employees – new opportunities at P&G? – retirement? – new employment? – starting their own business? – 1000 islands community development fund – 1 million to help P&G employees – P&G has been going around to companies in the area – taking them on tours of the plant to show what their employees are skilled at – there has been some interest – 1 has gone to giant tiger – one to tweed in smiths falls – working with EEC – reverse database – will remain with EEC to help employers in the future – working with a real estate team – have not started marketing the site yet but will be working on that in the next several months – working with the province – MPP Clark – meeting with the province to see what they can do to help Brockville with the exit – communities in transition fund – local community hit with an economic – funds are available – provincial program around site certification

Where do I see the office going in the future – business retention and expansion – enganging local employers – how do yu support them to expand their businesses – meet with 100 companies over the next year

Investment attraction – St. Lawrence economic commission – 7 municipalities along the st Lawrence river – plan to attract new manufacturing and investment to the area – make sure there is land available and a receptive audience – Ontario East Development Commission

CAO wants to see Robert out into the international community

Small business developemtn – Wendy is here from her program – just as important to look after small businesses – Angel Network – mentorship programs

Tourism – very important part of the local economy – contract is coming up in 2018 – he wants to look at it more holistically – where does it fit in – what are the key issues and how do we support

Marketing and communications – need to use this - Kendra Lorner – economic development co-ordinator – already doing some analytics – has some great ideas how to use social media – PEC – did a presentation at the Ontario municipal conference - on how to attract new businesses – Prince Edward County

Real Estate – what is available – employment lands in north west of city – this has now passed through council – they are looking at getting certified sites – 19 currently in Ontario – giant tiger site was a certified site – getting investment ready sites

Entrepreneurship – innovation and commitment

Grow and incubate new ideas

Immigration – partnerships – what have we done – where do we want to go

Robert is hoping that council will pass his action plan and then they can move forward

He wants to talk about resources – two people in the office – small business enterprise center – EEC – dBIA – etc…engaged with community members and stakeholders – coming to Rotary to spread the word -

Robert is thanked by Bob Barbour – thank you for coming and getting up so early – book to public library on his behalf – Shelley takes a photo

Oct 11/17 meeting – setup – Bob Castle

Minutes – Anne Denny

Grace – Doug Radford

Rotary minute – Shelley McCaffrey

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Introduce Guest Speaker – Bonnie Burke

Thank Guest Speaker– Bob Barbour

Thought for the week -