



Stratford Rotaract Meeting

July 6, 2022 at 7:00pm

Upper Queens Park

55 Queens Street, Stratford, On

Stratford Members: Jane Schwering, Steph Schmidt, Sarah Merkel, Nawal Sachani, Rebecca Price, Laurie Brown

Guests: Sophie, Alexa

Regrets: Geoff Krauter

Agenda
1. Welcome • Introductions • One thing you want to accomplish in Rotaract this year

Guest Speaker

- Jane Schwering (Stratford Rotaract President)

- Introduction to the upcoming year
- \$10,000 fundraising goal (in honour of 10 year anniversary) - beginning January 2023 - December 2023
- Meeting times
- meetings will now be held the **1st & 3rd WEDNESDAY** each month, as discussed and agreed upon by club members (and based on survey results sent out by Jane)
- **First Wednesday** meeting will be online - **Jane** to look into Google hangout/ Microsoft teams as free options for virtual meetings
- **Third Wednesday** meeting will be in person (eg. community event, or in person meeting, locations TBD) **Steph** to contact Sobeys as a potential meeting location
- Event Schedule
- August 17 - House of Blessing Paint Night (painting bowls - no art skills needed) **Laurie** to send out pictures/examples of previously painted bowls
- September 17 - Dragon Boat Festival - 40+ volunteers needed for day of, members to book off date in calendar, thoughts on reaching out to high schools in Stratford and offering community service hours for volunteers, more information coming in future communications)
- Event is run by the Rotary club - **Jane** to inquire about a donation to Rotaract in return for service at the event
- January 14 - Soups on Stratford 11-2 (raises funds for Alzheimer's - will discuss in future meetings)
- **Jane** is working on creating a shared calendar that will have all meeting dates/times/ locations, as well as community events/fundraisers, more info coming soon
- 10 Year Anniversary get together, May 2023
- potential ideas for the 10 year anniversary were discussed and included: 10 Random Acts of Kindness, BBQ/reunion (including current & past Rotaract & Rotary friends)

3. Adoption of Agenda

- 3.1 Adoption of Secretary for next meeting - **Sarah**

4. Previous Minutes

- 4.1 N/A

5. Agenda Items

5.1 Program update:

- Open House
- Treasurer Update
 - Nawal presented that club funds are in good shape
 - **Nawal** is awaiting a call from the bank to schedule an appointment (tentatively July 12 or 13, 2022) to transfer over signing privileges to current president
 - **Sarah** to stay on as backup for signing
 - Membership dues are due (\$40) - **Jane** to send members instructions for e-transfers)

5.2 Committee Updates

- Next Trivia night: July 13 @ Jobsite
- Dragon Boat 2022 - September 17th (as discussed above)
 - Membership costs this year - \$40 to be paid prior to January 2023, post January 2023 - \$20.

5.3 Club Kudos

- Kudos to Sophie & Alexa for joining the meeting
- Kudos to Jane for running her first meeting as President
- Kudos to Jane for sharing some Excel tips on social media
- Kudos to Laurie for scoping out the meeting location

5.4 Open Discussion

- Social Media (**Sarah** to post on ALL social media accounts - send her the info/ graphics and time you want posted)
- Members are encouraged to brainstorm ideas for a Valentine's Day event
- Members discussed possible winter/spring events (including wine tasting and selling of bottles, spring clean up in SERC, post May 2/4 bottle drive - possibly in junction with Hospital NICU Teddy Bear bottle drive, Heartburn Day (February), baking for Hospice/cancer/PAWS)
- Brainstorming for future social events included: Glow Kayaking on the Avon, Group baking/cooking
- **Steph** to ask Tyler if he is interested in creating a banner for our club that could be

6. Next Meeting and Location Wednesday July 20, location TBD

7. Meeting Adjourned

- 8:30 pm

8. Parking Lot

- Open House