Rotary Club of Orangeville

The Rotooter

CLUB BULLETIN

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Lots of News from Tonight's Meeting!

Your Rotary Board for 2020-21 met recently to organize things for the Club and to plan for this new Rotary year.

Highlights:

- **Club Calendar:** This is almost completed and soon will list all our scheduled Club Meetings and Events, along with those of District and our Community so we will all know what to expect this year and can plan ahead to attend.

- **Club Committees:** A draft has been prepared, dividing responsibilities amongst our 5 Directors. This will allow each of them to regularly be in touch with the Committees within their Portfolios and keep the Board informed. Every member will be contacted shortly to confirm which Committees and areas of interest that they would like to participate in this year.

- **Club Meetings:** As we are unsure when we can meet again at the Hall, we will continue with our Club Zoom meetings throughout the Summer and on into the Fall if necessary. We are also exploring setting up camera(s), microphone and speakers so that the Zoom format can continue even after we are able to hold Hall meetings.

- **Club Dues:** will continue to be billed Quarterly at the rate of $80 to cover our fixed costs, until such time as we return to our previous rate inclusive of meals.

- **Club Projects:** Just two active at the moment:

  - **Natural Playground**: Completion is set for mid-August and an Official Opening is scheduled for September

  - **Fall Community Cleanup:** Explorations are underway to see if we can replace our cancelled Let's Make Orangeville Shine Spring event with a Fall Cleanup event in conjunction with the Town Sustainability Committee.
    This will be a revised format to suit these COVID-19 times - we are exploring: on-line registration, no BBQ, kits delivered to volunteers, no central bin, trash & recycling put out on regular pickup days with special 'free' stickers. Details to follow.

- **Golf Day:** While the Golf Club is not serving meals yet, the concensus tonight seemed to be, yes, let's golf, and maybe go somewhere acceptable for a bite to eat after. We will investigate.

- **Financials:** Thanks Ingrid, good to hear we are solvent and do have some funds in our Charitable account. No doubt we will need to put on our thinking caps for ways to fundraise come the Fall.

The President's Corner:

I loved how our entire Club came together and made our mini Ribfest a great success!
Can't wait to see what we come up with next!

Cheers, Taunya

Important Dates:

Club Zoom Meetings

Tues. August 11 at 7:00pm.
Tues. August 25 at 7:00pm
Links and details will follow shortly.

Board Zoom Meeting

Tues. August 18 at 7:00pm.

July Birthdays

Many Happy Returns!
Lynda Moore - July 3
Michael Wright - July 11
Jim Wardlaw - July 14
Peter Danchuk - July 18
Steve Cavell - July 29

July Anniversaries

Congratulations!
Jim & Isabelle Wardlaw - July 4
Nancy & Tom Frater - July 5
Lisa & Paul Johnson - July 5
Michael & Charilyn Wright - July 10

Happy Bucks

Sgt. Amy will be back at it on our next Zoom meeting - an opportunity for all to let us know of Happy Things - but watch our, there may also be Fines - all in good fun of course!

Rotary PEOPLE OF ACTION

Yours in Rotary,
Don Voisey,
Editor for today

More Club News!

- **The Bottom Line:** A really excellent weekend, well done folks! Our efforts raised in excess of $22,000 for the Headwaters Health Care Foundation to bolster the fight against COVID-19. Thank you to all who participated, planned, volunteered and served through Rotary!

- **The Concert:** Well planned and executed Mike! More than 1,800 view on Facebook and YouTube, a stellar performance by the Campfire Poets, and great exposure for RCO!

- **The Ribs:** Delicious, and enjoyed by some 1,000 cars full of hungry patrons eager to get that Rotary taste of summer. Well planned and executed Richard!

- **The Venue:** Again, many thanks to the Zukowskies and the Greenwoods for the perfect venue and all the assistance with organizing and making things hum all weekend!

- **Volunteers:** Amie and Mike reported some 34 volunteers helped with the Ribs and 8 with the Concert. A lot lower than the normal 200+/- for a regular Ribfest, but greatly appreciated! Many thanks to all who participated!

More Business:

Zoom Meetings Format

Great to see the return of some of the normal things we do at our regular meetings at the Hall - O Canada, Toasts, Welcome, Birthdays & Anniversaries - almost like being back there!

Grants

Lynda brought us up to date with the status of the various grants that have been received already, those that are underway, and some new ones for consideration, including:

- Seniors Community Grant
  ($25,000 for fresh food parcels, pending)
- Haiti Fish Pond & Chicken Coops
  (complete -$2,000US cheque to arrive soon)
- Hospital Foundation Grant
  (complete - $4,000US cheque to arrive soon)
- Red Cross/Food Bank Grant
  (Board considering - $100,000 Food Hub plan)

Rotarian of the Month

Something new from President Taunya. All will be made clear at our next Zoom Club meeting of August 11th.

Human Trafficking

Rotarian Bob and President Taunya have continued this dialogue in recent days as followup to the presentation in June from Caledon\Dufferin Victim Services.

A committee is being struck to work on this endeavour that will see RCO assist them with educating the Public about this serious problem that is everywhere - including right here in our own Community!

Our Charitable Account

While our Financials show we remain solvent, we are certainly aware that the funds we have to disperse this year are very low.

While successful, our Weekend event raised less than a third of that of our normal Ribfest so we will welcome any and all thoughts as to things that we might do to bolster that account for the coming year.