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PP Lynda Kay was the guest chair for this week's meeting, resplendent in an emerald green topper to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Joining her were Secretary Jennifer Stadtke and Bulletin Editor Tony Farren.

The meeting opened with a great recording of O'Canada and an acknowledgement that it was one day past St Paddy's day. It certainly sounded like Don Owen doing O'Canada and if it was there wasn't any French wording in his presentation.



Secretary's Report:

Birthdays:

Rotarian Beryl Grieve March 16th
Rotarian Randy Oliver March 17th

Anniversaries

Rotarian Tammy and Ray Robinson March 24th 27 years

Rotary Anniversaries:

Rotarian Bob Keller March 15th 25 years
Rotarian Jim Proskos March 16th 10 years

Rotarian Kym Read

March 18th

6 years

There were no visiting Rotarians but we were delighted to have a number of guests. Paul Allen and Shelley Oakman are speaking to us today and Kate Vander Schaaf is our outgoing exchange student.

PP Lynda noted that Rotarian Randy Oliver's birthday coincided with St Patrick's day and since we were celebrating St Paddy's phase 2, his birthday was also in the current mix. As per our normal SOP PP Lynda asked Randy to identify the 7 other people who would be sitting at his birthday table and Randy did identify his ex-friends. They are Bruce McCartney, Mike McClellan, Eunice Kirkpatrick, Terry McDermott, PP Lynda Kay, Bruce Rennie, and Garry Liboiron. Each was fined \$5 and informed they could etransfer the funds to Helen Lackey.

PP Lynda also announced some dates that we may want to keep in mind. 30 May is the Northumberland Sunrise Rotary golf tournament at Ash Brook and 9 April is Float Your Fanny Down the Ganny day. There is a social meeting Friday 18 March at the Best Western at 5:30pm.

PP Scott MacCoubrey introduced our newest Rotarian Nancy Bruce. Scott was in Florida as was Nancy so it was appropriate for the introduction. Everyone knows Nancy as she has been a fixture at our club and all of our functions for a number of years. Starting as an honorary Rotarian and host parent Nancy has made substantial contributions to the club and the community at large. A specialist in early childhood education Nancy is a principal of Junior Set Nursery School. Assisting in the induction was PP Ruud Roeleveld and PE Deborah Burgess.

In honour of St Paddy's Day phase 2, PP Don Owen serenaded us with a coterie of Irish ballads, including Crabby Carol's song, Molly Malone, Wild Irish Rover and the old favourite, When Irish Eyes are Smiling.

Our outbound exchange student, Kate Vander Schaff introduced herself to the club. A grade 10 student at Cobourg Collegiate Institute, the 16 year old is very much looking forward to her upcoming year in Sweden.

Committee Reports: PE Deborah Burgess commented that the Wednesday night Pub Nights would be discontinued but there would be a pub meet at The Best Western on Friday, 18 March. Wear green as we are still celebrating St

Paddy's Day phase 2. Also, our first in person meeting is still scheduled for 8 April and it will be a hybrid meeting with both in person and zoom participants. Since the Best Western has no idea yet how many people will be attending, they are asking people to pre order their meals which will be either Chicken Parmesan or Shrimp Linguini. The Executive will also be putting out a directive this week for those folks that wish to contribute to the Ukrainian campaign. District is offering matching funding. Details are also coming on Ukrainian sponsorship.

Mark Burgess reported on the dates for Ribfest and Waterfront, both of which are scheduled to restart. Waterfront of course, is 1 July weekend and Ribfest is August 12-14.

Speakers: Gord Ley, Paul Allen and Shelley Oatman headlined our program of heroes that created, implemented, and ran our very successful Covid vaccination clinics. Gord credited the jump start of the program to Amigo meetings where it was conceived and agreed to implement a program that would get 70-90% of Northumberland residents vaccinated. Richard Brulotte organized up to 600 volunteers and Brian Read managed to design and have built the covid clinic at the CCC within a couple of days. Both phenomenal achievements. Our clinic at the CCC was among one of the most successful in the province and has hosted a number of dignitaries and has encouraged a number of other communities to initiate their own clinics.

Paul Allen and Shelley Oatman scheduled the volunteers and organized the flow of purple shirts and orange shirts who assisted the health units to put actual jabs in arms. Over the last year they have run a total of 307 clinics in the CCC as well as mobile and outreach clinics. Kudos also were given to MPP David Piccinni and Mayor Henderson for their unflagging support. All in all, it was a phenomenally successful enterprise which cemented the great amount of public trust that Rotary enjoys. Lots of lessons were learned during the year and these are being presented in a white paper which will go to the Ministry of Health.

Garry Liboiron thanked all of the speakers and commented that being involved in the clinics was the best thing that he has ever done. I think his comments very much summed up the feelings of the volunteers.

Next week: Rick Miller

Thot for the Weak: Husband "I would like you to have this special bracelet, it belonged to my Grandmother."

Wife: "Why does it say – DO NOT RESUSITATE."

