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Our second in person meeting was started with O' Canada and a toast to the Queen and Canada. Andrew Truter later would ask, what happened to Rotary Grace and it appears that District thought it was no longer necessary. Times do change.

Head Table: President Roger, Secretary Jennifer Stadtke, Speaker Preston Manning, Introducer PP Paul Macklin, Sgt at Arms Karen Parker and Bulletin Tony Farren.

Visiting Rotarians: - Nil

Guests of Rotarians: PP Lynda Kay introduced Jan Spragge, Gord Ley introduced Mary MacFarlane, Brad Willcocks brought Dad, Ken Willcocks, Roger Cooper was joined by wife Margaret and PP Mike Parker introduced humourist and semi-cowboy B J Smith.

Secretary's Report:

Birthdays:

**Past President Steve Bradford
Rotarian Dean Pepper
Past President Mike Irwin**

**April 24th
April 26th
April 27th**

Rotary Anniversaries:

Celebrating 134 years of Rotary Membership!

Rotarian Karen Parker	20 years	April 26th
Past President Blake Jones	32 years	April 27th
Rotarian Frankie Liberty	33 years	April 28th
Past President Terry McDermott	33 years	April 28th
Past President Peter Dounoukos	16 years	April 29th

Anniversaries:

Celebrating 193 years of Marriage!

Rotarian Gord and Patti Ley	40 years	May 1st
Rotarian Bruce and Yvette McCartney	41 years	May 2nd

Past District Governor Past President Beth Selby and Rotarian Barry Vail

	32 years	May 4th
Past President Jim and Joanne Stewart	54 years	May 4th
Rotarian Andrew and Karen Truter	26 years	May 4th

President's Report: President Roger called up Carol Farren to make a presentation. Carol and daughter Tracy Berry viewed the zoom presentation by the Ukrainian Rotarians and decided they had to do something to support the efforts to help Ukraine, and elected to design and make pins that could be sold to help send medical supplies to Ukraine. In total over 1000 pins were made and sold and Carol and Tracy presented a cheque to Rotary in the amount of \$8,600. Carol thanked the merchants, Rotarians and community supporters who got behind the project. A fabulous effort by all involved.



Gord Ley was then called up and he recounted how 1 ½ years ago the club approved the first Amigo group to help us get vaccinated. The group and the Purple Shirts and Orange Shirts had received the Mayor’s Award of Distinction for the phenomenal work they did in our very successful vaccine clinics. Well done to all who volunteered.



In the last 2 years of Covid we brought a number of new members into the club and I will try to name them all here. Dan Broome, Pauline Cairns, Lori McKeen, Calvin Ferrari, Nancy Bruce, Darlene Leggatt, and Janet Irvine. Apologies to any that I missed or mis-spelled.

Tony Pitts recounted the successful waterfront cleanup with 14 Rotarians pitching in. Tony thanked everyone that took part.

Committee Reports: Shirley Johnson reminded people to contact the member care committee if people are in distress and also announced that collections of small toiletries were commencing again. Please pass them on to Rotarian Shirley.

Bruce Rennie announced that Waterfront was a go this year, so everyone should get ready to support the efforts on the July long weekend. More details to follow.

Mario Pareja is chair of the dinner/dance committee and the big night will occur on 4 February, 2023. Get ready to party – more details to follow.

PE Deborah Burgess announced that the Northumberland for Ukraine group has reached out for host families to billet Ukrainian families coming to our local community. They are also looking for additional doctors and dentists to support the people coming in.

Mark Essak talked about the Cobourg Rotary Sprockets ride in June from Pres Roger's house in Wellington to Cobourg. Everyone that wants to bike should contact Mark. I am supporting Mike McLennan's ride for \$50 and am hoping that other Rotarians will also sign up to support the riders.

PP Don Owen announced the concert in support of Ukraine that will be held at the Capital Theatre 17 May. Tickets are still available.

Micki McLean – head of the Social Committee announced that President's Night will be held at the Mill 3 June, 2022. Should be a great night.

Brian Bruce announced that youth exchange is a go this year which is great news. Maybe it signals that we are getting back to normal.

Happy Bux: PP Mike Parker introduced J D Smith who is here as part of the Northumberland Learning Connection series on Alberta. He is a humourist, poet and sometime cowboy who has ridden some trails in the west with Preston Manning and will be explaining to us easterners what we are missing in life.

Mark and Linda Essak were \$10 happy to be off for London for their daughter's wedding.

Frankie Liberty was \$5 happy to be back in a real meeting.

Andrew Truter was \$2 happy to finally have someone in the club that speaks English in a real accent. Thanks Calvin.

PP Paul Macklin introduced Preston Manning as our speaker today. Preston Manning was the founder of the Reform Party in 1987, which later became the Canadian Alliance and which later still merged with the Progressive Conservative Party and then moved the moribund conservatives further to

the right. Paul did say that at one point both he and Preston were on the same side of the aisle, which was because the Liberals had such a majority they couldn't fit all of their members on one side of the house. Preston is here as part of the NLC series on East meets West and was addressing Populism and Wexit, two subjects that we here in the east consistently misunderstand.



Preston Manning was here to put a smiley face on populism and he gamely went at it, explaining that populism was responsible for universal healthcare, the women's vote, and perhaps the flowers in May. While he did mention the Freedom Convoy in complimentary terms he forgot to mention the Swastika flags, peeing on the war memorial, and blocking trade goods at borders. He did explain that populism, particularly in the west stemmed from discontent with Federal policies, such as trade and energy which is not surprising as Alberta is a landlocked province. However, populism also stems from a feeling of victimhood, whether justified or not.

Fortunately, Canada is a nation of laws which are put in place by governments which are democratically elected and if enough of the population embrace some of the populist concepts, then quite possibly they will be enacted into law. However, Preston Manning has paid his dues and he has been singing from the same song sheet for over 35 years and he has certainly contributed to the Canadian dialogue in that time.

PP Peter Delanty eloquently thanked the speaker and reminded everyone that Northumberland Learning Connection is contributing to helping us understand Alberta better through their 5 part lecture series.

PP Ruud circled the room letting individuals pick winners in the big draw.

**The lucky folks were: \$50 – Hope Parker
 \$100 – Deborah Burgess
 \$200 – Rob Shirrington
 \$500 – David Piccinni
 \$2000 – Wang Xi**

Congrats to all the winners. Just sorry I'm not one of you.

50/50 Draw: Gord Ley drew the \$100 joker. Congrats Gord.

Next Week: New members meeting

Thought for the Week: We sometimes think that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. In reality the poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty of all. - Mother Theresa