



# THE GATEWAY GAZETTE



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## The Rotary Club of Warton

District 6330 Chartered 1938  
Dinner Meetings –6 P.M. Thursdays  
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 208

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President Mike greeted everyone and started the meeting at 7:10. Sixteen people joined the group.

President Mike introduced Eric Robinson and thanked Eric and Dale for their efforts to mitigate the results of the cancellation of Maple Magic. Eric reviewed the Maple Syrup and products sale booth program from which half of the revenue will go to Warton Rotary for their charitable works. To date that amount is \$2700.00. Eric reported that the social media shares have been large and encouraged everyone to continue to share the program. Sales will continue till April 15 and are daily from 9am till 6pm. Eric also shared the Willies Trail that is set up in his driveway.

President Mike thanked Mike Mason for his work in mitigating the costs of cancelling Maple Magic. Mike reported that while there are still two invoices to come, \$4600-4700 has been recovered from costs. Early reaction to the cancellation made this possible,

Finances: President Mike reported that the Executive has reviewed the club's obligations till year end and made some adjustments as necessary. Currently there is about \$7500 available. This may be used for upfront costs for Village Fair if needed. The reserve fund has not been accessed and therefore should be available for next year if necessary.

President Mike reported that some Rotary and other service clubs are actively involved in their communities. However this does not appear to be a viable option for our club due to age restrictions. Pat Cavan emphasized that mental health is very important now and suggested that we continue keeping in touch by phone with members and beyond. Donna Stewart has been making calls.

Gay Ratcliffe reported that two new Friends of Rotary have been confirmed: Sonia Bloodworth and Bob Vaillancourt.

Our inbound student Ella has returned home to Germany on short notice. Our outbound student, Holden recently returned from Spain and should be at home in Sauble.

**Attendance:** 15 Rotarians

**Guests:** none

### Birthdays:

April	4	Nick Torra
	7	Charlie Torra
	15	John Close
	16	Marianne Williams
	26	Donna Rudell
	26	Sue Askin
	30	Dale Robinson
	30	Susan Bosch

### Anniversaries:

<b>April</b>	<b>23</b>	Bob & Ruthann Carson
	29	Richard & Cris Bouillon

### Upcoming Meetings:

All meetings are cancelled till further notice. See announcement on page Two.

Next Zoom meeting, April 9, 7:00 PM

### OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE 2019-20

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Mike McMillan
<b>PAST PRESIDENT</b>	Mike Mason
<b>PRESIDENT ELECT</b>	Gay Ratcliffe
<b>SECRETARY (Executive)</b>	Gay Ratcliffe
<b>SECRETARY (Recording)</b>	Donna Stewart
<b>TREASURER</b>	Scott Elliott

### DIRECTORS

<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	Linda Ebel
<b>SERVICE PROJECTS</b>	Kathryn Christie
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	Gay Ratcliffe
<b>FOUNDATION</b>	Trevor Hathaway
<b>PUBLIC IMAGE</b>	Pat Cavan
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>	Eric Robinson

Bob Carson explained that there is some money available in the District Grants program for this year and applications were being accepted for projects related to charitable work in Rotary communities related to Covid-19. Bob has made an application on our behalf based on Eric's fund raising project. We should know the results in a week. Trevor and Bob have completed the necessary online course and Bob will redo this course for next year's application purposes.

Donna Stewart asked if there was any member who might be willing to take on the establishment of an on community directory by which Wiarion Rotary members could contribute by contacting community members to offer social contact – churches, seniors' groups and home for example. Ashley Gunn agreed to look into this.

Mike Mason reported that the Hospital Foundation is seeking support and Pat Cavan directed our attention to a recent post requesting volunteers to sew protective gowns for midwives.

Pat Cavan reported that the Public Image committee has begun posting Membership Profiles.

Richard Bouillon reported that work on Village is proceeding slowly with anything that does not require a monetary expense. Sponsors are not being solicited and it was suggested that letters go to sponsors as a thank you for past participation. If the Fair goes ahead, advertising will depend much more on social media. The Midway is in about the same position as we are but could be able to proceed.

The Dream Draw has set a late April/early May decision date. They do not have a lottery license and none are currently being issued.

The meeting ended with participants sharing a good news story. A show of hands indicated the wish to have another Zoom meeting April 9<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

**Kathy Kristie was our recorder for the evening.**

**Don't miss the next TWO pages.**



It feels like things are not ok  
And this "thing" will never go away  
Like all around is caving in  
And no-one knows where to begin  
What-ifs and fears are on the rise  
And nobody's able to disguise  
The sadness of this sudden change  
To life, routine; it's very strange  
But sit a moment with that thought  
Forget the things that you've been taught  
For a while there's no rat race  
A slower life put in its place  
We suddenly have the space to stop  
Appreciate the things we've got  
The cusp of spring still breaks its sleep  
Our birds return to trill & cheep  
And hope & kindness start to bloom  
As we find ways to lift the gloom  
And so in this uncertain time  
Take stock, reflect and redefine  
Keep in mind it's not forever  
We'll make it through with love, together

*Lara Digg-Edwards*