

THE GATEWAY GAZETTE



The Rotary Club of Wiarton

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 Wiarton 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 John Close 15 16 Marianne Williams 26 Donna Rudell 26 Sue Askin 30 **Dale Robinson** 30 Susan Bosch

Anniversaries:

April 23 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

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

DIRECTORS

ADMINISTRATION Linda Ebel
SERVICE PROJECTS Kathryn Christie
MEMBERSHIP Gay Ratcliffe
FOUNDATION Trevor Hathaway
PUBLIC IMAGE Pat Cavan
FUNDRAISING 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 Wiarton 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.

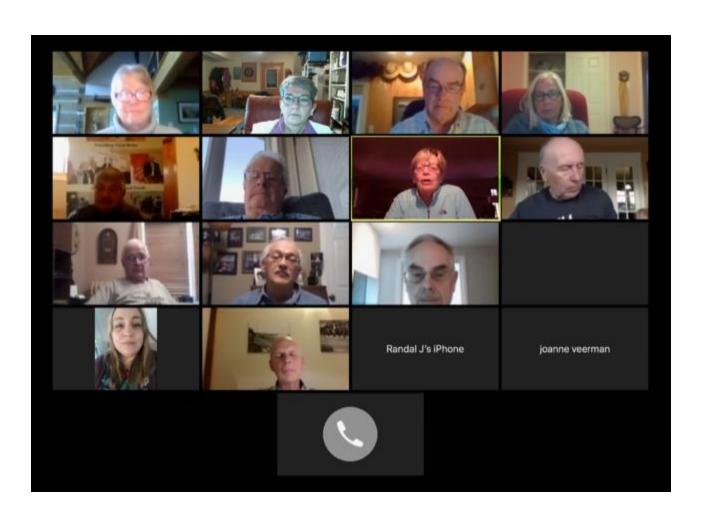
The Dream Draw has set a late April/early May decision date. They do not have a lottery license and none are currently being issued.

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

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 Ve'll make it through with love, together