



The Gateway Gazette

Visit from District Governor 6330 Sonja Glass

A Dinner Meeting for the Rotary Club of Wiarton was held on October 12th at the Wiarton Legion Hall. There were 22 Members and Guests for Dinner. Our guests were District Governor Sonja Glass, her husband David, President of the Meaford Rotary Club, Assistant Governor Colin McDonald, and wife Susan McDonald. Colin is a member of the Paisley Club and Susan is a Rotarian in Southampton. Our other guest was our Rotary Exchange Student Emanuely. The guest speaker, District Governor Sonja Glass, was introduced by Nora Walden.

Sonja and David Glass are Multiple Paul Harris Recipients and members of the Paul Harris Society. David is a pharmacist who located with his family in Meaford in 1987. Sonja has a background in Nursing with several University degrees in the field. Sonja has been very involved in Rotary Youth Exchange having hosted 10 students. Her personal theme for her District Governor year is "Plant the Seed".

Sonja reminded everyone of RI President Gordon MacNally's theme for this Rotary Year "Create Hope in the World" and stressed the importance of his emphasis on improving Mental Health. New people need to be invited to join Rotary and to take part in projects. Half of the Presidents in District 6330 are Currently Returning from a previous year. Sonja and David became more involved in Rotary themselves as a result of the Meaford Club's support of a project in Tanzania. Clean water and better healthcare were able to improve lives there. Sonja noted that each club needs to continue to support the Rotary Foundation. Wiarton members are active supporters. All clubs should have a Foundation Chair, a Membership Chair, and a Public Image Chair. Further, we need to get more women involved in Rotary. Women are currently 35.9% of Members. Our District Conference will be held this Rotary year at The Harry Lumley, Bayshore Community Centre in Owen Sound on June 20-23, 2024. Every Rotarian is encouraged to attend. Pat Cavan thanked Sonja. A donation was made to our youth mental health initiative in Sonja's honour [George Gordon Reporter](#)

Upcoming Meetings:

Oct 26 Lynn
Prentice: Mental Health
Nov 9 Remembrance
Day
Nov 23 Pat Cavan:
Rotary Foundation Night
Dec 14 Christmas Party

Upcoming Events

Socktober All of October
Oct 18 Scenic Bus Tour
of Leaves
Oct 19 Corporate
Member Night
Oct 24 World Polio Day
Oct 25 Breakfast with
the Mayor
Nov 16 Fireside Chat
Nov 27 – Dec 1 Wine
Survivor Draw

Rotary Links:

[Wiarton Rotary](#)
[Wiarton Rotary Facebook](#)
[Rotary District 6330](#)
[Rotary International](#)
[Rotary Foundation](#)

“You Know I”

On September 14th, we welcomed our newest members to the Rotary Club of Wiarton. Each gave a wonderful “You Know I” presentation.

Rebekah Larter

First to give her talk was Rebekah Larter . She and her husband Kyle are the owners of the Pinewoods Golf Course, East of Sauble Beach . She is currently involved with the Sauble Beach Chamber of Commerce. Rebekah is a very experienced volunteer. She has worked with Seniors, Children, and animals. One of her photos was of Rebekah as a Santa Volunteer. Rebekah is originally from Mississauga, Ontario. She is the youngest of four sisters. Trained as a Recreational Therapist, she has worked with Seniors who suffer from dementia in Retirement Homes, Nursing Homes, and Hospitals. Following the example of her father Nick, currently living in Meaford and a 27-year Rotarian, Rebekah has joined our club. Welcome!

Glen Barnett

Glen Barnett was the next new Rotarian to speak. He is currently the Golf Pro at Pinewoods Golf Course. Originally a Contractor and Renovator from Mississauga area , he and his wife were married on the beach at Sauble . They bought a home there in 2015 from which they commuted back to the city as needed for work. Glen’s wife is an Event Coordinator and can do some of her work from their Sauble home. They are the proud owners of two very special Golden Retrievers. Welcome!

Heather Brush

Our final new member to talk was Heather Brush. She has won the grand prize in Wine Survivor on two separate occasions. It is a good thing that she enjoys wine! Born in Montreal to a French Canadian Mother and a Scottish father Heather has an Honours BA in English from Laurentian University in Sudbury Ontario. She also has studied Computer programing at Sheridan College. Along with her husband, she has two children and two grandchildren. She was a Bet Messenger at Mohawk Raceway, ran a Trophy Business, worked for Torbram Electric and helped out the Tim Horton’s Foundation. She has volunteered with her Childrens’ French Immersion class and as a Girl Guide Leader. A long time visitor to Red Bay; Heather retired there in 2017. She loves Reading, Sewing and Gardening. Welcome to Rotary Heather!

Rotary Exchange Student Emanuely Noleto Boesing

Our new Rotary Exchange Student is Emanuely Noleto Boesing from District 4440 in Brazil . She was introduced by Rotarian Donna Ruddell. Welcome to Canada!

George Gordon Reporter