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**January 20, 2022 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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**We were back on Zoom due to the current Covid-19 situation in Ontario.**

President Elect Pat chaired the meeting in Trevor’s absence.

Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting noting the presence of Janice Jackson and Rotarian George Gordon. Trevor had provided Pat with some really stupid trivia questions, We all agreed that because they were impossible to answer, Trevor would be required to pay everyone’s fines. I think that works out to about $12.00.

Happy bucks were provided by Gay who is leading everyone with her fourth Covid shot. Pat’s Grandson is still growing and Eric is happy that Florida is opening up cruise ship departures on the exact day he is scheduled to get on board.

Nick introduced SBP Mayor and Bruce County Warden Janice Jackson for what is becoming an annual Wiarton Rotary tradition. She previously addressed the club one year ago, (also on Zoom).

Mayor Jackson covered many topics including the purchase of the Sauble Medical Centre which will be a home for the local Bruce County EMS. She discussed the “Short Term Rental” levy which will provide a new revenue source for the Town and help to solve on- going problems caused by visitors. She explained the current breaking news on the status of the relocating the Wiarton Hub to land offered by the developer of the Wiarton Meadows site. The Wiarton streetscape and fish farming were also issues of discussion.

Bob thanked the Mayor for speaking at the meeting and providing the club with an update of the current situations.

**Attendance:** 15 Rotarians

**Guests:** Janice Jackson, George Gordon

**Birthdays**:

January 22: Eric Robinson

**Upcoming Meetings:**

January 27: Zoom meeting.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Feb 7-11 Wine Survivor**

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**Mike Mason has distributed an email request for organizations for the club to considering adding to our current list of 15 Charities that are eligible to receive funds Rotary raises through lotteries. He needs suggestions by the need of January.**

**Pat would like some suggestions of projects to consider including in a District Grant application for 2022-23.**

**In light of Thursday Covid announcement by the Government of Ontario on changes to the restrictions due to Covid, it was agreed to hold a special meeting on Thursday January 27th to discuss the possibility of holding Maple Magic the last two weekends of March, 2022. Members are asked to update themselves on what the restrictions will likely be and decide if their comfort level and the comfort level of their volunteers will allow them to be active if the event proceeds. Without members and volunteers, Maple Magic cannot occur.**