

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 as they joined the group. We enjoyed a 20 minute social time before the meeting started.

Pat informed us that the May 23 Wiarton Rotary Online Trivia Night is now completely sold out with 20 teams participating. Pat is hoping the event will net the club around \$1,400. Thanks Pat, Bob and team. See next page for report.

Kathy put forth a proposal to move forward with an on line (Zoom) dinner meeting. This will be a partner's night that will incorporate the executive changeover and Paul Harris Night. Tentative date is June 25 and Kathy and Gay will investigate who can provide take-out meals for us to enjoy.

Ron Balsdon read Thank You Notes to the Club for their support during the Covid pandemic from both Gateway Haven and Bruce Peninsula Health Services (Foundation)

Trevor introduced our guest speaker, Martin Ward, who is the District Foundation Committee Chair. Martin then provided us with an informative presentation on how the Rotary Foundation operates on both a local and international level. The Foundation has managed over \$4 Billion in humanitarian service projects globally since its inception. Its three major funds are 1. Polio Plus...which is nearing completion as only Pakistan and Afghanistan are current problem areas. 2. Annual Fund...the primary fund for district and global grant activities and 3. Endowment Fund where endowments are professionally invested and only the earnings are spent. The Foundations area of focus are 1. Peace and Conflict Resolution 2. Disease Prevention and Treatment 3. Water and Sanitation 4. Maternal and Child Health 5. Basic Education 6. Economic and Community Development. Towards this end the Foundation distributes District Grants and Global Grants. District Grants are smaller scale, short term, and for local or international projects. The District Grand provision is for up to \$2,000/project and the District approved 45 projects this year. Global Grants are for larger (min of \$30,000 budget), sustainable international projects. The Foundation also provides funding for disaster relief and graduate learning. Two excellent sources of information for everything you may want to know about Foundation Grants are 1. Online at learn.rotary.org ---Rotary Foundation Basics, or preferably, 2. ask Bob Carson at 371-1632. Martin encouraged everyone to consider making a donation to the Rotary Foundation before he was thanked by President, Scribe: Richard

Attendance: 16Rotarians

Guests: PDG Martin Ward

Birthdays:

May 16 Mike Mason

21 Joanne Veerman

Anniversaries:

None

Upcoming Meetings:

All meetings are cancelled till further notice Next Zoom meeting May 21 Zoom District Conference June 13 Zoom International Conference June 20

Next Zoom meeting,

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

Wiarton Rotary " A Night out at Home!!"

Saturday night we held our first attempt at an on-line Trivia night. We had over 150 participants, 21 techies and 4 administrators on the Zoom meeting. Check out the Wiarton Rotary site and Facebook for pictures.

We had a few technical problems that had to be solved, but by all reports, the participants had an enjoyable evening. We had people from Virginia, British Columbia and Australia as well as from all over Ontario with us.

The winning team was "The Dumbest Timeline" Captained by Jeff Mason. This is a group that is from Ottawa, plus one from Virginia, that plays Trivia on a regular basis. (Yes, Jeff is Mike and Kathy's son, but, they are not allowed on Jeff's team).

It looks like Rotary is going to make over \$1,450.00 that we can use to benefit our community.

Thanks to Donna and Dave Rudell who provide some Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinegar for the winning team courtesy of the Southampton Olive Oil Company.