We acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional lands of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, and we are thankful for sharing the lands.

**Rotary Club of Wiarton**

**Minutes**

**November 23/23**

Chair: Nora Walden

Moment of silence before our meal.

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Meeting Commenced Approx. 6:45 p.m.

1. Introduce Speaker (Nora)– **RI Foundation and Giving Tuesday, November 28/23**. **George Gordon introduced the Foundation Committee: Bev Garinger and Pat Cavan**. This global day of generosity is an opportunity for all members to make a big impact, with a gift of any size that supports projects you’re passionate about. The committee described the Rotary International Foundation and Paul Harris Awards. We watched a short video that highlighted how privileged we are when compared with the population of the World. We were inspired to imagine how we in Rotary can work to make the World a better place. Glenda Jamieson shared highlights of our recent District-Funded projects- The Drum Workshop at Neyaashiinigmiing and the Mental Health Program for Children and Youth at three local schools. Pat Cavan described Global Grants and the international water projects, and Hand Up’s impact in Guatemala. The Rotary Club of Wiarton gives generously to the RI Foundation, and actively uses the foundation resources to fund local and international projects. Please give.
2. Thank Speaker: Nora Walden
3. **Budget-** **Scott Elliott**-We will be reviewing our Budget and asking the Club members for guidance. Please see the **Framework for Budget Discussion** at the bottom of these Minutes. A survey will be sent to the members of the Rotary Club of Wiarton shortly.
4. **Wine Survivor 10**- Bev Garinger: Draw November 27-December 1/23

**Thank you to the following people for assisting in Wine Survivor:**

Draw Organizer- Bev Garinger, Sommelier- Jackie Drawbell, License Coordinator- Scott Elliott, Ticket Coordinator- Ron Balsdon, Data Entry Coordinator - Heather Brush, Laurie Leonard - (Mon and Tues) -Trevor Hathaway (Wed) - Eric Robinson (Thurs and Fri) On Site Ticket Recorder -Sparky Leonard (Mon and Tues)- Holly Hathaway (Wed)- Dale Robinson (Thurs and Fri), Back Up - Rebekah Larter and Glen Barnett, Advertising and Promotion Coordinator - Pat Cavan, Off Site Ticket Recorder -Greg Hollinger , Ruthann Carson, Draw Recorder Coordinator - Mike Mason, On-Air Personalities- Mike McMillan , Nick Torra, Technical Coordinator - Glenda Jamieson, Wine Storage and Delivery Coordinator- Jackie Drawbell, Randy Curran

1. **Fireside Chat**: We had a very successful Fireside Chat on THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2023, at the home of Pat Cavan. The group enjoyed and appreciated learning more about the Rotary Club. The next Fireside Chat will **be March 21/24**- Location to be announced.
2. **Major project/fundraiser with Local Service Clubs**: Jackie Drawbell and Mike Mason: We have the results of our survey. The Members of the Rotary Club of Wiarton are overall quite supportive of the concept of a major fundraiser with other service clubs. There were some concerns expressed in the survey as well.

**Background**: A meeting of local service clubs was held on November 7, 2023 to discuss the possibility of a large community fundraiser and project. Attendees were:

Jackie Drawbell - Rotary Club, Mike Mason – Rotary Club, Gayle Hall - Optimist/Propeller Club, Joe Vanderzand – Legion/BIA/Chamber of Commerce, Scott Wilson – Lion’s Club, John Pocock – Lion’s Club

Initially, the Rotary Club of Wiarton had envisioned holding a large fundraiser in Summer 2025. Other organizations were interested in a Summer 2024 fundraiser. The results of our survey will be taken to the next meeting with local service clubs.

1. **Wiarton Santa Claus Parade: Saturday December 2, 2023 at 7 p.m.** We will be entering a Rotary Club of Wiarton Float in the parade. Eric Robinson will provide truck and trailer. The construction will be done at Ron Balsdon’s home. Theme: A Rock and Roll Christmas. Float committee: Trevor, Nora, Mike, Nick, Ron, Eric, Bob, Greg. **We will decorate the float on Thursday, November 30th at Ron Balsdon’s home starting at 9:30 a.m.**
2. **Succession Committee Report: Pat, Mike, Trevor**

**President for the remaining of 2023-24: Nora Walden**

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**Treasurer for 2024-25: Heather Brush**

**Secretary for the remaining of 2023-24 Glenda Jamieson**

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1. **Next Meeting:** Our **Rotary Holiday Party** :

**Wiarton Rotary Holiday Get Together**

**Thursday December 14, 2023**

**The Dunes**

**11 Southampton Parkway**

**Sauble Beach**

**Cost $45.00 per person**

**This will be a Partners Evening**

**Cocktails 5:30 pm**

**Dinner served 6:30 pm**

We are asking that you wear something with a Christmas theme in mind to the Holiday Party. It could be an ugly sweater, or a tie or a hat, or a broach, earrings etc. There will be a short program. A bin will be available if you wish to donate any non-perishable food item(s) for the Salvation Army Food Bank

1. **Fundraising: Rotary Club of Wiarton Golf Tournament, Saturday, September 21, 2024 at Pinewoods Golf Club. Save the Date!! This is going to be great!!**
2. **50/50 Draw** winner: Pat Cavan
3. **Meeting Adjourned**

**Framework for Budget Discussion. Nov 2023: Scott Elliott, Treasurer**

* As of October 31, the Club’s equity was 73 K, held as follows:
	+ General Account 24K
	+ Investment Acct (Money set aside of a rainy day) 44K
	+ Trust Acct (funded by lotteries) 3K (Now 6.5K)
	+ Cash Collateral for Visa Card 2K
* Investment Account: How much needs to be held as a contingency fund? The Fund would be used as seed money for new events, and to be replenished after the event. In dire circumstances the contingency fund could be used to cover essential club expenses like shortfalls in R.I & District Dues; Insurance; Banking and Accounting Fees; Website; Legal Liabilities.
* There is a need to cut our expenditure budget into two parts: funded from General Revenues and funded from Lottery Revenues (Trust Account). At the present time all expenses have been paid from general funds and we may end up with surpluses in the Lottery Fund which need to be dispersed within a year. All of our Appeals to date have been funded from the General Account, as at the time the Appeal was approved there were no funds in the Lottery Account. There are 18 local charities designated for funds from the lottery revenues.
* Determine how much of a deficit we are prepared to live with. Assuming no significant changes in Revenues we can determine how long the club will remain solvent.
* Once overall budget deficits/surpluses are determined, we can prioritize non- lottery expenses and also determine what total appeal amount can be funded through the lottery budget subject to timing. Any appeal not funded through the lottery account will have to be funded through the non-designated funds.