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 9/23**

Chair: Nora Walden

Moment of silence before our meal.

Meeting Commenced Approx. 6:45 p.m.

1. Introduce Speaker (Nick)– **Councillor Beverley Nadjiwon from Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation** spoke on the contributions of indigenous people in both World Wars. He had many personal stories about family and community members who participated in World War I and II. On a per capita basis, Cape Croker had the greatest number of men enlist in the armed forces in Ontario, and perhaps the entire Country. The impact on the indigenous community was overwhelming. Indigenous Remembrance Day was celebrated on November 8, 2023.
2. Thank Speaker: Ron Gatis, Nora Walden
3. Introduction of visitors: Joe Vanderzand, Wiarton Legion and Manu Boesing, Rotary Exchange Student
4. **Quarterly Appeals September 2023** – **Budget $5000- Spent $4750**

Thank you to the Rotarians who signed up to present the appeal cheques to the recipients. The BIG cheque is included in a photograph of the recipient and Rotary Club member. The photos are great!

* R & R Rescue- Rebekah Larter and Mike McMillan $1000
* 4H Club – Rebekah Larter $750
* Wiarton Nursery School- Trevor Hathaway $750
* Salvation Army- Mike Mason will be asked. $1000
* Wiarton Legion- Glenda Jamieson $1000
* Book Mobile-Glenda Jamieson $1000
* Please Bring Me Home- will be mailed. $250
* Santa Claus Parade- will be delivered on parade day (Scott) $1000

See the photos on our Website: <https://wiartonrotary.org/>

1. **Budget-** We will be reviewing our Budget in the upcoming weeks and coming to the Club for guidance.

1. **Wine Survivor 10**- Bev Garinger: Tickets are Sold Out!! Draw November 27-December 1/23. Please return your ticket stubs and pay for your tickets! **We need a place to store the Wine for this draw as of November 15th. Do you have room? Please contact Bev Garinger ASAP.**
2. **Rotary District Grant – Funded Project: Children’s Mental Health- CMHA Grey Bruce**

We have received a $2000 District Grant towards the cost of this project. Total cost is $6000. Sessions have been scheduled every month from now until June 2024 at Kikendaasogamig, Amable-Sauble, and Peninsula Shores Schools.

1. **Dates to Remember**:
2. **Fireside Chat** – WHO?  **ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE INVITED**

WHY?  LEARN MORE ABOUT ROTARY....WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO AND HOW WE DO IT

SHARE WITH YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS AND LEARN FROM EACH OTHER - HOW ROTARY HAS IMPACTED OUR LIVES

LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT FELLOWSHIP AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS THAT ROTARY OFFERS

IT WILL BE AN INFORMAL GATHERING WITH LOTS OF TIME FOR DISCUSSION.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED!

FIRESIDE CHAT

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2023**

7:00 - 8:00pm...or later if people want to stay and chat

Home of Pat Cavan

502766 Grey Rd. 1

Georgian Bluffs

**Pat Cavan (she/her)**

**519-373-1087**

**patriciacavan@gmail.com**

1. **Major project/fundraiser.** Jackie Drawbell and Mike Mason: We invited several community organizations to discuss a joint project and fundraising effort. They are all interested in joining together in this endeavor. A meeting with these community organizations was held on November 7 at 4 p.m. at the Wiarton Legion. We are very excited about the prospect of working with community partners on a major project. Stay tuned for more information. Thank you, Jackie and Mike!
2. **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: Rock and Roll Christmas-Volunteers will be needed to plan, construct and ride on the float**. Volunteers: We will have a brief Float Meeting on November 23 downstairs at the Legion Hall at 5:15.**
3. Our **Rotary Holiday Party** will be held on December 14th at **The Dunes** in Sauble Beach. Cost $45 per person. See invitation below:
4. **Next Meeting**: November 23 /23 – Pat Cavan: Discussing Rotary Foundation

1. **News to share: Other Business**
2. **Rotarian of the Year: I**t is that time of year again...it's time to recognize a fellow Rotarian for their outstanding efforts in making our community a better place. Someone who leads by example of what it means to be a Rotarian. This person will be honoured at the awards ceremony at the December/Christmas meeting. Please email your nomination and a short reason why they should be considered to;

Glen Barnett glen@golfready.ca

**Please send your nominations by Nov 14, 2023**

1. **Santa in Hepworth-** November 18/23 Hepworth is hosting a special Christmas event with tree-lighting, horse-drawn carriage ride and our very own Santa George. The event commences at 5:00 p.m.
2. **50/50 Draw** – Winner Rotary Exchange Student Emmanuelly Boesing

**Meeting Adjourned**

**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**

 **Cash Bar**

**Dinner served 6:30 pm**

**Caesar Salad**

**Roasted and Carved Local Beef**

**Buttery Mashed Potatoes**

 **Seasonal Vegetables**

**Yorkshire Pudding, horseradish jus**

**Sticky Toffee Pudding**

**Vanilla Bean Ice Cream**

**vegetarian option available**

**We are asking that you wear something with a Christmas theme in mind. 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**

**RSVP by Nov 23rd Rotary meeting along with payment - by cash,**

**cheque or e transfer to wiartonrotary@gmail.com**