

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**

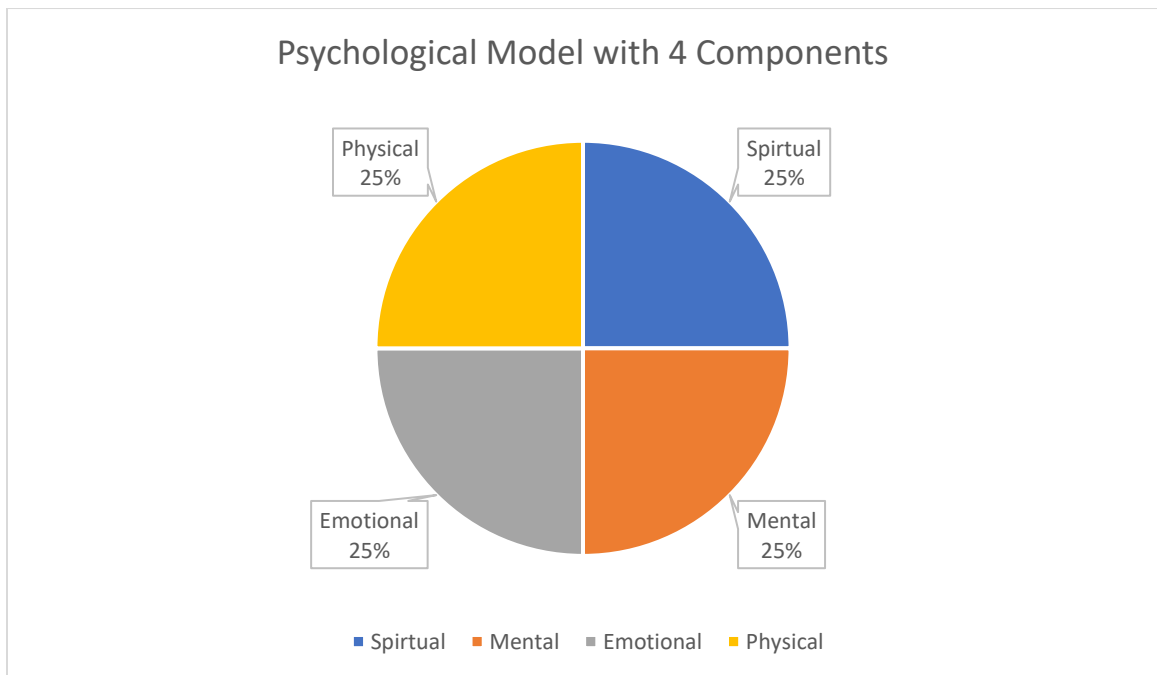
**October 26/23**

Chair: Nora Walden

Moment of silence before our meal.

Meeting Commences Approx. 6:45 p.m.

1. Introduce Speaker –Nick: **Lynn Prentice**, Clinical Social Worker-Mental Health  
Lynn described several models she uses in treating people with mental health concerns. She favours models that include a spiritual component in the treatment process.



2. Thank Speaker- Rebekah Larter
3. Introduction of visitors: Ralph and Gail Sprague. Ralph is a former member of Wiarton Rotary Club and currently a member in Burlington. Welcome!
4. **Summary of Quarterly Appeals September 2023 – Budget \$5000- Spent \$4750**
  - Wiarton Legion. Cenotaph Revitalization – \$1000
  - Wiarton 4 H Club - \$750
  - Wiarton Nursery School \$750
  - Bruce County Library – Bookmobile - \$1000

- R & R Rescue and Resort- \$1000
- Please Bring Me Home -\$250

**Emergency Appeals: Spent \$2000**

Hams for Christmas Hampers-- \$1000

Santa Float for Wiarnton Santa Claus Parade-- \$1000

- We discussed the online voting process, and it was agreed that this process worked well, and we should continue to use online voting.
- Rotarians signed up to present the appeal cheques to the recipients. The BIG cheque should be included in a photograph of the recipient and Rotary Club member. Scott Elliott has the BIG Cheque.
- R & R Rescue- Rebekah Larter and Mike McMillan
- 4H Club – Rebekah Larter
- Wiarnton Nursery School- Trevor Hathaway
- Salvation Army- Mike Mason will be asked.
- Wiarnton Legion- Glenda Jamieson
- Book Mobile-Glenda Jamieson
- Please Bring Me Home- will be mailed.
- Santa Claus Parade- will be delivered on parade day (Scott)

5. **Budget-** We will be reviewing our Budget in the upcoming weeks and coming to the Club for guidance.
6. **Wine Survivor 10-** Tickets on Sale- Contact Ron Balsdon. Four Books available. Draw November 27-December 1/23. Nick Torra urged everyone to buy or sell one more ticket! Please contact Nick to get your extra ticket.
7. **Socktober-** Thank you, to everyone who has donated socks! Gay did a wonderful job of organizing this project and there will be many warm feet as a result!

**8. 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. Our project could not be timelier, given the current crisis in children’s health and mental health. Thank you, Glenda, for making this happen!

**Note: The Report for District Grant Project must be submitted in MAY 2024.**

9. **Rotary Learning & Information Session 1** (RLI- Rotary Leadership Institute). This first program is ideal for new and existing Rotarians to learn about Rotary. It is being offered November 6th and 13th from 6:30-9:30 pm both evenings by Zoom.

If you have any questions, please contact [dianechantler@hotmail.com](mailto:dianechantler@hotmail.com). Diane Chantler, RLI Chair D6330.

10. **Scenic Bus Tour of Leaves:** Wednesday, October 18/23 was a great success with almost 40 attending. - Thank you, Nick Torra and Glenn Beacock,
11. **Corporate Membership Event, October 19/23:** Also, a great success with several businesspeople attending. All were engaged and interested in Rotary Club. Thank you, Jackie and the membership committee Rebekah, Pat, Glen- for organizing this!
12. **Dates to Remember:**
  - a. **Fireside Chat** for New Members/Guests-November 16/23, 7-8 p.m. at the home of Pat Cavan
  - b. **World Polio Day:** October 24/23: Proceeds from our 50/50 draw tonight will go to Polio Plus. Thank you, Bev.
  - c. **Major project/fundraiser.** Jackie Drawbell and Mike Mason: We have invited several community organizations, and they are all interested in joining together in this endeavor. A meeting with these community organizations will be scheduled on November 7 at 4 p.m. at the Wiarion Legion. We are very excited about the prospect of working with community partners on a major project. Thank you, Jackie!
  - e. Our **Rotary Christmas Party** will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> at **Heydays** in Sauble Beach. Cost \$45 per person. More information to follow.
13. The funeral of Mal Williams will be Saturday, October 28 at 2:00 p.m. at Kemble Sarawak United Church. The full obituary is here:  
<https://owensoundsuntimes.remembering.ca/obituary/maldwyn-williams-1088786834>
14. **Next Meeting:** November 9 /23 – Remembrance Day Theme
15. **News to share: Other Business**
  - a. **Wiarion Santa Claus Parade: Saturday December 2, 2023 at 7 p.m.** We discussed entering a Rotary Club of Wiarion Float in the parade. Eric Robinson would provide truck and trailer. The construction could be done at Ron Balsdon's home. Theme: Rock and Roll Christmas-Volunteers would be needed to plan, construct and ride on the float. Our club has sponsored the parade by donating \$1000 to the Santa Float. We will vote online to determine if we will participate in the parade.
  - b. **Eric Robinson** gave an update on the status of his health, and his maple syrup operation. He is currently working with the NEC to hopefully come to an agreement on how to maintain his maple syrup buildings. This will be a lengthy process. Thank you for the update. Fortunately, Eric is feeling well.
  - c. **T-Shirts:** The Rotary Club of Wiarion had a few Volunteer T-Shirts from Shore-to-Shore 2023. If you would like a T-Shirt, please take one!

16. **50/50 Draw** winner Rebekah Larter

Proceeds from our 50/50 Draw went to Rotary Polio Plus

This past Tuesday Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, another World Polio Day was acknowledged. The theme this year was “Together we End Polio.” We are so close to the eradication of this terrible disease. After almost 4 decades, Polio is Cornered- and We Must Finish the Job. Through decades of commitment and work by Rotary volunteers and our partners, more than 2.5 billion children have received the oral polio vaccine.

Our own, Gay Ratcliffe was one of those volunteers who rose to the challenge, travelling to India a few years back to help with this project. You will need to ask her what the heck is a Purple Pinkie! Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative have made great strides to reduce polio cases by 99.9% worldwide, and we’ve reduced the circulation of wild polio to Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The total number of cases worldwide in 2023 remains at 6. We have an opportunity to make history by ending polio, which will be only the second human disease ever to be eradicated, and the time for action is now. Any form of polio anywhere in the world is a threat to children everywhere. I ask everyone to help finish the job and end polio for good to ensure that this paralyzing disease does not return to polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk.

Visit [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org) to learn more about how *you* can get involved.

Yours in Rotary,

Bev G

**Meeting Adjourned**