**Rotary Club of Wiarton**

**Minutes**

**April 25, 2024**

**There were 25 Members and guest in attendance for dinner . Our guests were Anne James, Peggy Beghetto, Captain Gerry Greig, Wendell Thompson, Tom Buckley and Cathryn Buckley of The Northern Bruce Peninsula Rotary Club. Other Guests included Manu Our Youth Exchange Student, her host Hailey Burt, a former exchange student, Cory Young, Kristan Revell, and Mike Revell potential new members.**

**Our guest Speaker Sandra Hong Education Coordinator for the Grey Bruce Alsheimer Society arrive after our meal. President Nora brought the meeting to order at 6:45 with a Land Acknowledgement that we were meeting on the Traditional lands of the Saugeen Ojibway People and a Moment of silence and refection.**

**Sandra was introduced to the club by Rotarian Rebecca Larter.**

**We were treated to an interesting and thought provoking presentation. Sandra pointed out that over 600,000 Canadians currently have Alzheimer’s or a form of Dementia. That figure is projected to grow to over 1.7 million by 2050. Those with symptoms of the disease were being cared for by family members, friends and other care partners. If caught early, the progression of the disease could be slowed down. Drugs and therapy were very helpful in doing this. Sandra gave the group some definitions of the disease and of methods used to help slow its progress. The use of Memory Clinics and methods of treatment were helping to comfort the victims of Dementia. A persons genetic make up can be checked to see if they are predisposed to developing symptoms. These folks may or may not get Alzheimer’s .**

**Currently there are waiting lists in Grey Bruce for some of programs that are of help to patients. Our donations help with care and research.**

**Rotarian Mike Mason Thanked Sandra and presented her with a Certificate of our donation to Canadian Mental Health Youth programs on her behalf.**

**Ther is good news regarding our Global Grant application. Our Global Grant Application for a Tutoring Program in Guatemala has been approved. Our thanks go out to the Committee, Pat Cavan, Glenda Jamieson, and Bob Carson. Here is what is on its way to Guatemala. The Hand Up Committee are sending $14994.00 That will be matched by District Designated Funds (DDF) of $14280.00 and the Rotary Foundation World Fund will be sending $11420.00 as well. This will provide a total value of $39980.00.**

**President Nora suggested looking into host a Rotary Visioning Work Shop maybe in the fall. This was suggested at the Pets Training in Kalamazoo. Others who experienced this training felt that might be a good idea. It could help the club develop a long term plan. A team from the district could run this workshop.**

**Rotarian Bev Garinger gave an update on Wine Survivor #12 May 27- 31. Tickets are now available from Rotarian Ron . Lets get them sold. A book is being sent to Lions Head with the Northern Bruce Peninsula members in attendance.**

**Rotarians Mike Mason and Jackie Drawbell gave a report on the statis of the Wiarton Homecoming Weekend on Civic Holiday weekend. Things are going well for the most part. One of the special events will be a Fish Fry. We are unable to get any Insurance if we were to use the Dunk Tank now or in the foreseeable future . There is no Insurance for anything involving water. Treasurer Scott suggested that we should sell the Tank for a dollar or otherwise dispose of it. A club vote on this will be sent out by email.**

**Work is on going for the annual Shore to Shore Race . Rotarian Rebekah is helping to head up this event.**

**Rotarian Glen Barnett is working on Registration and Sponsorship of our Wiarton Rotary Fundraising Golf tournament to be held September 8, 2024 at Pinewoods Golf Club.**

**The Bruce Peninsula Community Food Bank celebrated a 10th Anniversary on Monday April 15, 2024. This event was attended by President Nora and Rotarian Mike Mason. Rotarian Mike was asked to speak to those in attendance.**

**The Membership Committee event held at the Revell Cooperative on Thursday April 18, 2024 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm was deemed a great success. There were 12 potential new members and 16 club members in attendance. Committee Members Pat Cavan, Jackie Drawbell and Glen Barnett are to be commended for their hard work in organizing this event.**

**The Interact Club and several club members attended an Earth Day Road Cleanup on Highway 6. Organized by Rotarian Pat this event was a great success . Everyone who attended are to be thanked for helping with this endeavor.**

**We are reminded that the Paul Harris night will be held at Evergreen Lodge on May 23, 2024. Greg, Pat and Jackie are working on this event. We are to wear our Paul Harris pins.**

**Our Thanks go out to Rotarian Greg Holinger for acquiring and setting up our new Laptop . Our old Laptop died at the previous meeting. Secretary Glenda Jamieson and Rotarian Bev Garinger have set up visits to Amabel Sauble and Kikendaasogamig Schools in connection with our District Grant. The dates are Amabel Sauble, May 1, 2024 , 9:00 AM and Kikendaasogamig on May 14, 9:00 AM . Other club members are invited to join them.**

**Our Thanks go out to Rotarian Mike Mason for organizing a Food Handlers Couse to be held at the Rotary Hall in Lions Head on May 3, 2024.**

**Club Members have been invited to a Bar B Que in Southampton on May 22, 2024 at 5:00 sponsored by the Southampton Rotary Club. A signup sheet has been passed around.**

**Secretary Glenda will have a sheet asking club members if they have had any new Criminal Convictions since their last Vulnerable Sector Police Check. This to protect members and our club.**

**The Rotary Club of Meaford are hosting this year’s District 6330 Conference at the Bayshore Community Centre in Owen Sound on June 21- 23, 2024. Club members are invited to sign up if they would like to attend. This event is very handy to attend for us this year.**

**President Nora let us know that the Wiarton Agricultural Society are looking for Volunteers to help with their Annual Fall Fair.**

**The 50/ 50 Draw was won by Captain Gerry Graig of the Northern Bruce Peninsula Club.**

**The Next meeting will be on Thursday May9, 2024 at the Wiarton Legion.**