



THE GATEWAY GAZETTE

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Sept 10, 2020

The Rotary Club of Warton

District 6330 Chartered 1938
Dinner Meetings –6 P.M. Thursdays
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 208

And they said it wasn't possible. But Nick, Ron and the Legion Ladies did it and did I in style. We were back, having a delicious roast beef dinner, Rotary fellowship and an all-round good time.

Gay welcomed 22 well-spaced, masked Rotarians back to our regular meeting place. We skipped a couple of our normal customs, but no one voice any disapproval.

After a pep talk from Gay, fine master Bev took over a raised a great deal of money. Mike Mason was happy for all the help he received on the food bank project. Magic Mike was fined for having a permanent smile. Trevor still has found a barber that will give him an appointment. Nick's shirt still fits in spite of the pandemic.

Since it had been six months since we had our last in-person meeting, almost everyone had a Birthday or anniversary to pay for.

President Gay presented Magic Mike with his Past-President's pin and his latest Paul Harris Certificate. Randy and Jackie walked the red carpet (minus the carpet) to pick up their executive pins.

Bob outline the activities of our Fund Raising Committee. Eric and Dale raised over \$4000 through the maple syrup sales. The two trivia nights that were held in May and June raised over \$3200 for the club. **Next Trivia night is October 24th.** Warton Foodland conducted a fund raiser that netted over \$3100. A campaign to have seniors donate their COVID \$300 to Warton Rotary has raised \$1800 to date. If you would like to add to this total, please do so by the end of September. You will receive a tax receipt for your donation.

Attendance: 22 Rotarians

Guests: 0

Birthdays:

Sept 19 Monty Bennett
20 Pat Cavan
25 Richard Bouillon

Anniversaries:

Sept 25 Ron and Sheila Gatis

Upcoming Meetings:

Watch for announcement

Upcoming Events:

Oct 24 Trivia Night

Dec 7-11 Wine Survivor

OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE 2020-21

PRESIDENT	Gay Ratcliffe
PAST PRESIDENT	Mike McMillan
PRESIDENT ELECT	Trevor Hathaway
SECRETARY (Executive)	Jackie Drawbell
SECRETARY (Recording)	Donna Stewart
TREASURER	Scott Elliott

DIRECTORS

ADMINISTRATION	Ron Balsdon
SERVICE PROJECTS	Kathryn Christie
MEMBERSHIP	Randy Curran
FOUNDATION	Trevor Hathaway
PUBLIC IMAGE	Mike Mason
FUNDRAISING	Eric Robinson
SAFETY & STRATEGY	Nick Torra

The next new fund raiser will be a **Wine Survivor Raffle** which will have a total of 100 bottles of wine as prizes. Richard will be distributing tickets by the end of September for all members to sell. The draws will be held December 7-11th. Members are being encouraged to donate a bottle of their favorite wine, minimum cost of \$15.00, to the committee to help keep expenses down and profits up.

Our Guest Speaker for the evening was our own Eric Robinson. He was born, raised, educated and grew up in the Wiarion area. Raised on a Dairy Farm, he and his wife, Dale, started their working career as a dog groomer. He also cut grass on the side of many miles of Ontario highways. He became a concrete foreman after his father purchased a concrete manufacturing business. This eventually led to Eric getting out of concrete and into plastics with the formation of SPI. Eric and his partner grew SPI into a worldwide company that ended up specializing in playground equipment and having McDonalds as its largest customer. These companies have now been sold and Eric and Dale now operate the elk farm and maple syrup business near Wiarion.

The 50/50 was won by President Gay.

Watch for notice of our next meeting. Remember that Ron must know if you are attending a meeting. The Legion Ladies are only preparing for those who say they are attending.