

The Rotary Club of Chatham

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Today, our guest speaker was Rotarian Jessica Morrow from Thamesville. She was introduced by Rotarian Tracey Walker.

Jessica has 4 children, lives in Thamesville on a dairy farm and is a Rotarian with online meetings. Because of this type of membership, Jessica was asked to talk about Alternative Rotary Lifestyles.

Jessica has been associated with Rotary in many ways. She was a Rotary Exchange Student about 20 years ago and brought her colorful jacket to our meeting today.

She has been a member and president of New Liskeard Rotary club, which unfortunately closed during her year as president. She also has been a member of the Glencoe club.

Living in Thamesville, Jessica finds it difficult to attend a regular Rotary club. So she has joined a passport club. Her club has 42 members and meets by using a software program called ZOOM which is similar to Skype or Facetime.

The meetings are monthly and are about an hour in length. The clubs are similar to regular clubs with presidents, boards and committees. But they are much more flexible in accommodating members' schedules. Dues may be lower than those of traditional clubs.

Many Rotarians were not aware of passport clubs and we thank Jessica for bringing us up to date on this Rotary initiative. Jessica was thanked more formally by President Paul Watson.

