

# ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER GRAND RIVER



## ***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We are community leaders who provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations & help build good will & peace in our community and internationally.  
Our focus is making a difference 'with Youth',  
Fellowship and the good feeling of being part of a good cause.*

## ***PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION***

*4 Way Test  
Is it the truth?  
Is it fair to all concerned?  
Will it build good will & better friendships?  
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

## ***MOTTO***

***“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”***

# ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER-GRAND RIVER BULLETIN

Aug 1, 2006

## Offsite to Victoria Star Motors

	Today	Aug 8	Aug 15
Sgt. At Arms	Fraser Moull	Bill Muirhead	Gerry Muller
50/50 Draw	Jim McIntyre	Sharon McMorran	Dave Moser
Greeter	Gerry Muller	John Murray	Justin Nesbitt
Blessing	Doug Jones	Jon Kaufman	Jon Kinghan
Introduction	Joanne Renaud	Lindsay Restagno	Jeff Righton
Thank-You	Lindsay Restagno	Jeff Righton	John Scace
Warm-Up	NA	NA	NA
Exchange Student	Stan West	NA	NA

### Last Week: RI Convention Report-Kathi Smith

Kathi gave a report on her recent attendance at the RI convention in Denmark.

This years' convention was jointly hosted by Copenhagen and Malmo Sweden. The convention was much smaller than prior years with only 14,800 attendees (possibly due to last years Centennial celebration in Chicago. The slogan "Bridging the World" was established based on the bridge connecting Malmo to Copenhagen.

It was the third convention that Kathi has attended including one in Japan and last years' in Chicago.

Part of this years' convention was a little different as the voting members were called into action to vote on the appointment of the incoming RI President. This was unusual in that there was controversy around the RI board's selection of a candidate and some illegal campaigning that had been conducted. The result was the selection of a different candidate by the delegates (in 2007/08 Wilf Wilkinson from Canada

will be the first Canadian President in 56 years).

There were many great speakers and information. Some highlights included:

- Carl Wilhelm Stenhauer who spoke about getting more women involved in Rotary and involving more young members. Additionally, he sees as priority to redo old and unused rules and ways of Rotary. His simile was comparing the old Rotary to cross country skiing and the new Rotary to snowboarding.

You've got to evolve to attract the new crowds.

- Another speaker was a South African Catholic Nun who spoke about the focus on literacy being key to breaking the cycle of poverty in the world and local communities.
- Polio Plus update – a speaker from the World Health Organization indicated that research has developed 2 new



vaccines that are more effective than prior versions.

- Economist Jeffrey Sachs praised Rotary's grassroots contributions in the fight against poverty and sees Rotarians as world leaders.
- Hundreds of Rotarians filled two stadiums to learn about Swedish culture with lots of traditional Swedish songs and dances while eating pickled herring and drinking schnapps.

Next year's convention is to be held in Salt Lake City and hotels are projected to cost less than \$100US.

During the convention, Kathi was able to meet and speak to inbound RI President Bill Boyd from New Zealand.

For further information on the RI Convention see:

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/convention2006/listings.html>

## Into Blooms

Les Toth recently gave a warm up on the joys of classical music and this morning gave us a sample of his horticultural prowess. Les was offering cuttings from a Nicotiana plant which are good for a bird or butterfly garden and when it dies you can smoke it (editors note-I made up that last part myself).

## Announcements:

### District Report

Outgoing District Governor Doug Vincent has sent a congratulatory email to the District thanking for the support thru the past year. Of note is that the RI Foundation donations from the District are the highest in it's history! Per capita donations were up 44% to US\$88 per member (as an aside, our club donation for last year was US\$100 per member). Congratulations to all!

## St. John's Kitchen

The St. John's Kitchen has now moved to the old St. Vincent DePaul building on Victoria St. at Weber. We will be visiting the site for a future meeting closer to Christmas.

## District Conference

The upcoming District Conference is scheduled for Oct 21<sup>st</sup> at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga.

## GSE 2007

The next Group Study Exchange is scheduled to go to Brazil in April/May 2007. They are currently recruiting team members for a Sept 18<sup>th</sup> deadline with selection of the team scheduled for Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>. if you know a suitable candidate in the age range of 25-40, please forward the information to Kathi Smith.

## Youth Exchange

The YE year is just beginning in August with the departure of our outbound student to the coast of Brazil and the impending arrival of our Austrian inbound Hans. The first host family for Hans will be the Dalkes. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Rupert Hanson.

## 5 Club Project:

In 2007, the 5 clubs will be combining their efforts for a Habitat for Humanity project. Habitat is currently planning on 3 townhouse buildings with 13 total units on Cherry Street in Kitchener.

The request from Habitat is for a major sponsorship is \$65k from the 5 clubs in total in sponsorship of 1 unit (most of the clubs, ours included, have already given their support). The complicating factor of proceeding on a multi unit focus is scheduling becomes more complex.

The build is scheduled for 5 weeks next summer with the workers from the 5 clubs being commingled for efficiency (as well as interclub fellowship).

Tom Burns and Pierre Lapalme have been our representatives on the 5 club committee and have done a great job coordinating this volunteer opportunity!

### ***Backyard BBQ:***

Keep Sept 9<sup>th</sup> open for the current years Haley Backyard BBQ!

### ***50/50 Draw:***

The \$?? pot was won by a Mark Grossman!

### ***Happy Birthday***

John Dobson	Aug 1
John Kinghan	Aug 12
Kathi Smith	Aug 2

### **Bulletin:**

Please forward any information for publication to Rob Dippell at [rdippell@knells.ca](mailto:rdippell@knells.ca).

### **Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:**

Aug 8 Shay Davidson-New Member  
Who Am I?  
Aug 15 Shunpiking in Ontario-Warren Stauch  
Aug 22 The Life of a Busker-Scott Hammel  
Aug 29 Off-site to Centre in the Square hosted  
by Sharon McMorran