

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 8, 2006

Shay Davidson-New Member Who Am I?

	Today	Aug 15	Aug 22
Sgt. At Arms	Bill Muirhead	Gerry Muller	John Murray
50/50 Draw	Sharon McMorran	Dave Moser	Fraser Moull
Greeter	John Murray	Justin Nesbitt	Chris Nezny
Blessing	Jon Kaufman	Jon Kinghan	Pierre Lapalme
Introduction	Lindsay Restagno	Jeff Righton	John Scace
Thank-You	Jeff Righton	John Scace	Lisa Smith
Warm-Up	NA	NA	NA
Exchange Student	NA	NA	NA

Last Week: Offsite meeting to Victoria Star Motors
Speaker – Justin Nesbitt

(Meeting scribe – D. Edwards esq)

- Franchise history 30 years
- Original name – Compton Motors
- Moved to present location in February 2006 after extensive renovations
- Now one of the largest independent Mercedes Benz dealers in Canada
- Outstanding showroom with wide range of models on display
- Mercedes now has 55 different models to choose from, up from 8 only 10 years ago
- Car prices now range from \$16,000 to \$300,000
- Cars are now built in Germany, Alabama USA, and France (Smart Cars)



The new Victoria Star Showroom

the years. Mercedes is currently working to improve fuel efficiency without a performance sacrifice.

2. diesel cars – technology

advances have radically changed diesel car performance and environmental issues. Mercedes is the world leader in diesel technology

3. Smart cars – designed with

technology to make driving a



Something John's size??

Car industry changes over the years
 1. concern with fuel efficiency vs performance has come and gone over

safer and healthier experience by use of better cruise control options, radar sensing etc.



A proud new owner??

Justin recommends that anyone buying a car today should look for ESP (Electronic Stability Program) features which is a vital safety feature to prevent spin out in the event of a loss of control of the car.



Four two the size of Jim and Jeff??

Smart Car – Fourtwo

- # 1 selling feature – fuel economy – averages 60-70 mpg
- Victoria Star Motors is the largest dealer in Ontario for the Smart Cars
- Smart cars sell well when gas goes above \$1.00 per litre (should be selling lots now)

50/50 Draw

None this week (but all who stayed got to drive a Mercedes or Smart Car) (see picture of Past President Jeff and Jim MacArthur)

Announcements: District Conference

The upcoming District Conference is scheduled for Oct 21st 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 18th deadline with selection of the team scheduled for Sept 23rd. 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 9th open for the current years Haley Backyard BBQ!

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.

Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

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