

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

November 14, 2006

Social Purchasing Portal-Denise Walmsley

	Today	Nov 21	Nov 28
Sgt. At Arms	David Timlock	Les Toth	Paul Walman
50/50 Draw	Lisa Smith	Glenn Stewart	David Timlock
Greeter	Paul Walman	Frank Walski	Martin Ward
Blessing	John Murray	Justin Nesbitt	Chris Nezny
Introduction	Len Brunen	Tom Burns	Mark Caldwell
Thank-You	Tom Burns	Mark Caldwell	Darryl Dalke
Exchange Student	Duane Eby	Doug Edwards	Des Gibb

Last Week: "Haiti-Water For Life"

We were joined by Ancaster Rotarian, Roy Sheldrick to speak on his Haiti "Water for Life" Project.

The project was begun as a retirement project in 1996 to provide clean water to the 300,000 residents of the Artibonite region of Haiti (a 20x30 mile river valley).

Clean water is a critical component of good health and quality of life. There are a multitude of illnesses that can result from contaminated water supplies such as typhoid. The Haitian people live in an unforgiving climate with a very low standard of living. They may be forced to walk miles to reach a clean water source which prior to the project may be contaminated. With a clean water source there is positive health and economic results such as job creation. For example children will be healthier and their lack of preventable illness will free up a parent's time to work at tasks to generate income or food (ie. a mother is able to work in the garden or on crafts for sale at the local market).

The concept is to make the project sustainable by appointing a local management committee to be responsible for raising funds to install the well (they only raise a minimal part of the cost but it gives them a sense of ownership) as well as being responsible for maintenance. They are taught

sanitation and given the skills to repair and maintain the new well. The wells are drilled using a old rig between 90-300 feet deep and are located at in public spaces such as schools, churches or hospitals.

Roy started the project in 1996 with the objective of completing 200 wells. To date, the project has recently completed 125 wells. Roy hopes to complete this goal to retire once more.

Our club recently sponsored the cost of one well with a donation of \$5,000.

50/50:

When the winning ticket number was announced, Jeff Righton rushed from the room in a successful search for the winning ticket in the hall! Congratulations Jeff!

Rotary Moment:

Learn to read, read to learn

The Grade 3 dictionary project is a Rotary District 7080 project. The Goal of this program is to assist all students in completing the school year as good writers, active readers and creative thinkers by providing students with their own personal dictionary. The dictionaries are a gift to each student to use at school and at home for years to come.

<http://www.creditvalleyrotary.com/rotarycares/Grade3.htm>

Announcements: Youth Exchange

Thanks to Fraser Moull and Lila Read for volunteering to host Hannes starting in December. We are still looking for host families for Hannes for the months of March-June after which he will be going on the Cross Canada trip through July. Hannes goes to KCI which is very central and easy to get to from anywhere in KW. Please talk with your family to consider if you could make this commitment.

Secondly, we need three families to commit (by the end of day on Monday) to serve as hosts for next year's youth exchange student.

If we do not receive commitment from at least three families, we will be forced to withdraw from the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

Without host families, we cannot continue with this excellent program. If you need information about hosting or have any questions you can contact Rupert or Pierre.

Thanks for your consideration of this!!

March 7 07 Fellowship Dinner

There will be a Five Club Fellowship Dinner event honouring incoming RI President Wilf Winkinson of Trenton. The event is to be held at the Waterloo Inn and the plan is that it will be reasonably priced. Keep this date open for what should be an excellent fellowship opportunity.

Ambassadorial Scholar

Our third Ambassadorial Scholar arrives in January from Korea (South). Please try to include our existing Ambassadorial Scholars in your special

events over the holidays. Their contact information is Richard (519-807-3583) and Yokho (519-342-7570)

Membership Drive

Our goal for this year is to attract 10 new members. Jim McIntyre is leading the charge in this regard. He has offered to donate \$100US to the RI Foundation for every new member inducted into the club until the end of the year. Lets all do our part to help Jim part with some major cash!!! (all to a good cause)!

Mudpuppy

Sponsors are what we need most. If you have a contact that is a possible sponsor, give the lead to the committee and they will help follow up.

Skate 48:

Teams teams teams teams teams teams teams teams teams teams teams!

Board Meeting:

Board meetings are scheduled for Nov 1st and Dec 6th. If there is something needed to be added to the agenda, please forward to Kathi Smith several days before the scheduled meeting. Committee reports to be discussed should be submitted in advance so get your committees active!

Youth Exchange:

We are still looking for host families for Hanis. Please contact Rupert Hansen if you know of a family willing to host. There is no requirement that host families be a member of Rotary.

Happy Birthday (some of them belated)!

Mark Grossman Nov 5

Jim MacArthur Nov 10
Rob Dippell Nov 27

Bulletin:

Please forward any information for publication to Rob Dippell at rdippell@knells.ca.

Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

Nov 21 Board of Kitchener Grand River
Nov 28 Returning GSE Law Enforcement Team
 from Mexico-Candace Dosman
Dec 5 offsite to St John's Kitchen
Dec 12 Board of Kitchener Grand River
Dec 19 morning meeting cancelled for evening
 Holiday Party at Fraser's
Dec 26 Boxing Day - meeting cancelled
Feb 24 Skate 48
Mar 7 Five Club Fellowship Dinner
Mar 30 Curling night @ Westmount Golf and
 Country Club
May 6 Mudpuppy Run