

# 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 7, 2006

**Haiti Well Project-Roy Sheldon**

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Nov 14</b>	<b>Nov 21</b>
Sgt. At Arms	Eric Sweet	David Timlock	Les Toth
50/50 Draw	John Scace	Lisa Smith	Glenn Stewart
Greeter	Les Toth	Paul Walman	Frank Walski
Blessing	Gerry Muller	John Murray	Justin Nesbitt
Introduction	Anne Brubacher	Len Brunen	Tom Burns
Thank-You	Len Brunen	Tom Burns	Mark Caldwell
Exchange Student	John Dobson	Duane Eby	Doug Edwards

**Last Week:  
Homer Watson  
Gallery**

Our speaker was the Curator of the Homer Watson Gallery. The house was originally built in the 1830's and had additions in the 1890's and 1906. This building was the home, studio and gallery for Homer the self taught painter for over 55 years. During his life, Homer



of dawn and dusk, always with a ray of light and generally a lonely traveler.

The 3 acre property and house in which the Gallery is located is now owned and operated by the City of Kitchener. It is one of the oldest operating galleries in Canada and annually provides art classes to over 3,000 children at local schools. Over 22,000 people attend the Gallery each year for classes and exhibitions.



Painted over 2000 works some of which are quite famous. At least one of his works is in the collection owned by the Queen. His style could be best described as pastoral with dark scenes

Over the years there have been many rumours of ghosts inhabiting the building. The most likely suspects of haunting are Homer and his wife but there are a total of 6 in house spirits (4

of which lived in the house and 2 of which just hang around). Over the years there have been many séances to connect to the spirit world. I took several pictures and you should look closely to see if the spirits were about at our meeting!

For more information on the gallery see <http://www.homerwatson.on.ca/>

## **Rotary Moment: Announcements: Curling Night**

The social committee is organizing a curling night at Westmount on Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> 2007.

## **Holiday Party**

The party will be held at Fraser and Lila's yet again on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Further

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.

## **Habitat for Humanity**

All 5 KW clubs have now given approval to proceed with a Habitat build for the summer of 2007.

Habitat no longer builds single family homes so this project is a group of town homes on Cherry Street consisting of about 19 homes. The group of 5 clubs would sponsor one unit. The cost is \$65,000, or \$13,000 per club.

Tom Burns and Pierre Lapalme are representing our club on the Habitat for



details will be released at a later date.

## **Web Site**

Thanks to Martin Ward who is in the middle of updating the web site. Visit often to see the difference!

## **March 7 07 Fellowship Dinner**

There will be a Five Club Fellowship

Humanity committee with the other 4 Rotary clubs. There is a meeting in November to discuss the following:

- When will the actual build take place?
- What will be the build process, how many weeks?
- How many people each day?
- What skills?

- How do we make this a positive experience for everyone?
- What additional support, i.e., food, etc?

If you have any input or ideas, please forward them to Tom or Pierre.

### **Ambassadorial Scholar**

Our third Ambassadorial Scholar arrives in January from Korea (South).

### **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)!

### **Skate 48:**

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### **Board Meeting:**

Board meetings are scheduled for Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. 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**

Duane Eby Oct 8<sup>th</sup>

### **Bulletin:**

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

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

- Nov 14 Social Purchasing Portal-Denise Walmsley
- 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
- May 6 Mudpuppy Run