

# 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

Oct 17, 2006

## Rob Ellis-Our Youth At Work: Workplace Safety for Youth followed by assembly at GRCI

	Today	Oct 17	Oct 24
Sgt. At Arms	John Scace	Lisa Smith	Glenn Stewart
50/50 Draw	Joanne Renaud	Lindsay Restagno	Jeff Righton
Greeter	Glenn Stewart	Eric Sweet	David Timlock
Blessing	Dave Moser	Fraser Moull	Bill Muirhead
Introduction	Stan West	Dennis Yanke	Deanna Brenneman
Thank-You	Denis Yanke	Deanna Brenneman	Anne Brubacher
Exchange Student	Darryl Dalke	Shay Davidson	Robert Dippell

### Last Week: GSE Team from Brazil

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

We were joined by the five members of the GSE Team from Brazil to give us some information on their home country and their city of Santa Catarina. Last years' exchange with Mexico was centered on the theme of justice and policing. This exchange is different from last years' as it is not structured around one vocational area. As a result the team is from varied backgrounds

including education, retail fashion, sales and life insurance.

The team did an excellent presentation on life in Brazil.

### 50/50 Winner

This week's winner was Tom Burns!

### Announcements: Caring and Compassion Committee:

Do you know of a member or past member who has something significant happening in their life? Please let the Caring and Compassion Committee know and they will show we care. Committee members include Anne Brubacher and Dennis Yanke.

### Members Needed for Work Place Safety Assembly on Oct 17<sup>th</sup>

On Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, our speaker will be Rob Ellis. Since the death of his son David in 1999, Rob Ellis has become an outspoken advocate for workplace safety. You will most likely recognize him from the WSIB television commercials that have been aired over the past few years. To see this commercial and for more information on "Our Youth at



Work" which is an organization that Rob works with, go to [www.oyaw.com](http://www.oyaw.com).

Rob Ellis & OYAW are committed to building bridges between students, parents, teachers and employers to initiate the transfer of knowledge about the rights and responsibilities of safety in the workplace, so when he comes to speak to our Club he has asked that we also help to organize and participate in a school assembly on the same day.

Thus, Ray Teed, Principal of Grand River Collegiate Institute located at 175 Indian Road has organized a full school assembly on Oct 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:35 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.

Rob Ellis has asked us to see if a few members from our Club can be present for the school assembly. If you can attend, you don't need to present anything but may be asked to participate in a Question and Answer period.

If you can attend the assembly, please contact Jo-Ann Hutchison at [jhutchison@execulink.com](mailto:jhutchison@execulink.com) or at 519-741-2227 (w) or 519-424-3758.

## **District Conference**

The upcoming District Conference is scheduled for Oct 21<sup>st</sup> at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga. It is a one day event this year with a great agenda costing \$100 following DG Sid's mantra for "closer, shorter, cheaper". You can get further info and register at the web site:

<http://www.rotary7080conference.org/>  
Martin Ward is coordinating for our club. If you are interested in carpooling or need info, contact Martin. We have 7 committed members and 3 other attendees going. Pre-registration is now closed so you may have to do without lunch but it is not too late (I can share!)

## **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.

## **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 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.

## **Mudpuppy Chase:**

The time has come to start recruiting corporate sponsorships. Sponsorship kits should be available in a couple of weeks. Tom Burns and John Dobson

are coordinating these efforts. If you are available to volunteer to make some calls to attract sponsors, contact John or Tom.

### **Skate 48:**

Planning for the 07 event has already begun. The committee will start meeting in November and the team captains meeting is also scheduled for November.

### **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.

### **INPUT Request:**

Do you have the next great idea for an event to replace the 50/50 draw at our weekly meetings? Have you got new ideas to help us properly staff our meetings? Do you want to know what PODS are and how they can help us with better more organized meetings? All these questions and more will be answered by an upcoming committee to update our weekly meeting format. If you have ideas and want to participate contact Kathi Smith.

### ***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:**

Oct 21 District Conference Mississauga  
Oct 24 offsite to Kidsability  
Oct 31 The Ghosts of Homer Watson House –  
offsite to Homer Watson House  
Nov 7 Haiti Well Project-Roy Sheldon  
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  
May 6 Mudpuppy Run