

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 3, 2006

District Governor Syd Harmon

	Today	Oct 10	Oct 17
Sgt. At Arms	Lindsay Restagno	Jeff Righton	John Scace
50/50 Draw	Chris Nezny	Mary Peplow	Joanne Renaud
Greeter	John Scace	Lisa Smith	Glenn Stewart
Blessing	Jim McIntyre	Sharon McMorrان	Dave Moser
Introduction	Frank Walski	Martin Ward	Stan West
Thank-You	Martin Ward	Stan West	Denis Yanke
Exchange Student	Tom Burns	Mark Caldwell	Darryl Dalke

Last Week: Fellowship Meeting

Last week there was no scheduled speaker but a time to relax and enjoy the company of other club members.

Allocations Committee: Gerry Muller

Gerry gave us an update on allocations and how the club spends its money. The committee operates with a mission statement that identifies the club's allocation priorities to be primarily local youth based charitable concerns. During the last year the club has supported:

- a local drop in centre for youth
- Strong Start literacy program
- Bereaved Families of Ontario
- ESIS-the Economics of Staying in School
- Pride Stables-disabled children riding program
- Parents of Technologically Dependent Children
- GRCI graduating high school students
- Habitat for Humanity of Waterloo Region
- Kidsability

In the coming year, the allocations committee has responsibility for all charitable disbursements other than international commitments and Kidsability which will be determined by the board directly.

The committee receives submissions from candidates. One or more members of the committee then meet on site with the applicant and assess the suitability. Another meeting of the allocations committee follows where the committee votes on whether to recommend that a disbursement be made. The board of the club receives presentation of the recommendations from the committee and makes the final approval for expenditure.

The allocations committee is always looking for appropriate candidates to support. If any member is aware of a cause that may meet our criteria, please forward the information to a member of the committee.

Visiting Rotarian

We were visited by Gus Winters a Rotarian visiting us from Singer Island Florida. Gus retired to Fla 2-1/2 years ago but has been driven north by hurricane season and has chosen to return to Ontario for a visit.

He gave a quick synopsis of Singer Island-the island off Palm Beach was once owned by one of the sons (the 23rd child) of the millionaire inventor of the sewing machine. Originally intended as a gift for his girlfriend, Singer started development on the island but it fell into financial trouble and his plans were never completed.

Gus also gave us a brief description of his club-30 members, Gus at 75 yrs old is one of the younger members. It is hard to replace members in this small club as it is an island with a fairly static older population. Their main charitable cause is to provide scholarships to high school grads.

Congratulations:

Congrats to Frank Walski for his new position at Schreider Sandrock Funeral Home!

50/50 Draw

Finally Les' winning streak was ended with the stunning victory of Rupert Hansen winning some unnoted amount of cash! Congratulations Rupert!

Members Needed for Work Place Safety Assembly on Oct 17th

On Oct 17th, 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.



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 17th 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 or at 519-741-2227 (w) or 519-424-3758.

Announcements: District Conference

The upcoming District Conference is scheduled for Oct 21st 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/>

If you register before Sep 30 you are eligible for early bird prize draws.

Part of the program is a Rotary trivia game and we are looking for members who would like to participate. If you know lots of stuff about Rotary, become a team member now!

Martin Ward is coordinating for our club. If you are interested in carpooling or need info, contact Martin.

Mudpuppy Chase:

The Mudpuppy organizing committee is looking for volunteers. They are looking for 4-5 members to make a few phone calls during the months of October and November to help attract corporate sponsors. If you would like to join the team for this year to build on last years'

success, contact John Dobson or Deanna Brenneman.

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.

GSE Team:

There is still time to apply for the upcoming GSE trip to Brazil in April/May 07. If you are aware of a suitable candidate between the ages of 25-40, please contact the GSE committee or Kathi Smith.

International Foundation

Money:

The RI Foundation has a special matching grant program that recognizes our past support of the foundation. Basically, we will have available \$10,000 in matching dollars from foundation for an eligible international project to which we donate.

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.

Ambassadorial Scholars

Our Ambassadorial Scholars have arrived and are immersed in their

studies. The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship program is the world's largest scholarship program providing scholarships to over 800 recipients each year.

Richard Clayton is from the UK and is studying at UW for a Graduate Masters in Management Science.

Yoko Ebisawa is from Tokyo studying at UW for a Graduate degree in Environmental Studies.

Richard Clayton's phone number is 519-807-3583 (it is his personal cell phone) and he lives at U88 Columbia Lake Village, 350 Columbia Street. West, Waterloo, N2L 6G7. His email is

Yoko Ebisawa's phone number is 519-342-7570 (this is the house phone) and she lives at 302 Tollgate Blvd., Waterloo, N2L 5N9. Her email is yebian@hotmail.com

Please take the time to meet our scholars and introduce them to Canada.

CFCC Fundraiser-Bill Clinton

The fundraising event for the Catholic Family Counselling Centre has been officially announced and tickets are on sale. It is being billed as "A Luncheon with the Honorable William Jefferson Clinton 42nd President of the United States".

When & where: Wednesday, November 8, 2006 - Bingemans Marshall Hall

Tickets are on sale now and available from Tony Maruna or Jim McIntyre or over the internet at: <http://www.counselling-cfcc.ca/>

Happy Birthday

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Bulletin:

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

Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

Oct 3 District Governor Syd Harmon
Oct 10 Incoming GSE Team from Brazil
Oct 17 Rob Ellis-Our Youth At Work: Workplace Safety
Oct 21 District Conference Mississauga
Dec 19 Holiday Season Party at Fraser's
Feb 24 Skate 48
May 6 Mudpuppy Run