

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?*

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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER-GRAND RIVER BULLETIN

Oct 31, 2006

Homer Watson House



	Today	Nov 7	Nov 14
Sgt. At Arms	Glenn Stewart	Eric Sweet	David Timlock
50/50 Draw	Jeff Righton	John Scace	Lisa Smith
Greeter	David Timlock	Les Toth	Paul Walman
Blessing	Bill Muirhead	Gerry Muller	John Murray
Introduction	Deanna Brenneman	Anne Brubacher	Len Brunen
Thank-You	Anne Brubacher	Len Brunen	Tom Burns
Exchange Student	Robert Dippell	John Dobson	Duane Eby

Last Week: KidsAbility

Our meeting last week was at KidsAbility in Waterloo and was well attended for a presentation by staffers Lisa Moses, an occupational therapist, and Pat Usher, Manager of the School Years Program. They shared lots of stories and photos with us to explain who the clients of the Centre are and about their challenges. You could not help but to come away with a new appreciation of the importance of the services provided by KidsAbility to children in our community. KidsAbility is the recipient of the Rotary Club of Kitchener Conestoga's annual dream home proceeds. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please refer to the web site:
<http://www.rotary-kc.ca/public/dreamhome/index.asp>

Congratulations:

We had a belated presentation of some certificates received from District Governor Syd to recognize

some of our members for their important contribution to our club:

- Peter McCann one of our founding members for always being the first to arrive at our meetings and tirelessly covering the reception duties!
- Frank Walski
- John Murray & Blair Haley for leading the charge on Skate 48 for the last several years!

**Rotary Moment:
The Four-Way Test**

From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The Four-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as RI president) when he was

asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy.

This 24-word test for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The Four-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions:

"Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

District Conference Wrap-up

Thea gave a quick summary of the district conference from several weekends ago. A total of 7 members, 3 Ambassadorial Scholars and 1 youth exchange student attended on behalf of our club. The program was interrupted by a 2 hour evacuation for a suspicious package but that did not interfere with a great program. The keynote speaker Nicolas Boothman gave some important tips on how to communicate better and to overcome some of the involuntary human responses which are challenges to good communication.

<http://www.nicholasboothman.com/>

Hanis attended the youth conference that ran concurrently and saw informative presentations on Interact, Rotary, Rotaract and a presentation by our Ambassadorial Scholars.

One of the important lessons of the day was the importance of maintaining a sense of humour in your everyday life. Take the time to laugh...often!
Next year's location is Orangeville.

Announcements:

Curling Night

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

Holiday Party

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

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 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

Duane Eby Oct 8th

Bulletin:

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

Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

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
Mar 30 Curling night
May 6 Mudpuppy Run