

# 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”***

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Sept 26, 2006

## Fellowship Meeting

	Today	Oct 3	Oct 10
Sgt. At Arms	Joanne Renaud	Lindsay Restagno	Jeff Righton
50/50 Draw	Justin Nesbitt	Chris Nezny	Mary Peplow
Greeter	Jeff Righton	John Scace	Lisa Smith
Blessing	Peter McCann	Jim McIntyre	Sharon McMorran
Introduction	Paul Walman	Frank Walski	Martin Ward
Thank-You	Frank Walski	Martin Ward	Stan West
Exchange Student	Anne Brubacher	Tom Burns	Mark Caldwell

### Last Week:

John Millson, a Rotarian from Windsor and President of The Coffee Office joined us to tell us about his interesting business concept.

John has previously been the President and CEO of a racetrack organization (Windsor Raceway which also owns Dresden and Woodstock raceways) and is a retired politician having served as a counselor and mayor for the city of Windsor. While with Windsor Raceway, John spearheaded the addition of slots to their tracks, which has become the norm throughout Ontario.

The Coffee Office is a franchise 'Built for Business' Club for today's Mobile Business Warrior with hi-tech meeting and business centre amenities available at affordable membership rates.

Before you dismiss TCO as just another franchisor, know that some of these same guys are responsible for the highly successful Nerds On Site (ubiquitous red Volkswagen bugs), an organization started in 1995 and now thrives in seven countries.

Nerds On Site

<http://www.nerdsonsite.com/international/>

The raison d'être behind TCO is interesting. In business school, we called it a paradigm shift - a fundamental change in the business model. David Redekop, John's partner

in TCO and one of the founders of Nerds On Site, explained they recognized that companies are eliminating office space and leaving salespeople to work on the road where it turns out, they are dramatically under-served.

Unlike Tim Hortons, Starbucks or the typical urban hotel, none of which are conducive to business, TCO is designed and built to service the needs of the road warrior. In addition to a business-appropriate environment with a gourmet cafe, TCO offers private office suites, meeting rooms, boardrooms, secure hi-speed Internet, VoIP telephony ... an instant, hi-tech business centre.

John and TCO are seeking franchisee's with an unencumbered half million and the courage to be ground floor investors. Windsor, the test site, is fully operational, London opens in October and Burlington is underway immediately. A hundred Canadian locations are planned for the immediate future. The train is leaving the station.

For further information refer to their web site: <http://www.thecoffeeoffice.com/>

In a generous gesture John offered to match the Polio donation made by the club on behalf of the speaker!

## **50/50 Draw**

Once again Les Toth was the grand prize winner of \$20! I think this is three out of the last 5 draws for Les!!

## **Announcements: 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/>

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.

## **PriceWaterhouseCoopers Donation**

The club has received a donation from PWC in recognition of the hard work and sustained involvement of Ken Griffin in our clubs activities. Ken is currently working for PWC in Toronto and cannot make as many meetings as he would like but remains committed to the club and its ideals!!

## **Cottlands Thank You:**

We've received a thank you from the Cottlands group that performed at one of our meetings in June and received a donation from the club of \$1500.

## **Youth Exchange:**

The youth exchange program has fallen on tough times in our region with only two clubs participating in the twin cities (our club and Kitchener). Overall in the district, the number of students has dropped from 125 down to 25 over the past 5-10 years. This decline is more a reflection of the changing societal norms (two working parents, etc.) rather than an indication of a decline in importance of the program. This is a program that allows a youth to get an international experience that is invariably life altering. We have hosted students in the past (and had returning outbounds) that have had excellent experiences and are changed forever by their international experience.

Hanis is our guest for a year and it is important that we give him a good show ("Life in Canada"). If you can involve him in your life in some way while he is here it will enhance his experience! Almost everything we consider mundane is new to him so please do not be afraid! We are looking for host families for our current exchange student and are currently looking for applications for next years' outbound students. If you are interested or know of anyone who fits the bill, contact Rupert Hanson. We have stayed to course while others have fallen. Let's reinvigorate the program in our region!

## **Resignation:**

Unfortunately, Bert Lobe has needed to resign from the club to concentrate on his new work position that requires an increased amount of travel. Please join in wishing Bert well and extending the invitation of rejoining the club once his schedule permits!

## **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.

### **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.

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**

Deanna Brenneman Sep 10

Blair Haley Sep 12

Jim McIntyre Sep 13

Lindsay Restagno Sep 30

Martin Ward Sep 30

### **Mudpuppy Chase:**

The Mudpuppy organizing committee is looking for volunteers. If you would like to join the team for this year to build on last years' success, contact John Dobson or Deanna Brenneman.

### **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 3 District Governor Syd Harmon

Oct 10 Incoming GSE Team from Brazil

Oct 17 Rob Ellis-Our Youth At Work: Workplace Safety

Feb 24 Skate 48