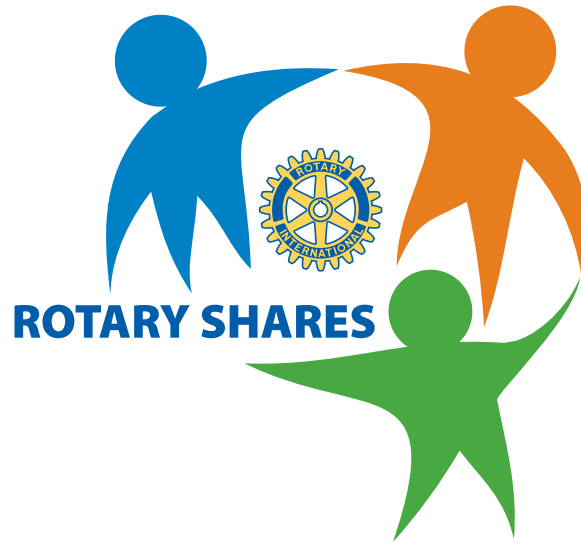


ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER GRAND RIVER



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

Aug 21, 2007

Tegan Herchenrader (Former YX student) talks about recent experience working in orphanage in Ukraine

Today

Aug 28

Sep 4

Sgt. At Arms

50/50 Draw

Greeter

Blessing

Introduction

Thank-You

POD#5

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Last Week: Jelena Barbaric-Rotary Youth Exchange Student

Our speaker was Jelena Barbaric who returned from a year in Brazil on the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

Jelena had always dreamed of traveling the world on an exchange but never thought that she would ever have the opportunity. In 2005 she participated in Camp Enterprise and heard of the Rotary YE program. In 2006-07, she traveled to the city of Recife on the north eastern coast of Brazil. This city of 1.6M was her home for a year that changed her life.

During her year, Jelena lived with the rich and walked with the poor and learned a lot about herself. She was hosted by 2 families for 6 months each and proved that strangers can become family. At the beginning of her exchange she spoke no Portuguese and found it difficult to be so heavily dependent on others. Over the first three months as her language skills developed (she is now completely fluent) she gained the independence to eliminate her feelings of homesickness and increase her ability to trust and love her Brazilian hosts.

Jelena has matured greatly over her experience and will undoubtedly be a huge advocate for Rotary and the YE program for the future.

Rupert finished with a George Bush joke about 3 Brazilian soldiers.

Sgt at Arms

An enthusiastic group of 31 members plus our guest speaker attended last weeks' meeting.

50/50

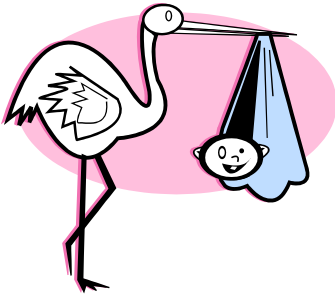
In following the international theme of the month and in honour of our speaker's topic, the 50/50 prize was a DVD copy of "Brazil".

This film is a dystopic black comedy feature film directed by Monty Python member Terry Gilliam.

The film evokes the melancholy, dreamlike quality of its theme song, an English translation of a 1939 Brazilian song, "Aquarela do Brasil". Gilliam was inspired by this song to create the fictional totalitarian government and the overall dystopian mood of the film.



Congratulations



Many congratulations to the McGauley family (Andrew and Ruth) on the arrival of its newest member Charlotte at 7lb 14oz!

GSE Inbound

The GSE team from South Africa will be here during October. Our club will be hosting them for the week following Thanksgiving (Oct 8-12).

This 5 person female team is from a variety of professions including; travel agent, real estate, journalist, not for profit and railway/transportation.

Please contact Kathi Smith or Martin Ward to help host or to offer assistance in the vocational experience.

GSE Outbound

We are looking for Rotarians who are interested in living this year's theme of "Share Rotary."

We are looking for experienced and energetic Rotarians who are interested in experiencing a life changing experience of leading a team of four young professionals to District 9300, South Africa for a month in April/May 2008. The selection evening will be September 26 in Cambridge (location will be announced closer to the date). All applicants must attend the selection evening from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. The evening begins with dinner and a chance to meet the Rotarians who are applying and those who are the selection team. Each applicant undergoes an interview process.

The successful applicant will be asked to commit a full Saturday in early November to participate in selecting their outbound team.

The newly selected team leader will then have the opportunity to meet the team from South Africa at the District Conference.

From there, the adventure begins as our GSE team will prepare presentations, prepare brochures, learn about the culture and language of South Africa, select team uniforms and bond as a team. The time commitment is generally once a week from November until departure.

It is a huge commitment, a lot of work, but is quite definitely a "life changing experience."

Please ask club members to consider this opportunity and check out the GSE site at Rotary.org to complete the application and to learn more about Group Study Exchange. An application is also attached.

Questions can be directed to Tim Mau or Kathi Smith, co-chairs of the District GSE Committee.

Resignation

We bid an emotional adieu to Frank Walski who has been forced to resign from the club. Frank has a new job and work schedule that does not allow him to attend. Frank has been a fixture for many years at our meetings and has covered off many a dropped ball on the reception desk.

Please join me in wishing Frank a huge thank you and all the best for the future!

POD Roster

POD#5 has been unveiled as the "Sea Mammals". The head mammal is obviously an Orca (Rupert Hanson) and he has a mix of subservient Seals, Dolphins and Walruses (Rod Goetz, Bill Brown, Mark Grossman, Doug Jones, Jon Kinghan, Pierre Lapalme) running the meetings for the month of August! The theme for August has been chosen as "International"!

50th Anniversary of

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of KidsAbility (formerly the Rotary Centre) they are hosting a Picnic-Carnival event on SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15th, 2007.

LOCATION: Kids Ability Centre, 500 Hallmark Drive , Waterloo .

We are in need of volunteers to assist with the events etc for the morning of the event (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m). Staying longer is allowed!

Attractions will include pony carousel, horse-drawn wagon rides, candy floss, popcorn, snow cone wagon, bouncy inflatables a la Christmas Party, a Ferris wheel, mini golf, numerous games like ring toss etc, face painters and balloon-blowing clowns...

All children are to be supervised by their parents so Rotarian volunteers will only have to observe and add assistance for certain rides and games. It would be advisable that any Rotarian is identifiable -e.g. Rotary hat, t-shirt, apron or other. (we will try to have our club aprons available unless you wish to wear something much more vogue for the event)

This leaves the rest of the day for you to spend a special moment with your respective better half or a regulation 4 hour round of golf, still have plenty of daylight for a little afternoon gardening, heck why not head off to Stratford and grab a matinee or what ever one needs to do on a sunny Saturday afternoon!

Here's the kicker in all of this so please note. I need to have all volunteers signed up by this coming Tuesday so please check your calendars and send me an email to confirm your availability by this Monday August 20th so we won't have to conscript any members on Tuesday.

kw@sherwoodcopy.com

Thanks

Paul



Summer Picnic

Deanna Brenneman has graciously offered to host this year's annual Club BBQ. It will be held on Saturday September 8, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Details are as follows.

1. Location

106 Westmount Road South, Waterloo. Park on Norman Street and enter from there at second driveway (flat with basketball net - 3rd garage) into the backyard.

2. "Cost"

\$10 per family attending will be collected for donation to charity.

3. Who / What to Bring

Just yourself and your family, including children.

4. Deadline for Responses

We need to have our numbers firmed up by September 4 at the absolute latest. A listing will be passed around at future Rotary Meetings. Additionally, you can also confirm your attendance with Shay Davidson directly at shay.davidson@ca.ey.com Please be sure to include how many people you will be bringing, including yourselves.

Please feel free to contact Shay directly with any questions / concerns you might have. This is a great event and opportunity to spend some social time with our fellow Rotarians. Please attend if possible.

Yours very truly,
Shay

Bulletin:

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

Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

August 28th Recent GSE trip to Brazil

