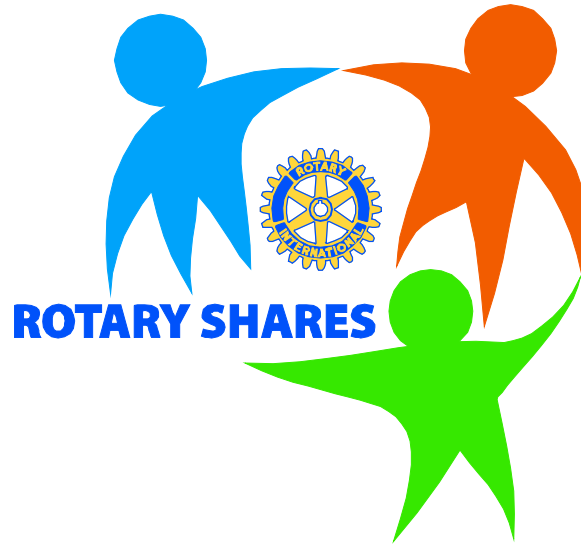


ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER GRAND RIVER



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

December 11, 2007

St. John's Kitchen – Preparing the Stuffing for Turkey

	Today	Dec 18	Jan. 8
Sgt. At Arms	Poinsettia POD # 2	POD #2	POD #3
50/50 Draw	Leader: Len Brunen		
Greeter	Members: Shay Davidson, Jon Kaufman, Lindsay Restagno, Joanne Renaud, Lisa Smith, Paul Walman		
Blessing			
Introduction			
Thank-You			

Last Week: Ken Seiling on the State of the Region .

Ken Seiling has been a lifelong resident of Waterloo. His topic for the morning was "State of the Region"



He largely focused on the 2008 budget. For 2007, the average taxes were \$2,695. Policing made up the largest portion of that amount. The expected increase for the coming year is 2.7% to 2.75%. A 1% increase makes a difference of \$3.2 million dollars of revenue for the Region.

He discussed inflation and indicated that the current CPI's are Canada 2.5%, Ontario 2.3% and Waterloo Region 4.0%. The largest impact on inflation has been a slow down in road construction/projects with costs escalating.

Some of the areas that are experiencing pressure because of a 2-3% population growth per year are:

EMS

There is a focus on improving response times most specifically with respect to cardiac cases. The goal is to have a

response time of 4 to 6 minutes. Some of the options include: Pairing with Fire Departments; Teaching people CPR or placing defibrillators in public places. One of the challenges is that the fire services are by city not by Region.

Transit

The Region has been managing public transit since 2000. We have made a heavy investment in this sector. Use is up, in Cambridge alone the increase is by 25%. We are where the GTA was 30 years ago – we need to introduce rapid transit to insure that all 3 centres are linked. This will help us to focus on creating urban intensification. The goal is to increase rider ship by 4.5% per year.



Green Bin Program

The program is to collect and dispose of compostable materials. By introducing this program, we could remove 20,000 tonnes of residential waste from the landfills the cost per

household is \$20. Currently, the waste is being taken to St. Catharines.

Water Rates

We will see an increase in usage of water over the next several years. Walkerton’s experience has meant that new policies have been introduced. We have demand of 35 M gallons per day which jumps to 54M when you add in lawn watering.

Wastewater

There is an increase in usage. We are looking to increase the quality further – it is estimated the \$900 M will be required over the next 10 years.

Other Quick Notes of Interest

Six Nations Lands claims – the Region is consulting with respect to river crossings.

Highway 8 improvements – current phase looking at widening the bridge over the Grand River.

Highway 7 improvements – to start next year.

Announcements

Attendance

There was a quality but small group in attendance 33 members, 2 guests (which includes Ken Seiling).

Holiday Season Party

Rotarians are reminded to RSVP to Fraser whether they will be attending the season party ASAP or not be attending holiday and what dish they will be bringing



The party is being held at the home of Fraser Moull and Lila Read. It begins at 7:30 p.m. People whose last names begin with A to H will bring hot hors d’oeuvres for ten; J to P brings cold hors d’oeuvres for ten and R to Y brings dessert for ten.

A ten dollar per family donation will be collected to donate to support the KCI Lunch Program. Come out and enjoy the spirit of the season.

2008-2009 Board Announced

Paul Walman announced the new Board for 2008-2009 to serve with President Elect Rob Dippell.

Past President: Fraser Moull

President: Rob Dippell

President Elect: John Scace

Treasurer: Sharon McMorrان

Secretary: Martin Ward

Members at Large:

Deanna Brenneman

Tom Burns

Paul Walman

Tony Maruna

Thea Holdevici

Bill Brown

Mitch Blaine

50/50 Draw

This month there will be one large draw. There are 7 tickets to win 7 poinsettias at each table. Not sure who won this week.

Membership:

Jim McIntyre reminded us to “get our ask in gear” and invite friends, colleagues and relatives to join us at a Rotary meeting

Skate 48



If you have someone who is interested in fielding a team for Skate 48, the team captains’ meeting is being held on November 26th at Zekes. If you need more

information, please contact John Murray or Blair Haley.

Keep February 23 open on your calendar!!

St. John's Kitchen

Bring your family or a potential new member or both next week to participate in our annual "preparing the stuffing" meeting. It is a great meeting for catching up with one another. Also, please bring some food with you. We will be making a monetary donation from the club to the Kitchen.



Holiday Gifts

Dennis Yanke shared that he and Pat had given a friend the gift of immunizing 125 children against Polio. He encouraged other Rotarians to consider making donations to the Foundation or to PolioPlus in the name of family or friends (especially those who really are hard to buy for) – it means a lot to the recipient of the gift as well as to the recipient of the Rotary funds.

POD Roster

We have the roster for the first three months of the New Year:

January

Leader: Tony Maruna

Members: Deanna Brenneman, Tom Burns, Darryl Dalke, Sharon McMorran, Dave Moser, Martin Ward.

February

Leader: Mark Grossman

Members: Anne Brubacher, Mark Caldwell, Rob Dippell, Doug Edwards, Des Gibb, Rod Goetz.

The Bulletin

Please forward any information for publication to Kathi Smith at smithkathi@sympatico.ca

Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

Dec 18	Holiday Seasonal Party @ home of Fraser Moull & Lila Read (no meeting today)
Dec. 25	No meeting today
January 1	No meeting today
Feb 23	Skate 48
Feb. 26	No meeting today
May 4	Mudpuppy Chase
May 7	No meeting today