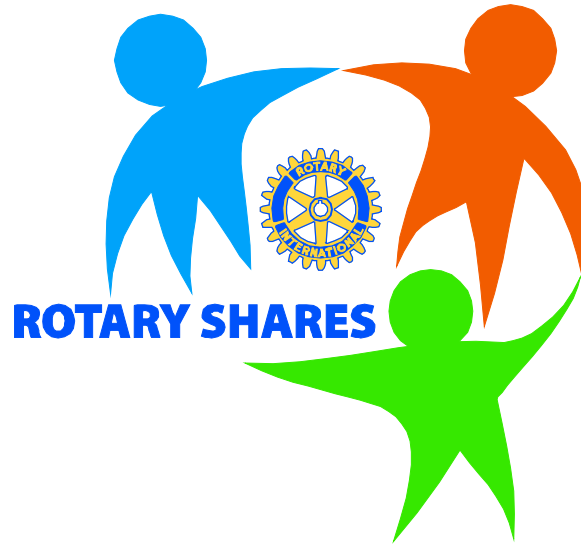


ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER GRAND RIVER



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

December 18, 2007

Holiday Season Party – Home of Fraser Moull & Lila Read

| | Today | Dec. 25 | Jan. 1 |
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| Sgt. At Arms | Poinsettia POD # 2 | No Meeting | No Meeting |
| 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: Preparing Stuffing at St. John's Kitchen



Joe Mancini shared some facts about St. John's Kitchen before we began our annual event of preparing the stuffing for the Holiday dinner.

Joe told us that between 6 & 700 people attend St. John's Kitchen monthly. Many of the people who use the Kitchen are dealing with mental health issues. St. John's is partnering in a psych outreach program with about 300 people currently on the caseload. Sometimes the clients receive help with medications, sometimes with having someone to talk with. There are now two and a half outreach workers in the downtown core. Two are in Kitchener and one is half time in Waterloo. They are based out of St. John's Kitchen. They assist the clients with gaining

access to health care, finding rooms and helping with psychiatric supports.

They also help to locate shoes and warm clothing. All of the individuals at St. John's Kitchen except Gretchen are volunteers.

The food comes from the food bank. Some turkeys are purchased – this year, they will serve 30 turkeys. The double convection oven makes cooking easier.

Since ROOF burned down, St. John's has opened their doors from 6 to 10 p.m. as a drop in centre. They will be leaving to their new home in January. The Kitchener closes at 2 p.m.

Joe explained that the proceeds from the Dream Home would help St. John's to pay off the renovations and the mortgage.



Fraser Moull presented a cheque for \$1000 to St. John's Kitchen on behalf of our club.

Our attendance at St John's has become an annual tradition. Gretchen complimented the club on our increasing speed and efficiency in preparing the stuffing.



Announcements

Attendance

We had one guest – Bob Weber from Kitchener Conestoga Rotary. Sorry, no number for attendance.

Holiday Season Party

Rotarians are reminded to attend the Holiday Season Party on Tuesday night. There will be no meetings for the next three weeks (don't get used to sleeping in!!)



The party is being held at the home of Fraser Moull and Lila Read. It begins at 7:30 p.m.

We will be celebrating the recent sale of the Moull/Read house as well as the promotion to principal of KCI of Lila.

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.

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, get more information, please contact John Murray or Blair Haley.

Keep February 23 open on your calendar!!

Holiday Gifts to Rotary Foundation

When you are considering end of the year charitable donations, don't forget the Rotary Foundation or specifically PolioPlus. Donations can be made by mail to: The Rotary Foundation (Canada)

Box B9322

P.O. Box 9100,

Postal Station F

Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3A5 or online at

<http://www.trfcanada.org/>



You can donate with

credit card online.



Gift of Remembrance

The following note was sent by John Dobson to Mary Jane Schlegal on behalf of our Club.

Dear Mary Jane:

Mary Jane, just a quick note to let you know that Rotary is thinking about you. We only knew Don for a short period of time, but we are particularly proud that he was able to participate in last years Mudpuppy Chase. It was particularly moving when both Don and Bradley proudly crossed that finish line together, with the red light flashing police car following. Images such as that, not only brings immense pride in what we do, but also very much encourages all of us, whether in Rotary or not to continue with the community support an event like the Mudpuppy brings.

On a personal note I enjoyed talking to Don about various sports plus the basketball games he was enjoying on my few visits to your house. He was certainly into sports and I understand that he was quite an athlete. I am not sure how but he inspired me, and I am sure others as well.

Mary Jane, Kitchener Grand River Rotary, donated in Don's name \$1000.00 to the Cancer Centre at Grand River Hospital.

Mary Jane, take care, our thoughts are with you now and always, and look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely

John, on behalf of our Rotary Club.

News from South Africa

Sarah Cairns & her husband Lee have become parents since her return to South Africa. Max Nkosimpele Cairns is pictured here with his proud parents.



.POD Roster

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

January 8 Back to the Walper!

Feb 23 Skate 48

Feb. 26 No meeting today

May 4 Mudpuppy Chase

May 7 No meeting today

