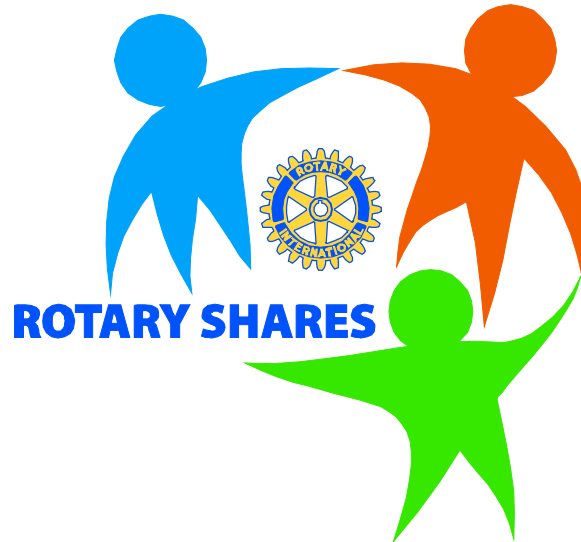


ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER GRAND RIVER



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 4, 2007

Ken Seiling, Chairperson Regional Municipality of Waterloo
State of the Region

	Today	Dec 11	Dec. 18
Sgt. At Arms	POD # 2	POD #2	POD #2
50/50 Draw	Leader: Len Brunen		
Greeter	Members: Shay Davidson, Jon		
Blessing	Kaufman, Lindsay Rest		
Introduction	agno, Joanne Renaud,		
Thank-You	Lisa Smith, Paul Walman		

Last Week: Richard Clarke on The Rotary International Foundation Today & Tomorrow .

Richard Clarke is a Past District Governor for our neighbouring District 7070. He is currently the Chairperson for the Foundation Committee for Zone 22 Eastern Region. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Parkdale High Park.



There are many challenges in the Eastern part of the Zone with respect to support for the Foundation (although not in our District). We are celebrating 90 years since the Foundation was established. Richard believes that the Foundation was the most successful creation of Rotary in its 100 year history. There are 2 program areas: Humanitarian and Education & Exchange and 3 Funds: Annual, Permanent and PolioPlus. 100% of the funds raised go directly to programs and are not spent on administration. There

is a 50/50 split of the management of funds expenditure between Rotary International and the Districts. The Rotary Foundation has received a 4/4 star rating as a foundation. The UN has named the Rotary Foundation as one of the top 5 organizations in the world with which to partner.

The trustees of the foundation have set priorities upon which to focus.

1) PolioPlus

We have the last 5% to complete. As of last week, we are down to only 700 active cases which is 2/3 of last year's numbers. There are only four countries left to immunize.

2) Every Rotarian Every Year

Asking Rotarians to make the Foundation their Charity of Choice. We are asking for a minimum of \$100 per Rotarian (a twonie a week) to be matched by the club.

3) Alumni

There are 6 figures worth of people who have gone on GSE, been Ambassadorial or Peace Scholars and very few have become Rotarians. They are being encouraged to re-engage with Rotary and become Rotarians and/or supporters of Rotary Foundation.

4) Peace is Possible

Requires work, vision and the ability to seize the moment. We need a fully endowed fund for our Peace Scholars. One has been established to support the Peace Centres program.

Our new slogan for the Rotary Foundation is "Doing Good in the World."

He ended his presentation with the announcement that the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation had given a \$100 million dollar matching grant for Polio. (see article below)

What Can We Do?

You will be asked if you wish to add an additional \$25 American to each billing in the club so that you can become a sustaining donor to the Rotary Foundation. Our club has historically donated \$100 per member from the club but we would like to ask each member to match that amount personally.

Update from Peter Ringrose



Peter, the CEO of Family and Children Services came to update us on the student for whom we sponsored a post secondary scholarship. Angela was with F&CS for 22 years. Angela Noon attended the Ontario College of Art and has recently graduated. She has paid off all of her student loans (\$32,000) and is working for JWT Ad Agency in Toronto as an Art Director. Her first commercial will go to air on May 2nd for Philadelphia Cream Cheese Jalapeno Dip. Peter thanked us for sponsoring the scholarship and asked us to consider giving more.

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"WHAT THE GATES FOUNDATION GIFT MEANS TO ROTARY"

Participate in an on-line discussion with Rotary Foundation Trustee and PolioPlus Partners Co-Chair Louis Piconi

What wonderful news we got this week about the \$100 million challenge gift to Our Rotary Foundation from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. What a proud moment for all of us when we read the RI press release, or saw it in the newspaper, or heard it on TV or on the radio, or read it on the Internet. It was wonderful to share the news at our Rotary meetings and listen to the collective expressions of joy from the members.

But now that the warm glow is starting to fade, many Rotarians are starting to ask Rotary leaders "What does the Gates gift really mean for Rotary?", "Do we have to raise more money?" "How will this affect annual fund giving?" "Will PolioPlus Partners donations count toward the challenge?" I suspect most of us cannot really answer the many, many questions being asked. We need information.

To help sort this out, and to help answer some of the questions floating around Rotary meetings, **Rotary Foundation Trustee (and co-chair of the PolioPlus Partners Task Force) Lou Piconi** has agreed to participate in an on-line discussion on this and other Foundation subjects. The International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians (ICUFR) has generously agreed to once again make its "Community Forums" Internet site available so that Rotarians around the world can discuss the Gates Foundation gift, its impact on Rotary and our clubs, and other Foundation subjects with one of the most knowledgeable Rotarians.

The on-line discussion with Trustee Piconi will take place over a 51 hour period beginning at 900 A.M., EST, on Monday, December 10th and ending at Noon EST on Wednesday, December 12, 2007. This informative, and perhaps provocative, discussion with Trustee Piconi will take place at the web site <http://www2.icufr.org>. (Please note the "www2" in the address.)

To ask Trustee Piconi questions and to participate in the discussion, Rotarians must register in the Forum. To do that, go to the website and click on 'Register' at the top section of the opening page of the Community Forums (<http://www2.icufr.org>). A 'Terms' page will next appear and, once you accept the terms, you will automatically go to the 'Registration' page. Please complete all 'required' information. When you register, please make sure you make a personal, private record of the 'User Name' and 'Password' you decide to use when registering in the Community Forums. It will be necessary to add your club name and district, and additional information in the profile, if you wish.

After you "register", you will receive a confirming email from an ICUFR volunteer confirming your registration. After receiving the confirming email, you must post messages and participate in other services on the web site. Registering for the Community Forums carries no obligation, and you will not be placed on an email list because of registering.

You also may enter the Forum as a 'guest' and read the discussion in the Community Forum but you will not be able to 'post' without registering.

We suggest you go to the ICUFR's Community Forums now, register and then look around for a while to get a 'feel' for the Community Forums. Post a message or two in any of the sections and topics, make some friends, and be ready for the discussion with Trustee Lou Piconi. On Monday, December 10th, on or after 900 A.M. EST, you can log into the ICUFR's Community Forums, and be ready to go. Scroll down to 'HOT TOPICS', click on 'The Rotary Foundation' and then click on 'Discussion with Trustee Louis Piconi'. Then fire away with your questions about the impact of the Gates Foundation gift and any other questions about The Rotary Foundation.

We sincerely will appreciate you passing this message along to other Rotarians.

Please post it on your district or club web site, publish it in your district and club newsletter, and forward it to all Rotarians in your email address book. In the meantime, if you have any questions, you can ask them in the ICUFR's COMMUNITY FORUMS in the 'Computer Help and Ideas' section under the topic of 'Help Using this Forum', or, alternatively, write to me at dwm@mooers-law.com and I'll help with your questions.

See you on-line on Monday, December 10th.

Dan Mooers, PRID
Zone 31 Coordinator, PolioPlus Partners Task Force
Director, ICUFR

Announcements

Attendance

There was a quality but small group in attendance 22 members, 2 guests and 2 visiting Rotarians (including our two speakers)

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 Brennehan

Tom Burns

Paul Walman

Tony Maruna

Thea Holdevici

Bill Brown

Mitch Blaine

Rotarian Magazine

Check out this month's Rotarian magazine to find the mention of our own Thea Holdevici. She sat beside the editor of the Rotarian when she was at

the RI Convention. Proves that networking does work!!

50/50 Draw

Yet another lucky club member has won dancing lessons at Arthur Murray – Len Brunen will soon be known as “twinkle toes” Brunen.

Good News

Len Brunen has been taking delegating lessons from President Fraser. His pod begins their work next week while he is in Rio Negro Brazil fishing for Peacock Bass on the Amazon.

Membership:

Jim McIntyre reminded us to “get our ask in gear” and invite friends, colleagues and relatives to join us at a Rotary meeting. Why not bring someone to hear the state of the Region address by Ken Seiling?



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!!

Board Meeting

There is a meeting of the Board for the club on Monday, December 3 – if you have any items to discuss, please forward to Fraser Moull.

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 Breneman, Tom Burns, Darryl Dalke, Sharon McMorrان, 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. 11 St. John’s Kitchen – preparing the stuffing for turkey (great fellowship & stress release)

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

May 4 Mudpuppy