

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

February 13, 2007

Lidz on Kidz

	Today	Feb 20	Feb 27
Sgt. At Arms	Len Brunen	Tom Burns	Mark Caldwell
50/50 Draw	Anne Brubacher	Len Brunen	Tom Burns
Greeter	Shay Davidson	Robert Dippell	John Dobson
Blessing	Dave Timlock	Les Toth	Paul Walman
Introduction	Rod Goetz	Mark Grossman	Blair Haley
Thank-You	Mark Grossman	Blair Haley	Rupert Hanson
Exchange Student	Jon Kaufman	Jon Kinghan	Pierre Lapalme

Last Week: Bill Muirhead's Visit to China

Bill gave an interesting presentation about his recent trip to China. It is a fascinating country with a tremendous impact on almost all facets of our lives.

The country has a long history thru much of which, foreigners were not welcomed. This has only recently changed over the last several decades. As a result of this "closed to outsiders" evolution, they continue to be very different from the rest of the world. Currently they may be modernizing the country (with construction everywhere in a lot of Bill's pictures) but they are not westernizing.

Business is very different in China and over the past few decades there have been tons of mistakes made by western companies trying to capitalize on this country.

Initially in the 70's the country was viewed as a target market for North American goods. This was unsuccessful as the populace is generally not rich enough to purchase NA goods.

In the 80's, NA companies tried to use the huge population and potential production capacity to produce goods for North American consumption. This ran into problems of protection of intellectual property rights as there is no court system to enforce these rights.

Chinese companies recognize that they need the capital that can come from NA and are trying hard to attract new investment. Bill was treated like Royalty during much of his visit.

On the tourist side, Bill and Laura visited the Great Wall of China which is one of the Wonders of the World. The wall was constructed for protection but ironically never worked for this purpose. They also visited the Forbidden City where rulers were born raised and sequestered for their entire lives.

Bill mentioned that you lean to love duck as an entrée for dinner because there is not much else you are going to like. Based on a few pictures I saw, a trip to China may be the best weight loss program you could start!

China is a country that is struggling with its long history and is half modernized. It has challenges ahead in managing its economy, human rights and dealing with the environmental impact of its huge and accelerated growth.

50/50 Draw:

Three unlucky attempts at finding the Jack of Diamonds were made by Sean Leadston, John Murray and Dennis Yanke. The pot must be approaching \$200 by now with the odds improving with every unsuccessful draw!

Follow up on visit to King Edward School

The board and school were very happy with our visit to King Edward School. We have even had a volunteer teacher who will help us out at Skate 48 as a result of our visit!

Membership

Jim McIntyre reminds all members to bring a guest!

Habitat for Humanity

The build starts Jun 4th for 3 weeks of framing etc. with a 2 week break (for the pro's to do their thing-drywall, mudding etc.)

followed by the finishing push for 3 weeks starting July 9th (flooring, painting etc.). Volunteers would ideally be available for several consecutive days so they need not be retrained each time they hit the site.

A website will be set up to co-ordinate volunteer commitments.

Skate 48

The Imaginary Game-The teams are the Invisibles (led by Jim McIntyre) vs. the Phantoms (led by Dennis Yanke). Choose your side to support one or both of these teams. At stake is bragging rights on the biggest game never to be played!

The big day is getting close for our main fundraiser!!!

Please volunteer for the whole day and Dennis Yanke, who is coordinating our



volunteers, will ensure that you get most of the day back!

Ambassadorial Scholar Update

Richard Clayton from the UK- Currently busy at school. At the end of the current term he will have completed 6 of 8 courses required for his Masters.

Richard has been very involved in the Model United Nations having gone on a debating trip to Montreal and soon to New York.

Yoko Ebisawa from Japan-Yoko had been enjoying our Canadian Winter until it got cold. The snow here is very different from home. She is currently involved in local studies of social marketing and energy conservation.

Seung-Mi Yoo from South Korea-She is used to snow from home but it is a lot colder here. She has been here one month and has the first of her two years of studies in ESL and Statistics.

Please remember to include the Ambassadorial Scholars in some event if you have the opportunity.

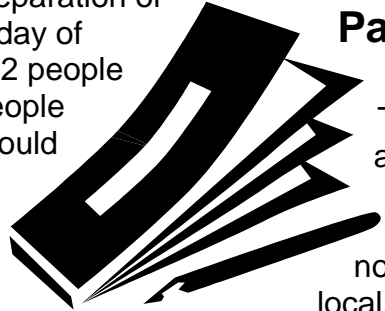
Chilton Event for St. Jacobs Playhouse

Paul Walman reported on a great evening that raised money for the St. Jacobs Country Playhouse. The speaker, David Chilton, gave a non stop entertaining talk on various topics. All attendees (of which, many were from our club) received copies of "The Wealthy Barber" and a soon to be released cookbook "Eat Shrink and be Merry".

Special thanks to Jim McIntyre for sponsoring the event and encouraging so many of us to attend!

Skate 48 Receipts

We are looking for family/friends/indentured servants who would like to help with preparation of donation receipts on the day of Skate 48. We could use 2 people 1:30 to 5:30 PM and 2 people 11 AM to 2 PM. They should be proficient with computers and keyboards/have ability to read various kinds of handwriting.



We are a fine bunch - non-Rotary helpers get paid/free lunch/nice working conditions and lots of finger exercise!

People can contact me via email SMcMorrان@centre-square.com.

Signs

If you have a sign a sign sponsorship for Skate 48, you can have your sign displayed at the Mudpuppy for only an additional \$100! Talk to Darryl if you have any questions.

Fellowship Meeting

Keep the date open for March 7th at the Waterloo Inn for a 5 club fellowship event featuring incoming RI President Wilf Wilkinson as the speaker. There will be Paul Harris presentations at the event. Cost is \$50 and the event runs from 6:30-10:00p. The regular morning meeting will be cancelled that week. Contact Rob Dippell if you have any questions or to register.

Curling Night- March 30th

Curling night for Rotarians and their significant other will be held at Westmount on March 30th. Further



information will be made public closer to the event. Please talk to Doug Edwards if you have any questions.

Paul Harris Fellowship Nominees

The board would like to ask the assistance of the club in nomination of potential Paul Harris Fellowship recipients. The nominees may be a club member or local person who has made a significant impact towards a worthwhile cause. Please send your nominees to any board member or Kathi Smith.

Economics of Staying in School (ESIS)

The previously scheduled date for ESIS has possibly fallen thru. Further info will be released as it is available.

Mudpuppy Chase:

Most of last year's sponsors have recommitted for this year's event but we are still in need of more support. The committee would ask all members to think about contacts that could be approached by the committee for new sponsorships. The committee is willing to make the presentation/requests but is in need of referrals of contacts our members have in the community. Please speak to a committee member if you have someone in mind that may be able to support our new running event.

Happy Birthday

Anne Brubacher	Feb 23
Bill Muirhead	Feb 17
Chris Nezny	Feb 5
Joanne Renaud	Feb 26
Les Toth	Feb 23



Bulletin:

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

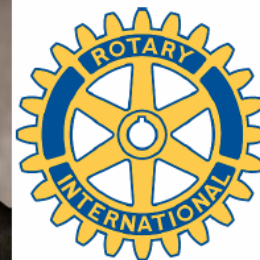
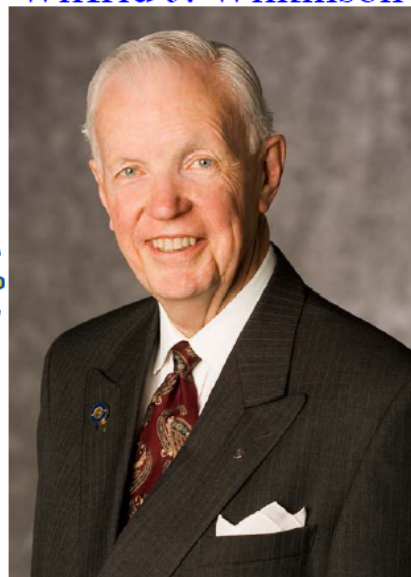
Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

Feb 13 Lidz on Kidz
Feb 20 Board
Feb 24 Skate 48

Feb 27 Caitlin Muirhead – Kenya School Build
Mar 6 morning meeting cancelled for evening meeting on March 7th
Mar 7 Five Club Fellowship Dinner
Mar 30 Curling night @ Westmount Golf and Country Club
May 6 Mudpuppy Run

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL President Elect Event

Fellowship Dinner Meeting with
Wilfrid J. Wilkinson



**Canada's Very Own
Rotary International President 2007/2008**

Wednesday March 7th, 2007 6:30-10:00p

Waterloo Inn & Conference Centre - Main Ballroom

\$50.00 per ticket,

To register or for further information contact your club representative or refer to Clubrunner web site: www.rotary7080.org

Hosted by the 5 Rotary Clubs of Waterloo Region

Rotary Club of Kitchener
Rotary Club of Kitchener Conestoga
Rotary Club of Kitchener Grand River

Rotary Club of Kitchener Westmount
Rotary Club of Waterloo