

# 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”***

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February 6, 2007

## Bill Muirhead's Trip to China

	Today	Feb 13	Feb 20
Sgt. At Arms	Anne Brubacher	Len Brunen	Tom Burns
50/50 Draw	Deanna Brenneman	Anne Brubacher	Len Brunen
Greeter	Darryl Dalke	Shay Davidson	Robert Dippell
Blessing	Glenn Stewart	Dave Timlock	Les Toth
Introduction	Des Gibb	Rod Goetz	Mark Grossman
Thank-You	Rod Goetz	Mark Grossman	Blair Haley
Exchange Student	Doug Jones	Jon Kaufman	Jon Kinghan

### Last Week: Offsite to King Edward Public School

We visited King Edward P.S. in recognition of Family Literacy Day which was January 27<sup>th</sup> and Rotary Literacy Month (which is March 2007). King Edward is one of the sites that has received our support thru the Strong Start Literacy Program.

This downtown school site has well over three hundred students with almost 1/3<sup>rd</sup> with English as a second language (ESL).

The presentation from the Principal and staff was heartfelt in indicating their quest to assist students, which generally come from less than privileged backgrounds, become lifelong learners.

We heard from various teachers about the critical importance of literacy because as student's age they "are not learning to read, they are reading to learn".

There was a discussion of the use of technology and other varied methods of teaching all the components of literacy including reading, writing and oral communication.

This school is a great example of one that is successfully dealing with all sorts

of socio-economic factors to give young students a strong foundation on which to continuously learn.

After the presentation, tours of the school were held and some Rotarians were able to read to some of the classes.



### Some Literacy Stats

- Four out of 10 adult Canadians, age 16 to 65 - representing 9 million Canadians - struggle with low literacy.
- Considering those adult Canadians with low literacy, 15 per cent have serious problems dealing with any printed materials; an additional 27 per cent can only deal with simple reading tasks.
- Though the majority of Canadian youth, age 16 to 25, attain the minimum level of literacy skills

needed to cope with the demands of everyday life and work, anywhere from 18 per cent to 38 per cent of youth, depending upon the region of the country, do not attain that minimum proficiency.

- Sixty per cent of immigrants have low literacy, compared with 37 per cent of native-born Canadians.

### **50/50 Draw:**

None this week

### **Habitat for Humanity**

The build starts Jun 4<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> (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**

Currently have confirmed 55-57 teams. We would like to have 60 so please talk it up!

**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!

### **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 [SMcMorran@centre-square.com](mailto:SMcMorran@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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>. Further



information will be made public closer to the event.

## **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](mailto: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