

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

January 16, 2007

Grand River Rotary Board

	Today	Jan 23	Jan 30
Sgt. At Arms	Dennis Yanke	Sean Leadston	Deanna Brenneman
50/50 Draw	Robert Dippell	Martin Ward	Dennis Yanke
Greeter	Len Brunen	Tom Burns	Mark Caldwell
Blessing	Jeff Righton	John Scace	Lisa Smith
Introduction	John Dobson	Duane Eby	Doug Edwards
Thank-You	Duane Eby	Doug Edwards	Des Gibb
Exchange Student	Blair Haley	Rupert Hanson	Thea Holdevici

Last Week: Dennis Yanke- Personal Values

Our personal values are the desirable qualities, standards, and principles that are our driving force and influence our everyday actions and reactions.

Dennis led us in an exercise to identify and evaluate our personal values followed by an analysis of our allocation of time and money to those values.

It was an illuminating exercise that demonstrated, for me, a possible imbalance between what I feel is important and how I spend my time and money!

Everyone left with homework to continue the evaluation to make sure that we address the balance in our lives.

50/50

Sharon McMorran was the winner of the 50/50 pot.

Next week we are returning to the playing card draw so the pots will be won less often but be larger!

Announcements:

Holiday Season Party

Thank you to all who attended the Holiday Seasonal Party. A special thank you to Fraser and Lila for being our

hosts yet again and organizing such a great event!

Everyone had a great time and we were able to raise almost \$500 for donation in memory of the YE student who recently passed away while on exchange.

Ambassadorial Scholar

We've welcomed our latest Ambassadorial Scholar. She is Seung-Mi Yoo from South Korea and she is living in Columbia Lake Village #59. Seung-Mi Yoo is studying for a Masters in Chemical Engineering at the U of W. Please try and include our Ambassadorial Scholars and Youth Exchange Student in any events you have planned (special or otherwise). The things we consider routine, may be a special event for someone from another country!

Volunteer Fairs

You have likely heard me speak of the volunteer opportunities to participate at Health Fairs in poor Mexican communities. These are meant to provide information and medical services to those who are in great need but have few resources or facilities to care for them.

Past President Hajra Wilson from Cambridge is leading our D7080 team travelling to Merida, Mexico (Yucatan

Peninsula) in late January and has previously advised details.

While volunteer doctors and nurses are very useful, there is also a need for non-medical people to do administrative and gofer jobs. We'd like to have a team of 10 involved.

Educational or minor treatment stations will be set up at these events, based on the medical field which we have volunteers for. Of course, donations of medical supplies and other items are welcomed.

The planned dates are:

- Merida, January 26th-27th
- Vera Cruz, February 2nd-4th
- Chetumal, 2nd week in February
- Progreso, Motul, Izamal & Cozumal, mid February

Volunteers are welcome to participate in any or all of these events as their schedule allows. We anticipate early registrants will be home hosted in beach home(s) by local Rotarians. Others can enjoy very reasonable and wonderful hotel accommodations. You can also book one-week tours to Merida (or Cancun, 4 hrs away) and enjoy a holiday at the same time.

Please join myself, Hajra and other Rotarian friends on this wonderful journey, helping poor families who so desperately need our help to have a better and healthier life.

To sign on, contact Hajra asap at:

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Looking forward to seeing some of you in Mexico.

PDG Doug V

Habitat for Humanity

The build is on for June/July. We will be in need of all hands on deck to fulfill our volunteer commitment for this 5 Club Project. Further details will be made available closer to the build date.

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.

Economics of Staying in School (ESIS)

Please mark April 19th in your calendars for ESIS. This is the JA program that gives us the opportunity to show young people the personal and financial benefits of education. This is a full day volunteer commitment. We need as many volunteers as possible and will try to get another club to help us meet the total volunteer commitment.

Jan 30th meeting

Our meeting on January 30th (a date close to World Literacy Week) will be offsite at King Edward School. This is one of the locations that has received our support thru the Strong Start community literacy program. This downtown school has a high proportion of refugee and immigrant attendees with a very low amount of stability in their lives (on average, families attending this school move 4x per year)!

Following our meeting, there will be the opportunity for our members to read to the students (students range from JK-grade 6 so the reading should be easy). This should take about an hour so you should be planning on being there until 9:30.

Directions and instructions will follow closer to the date.

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.

Skate 48:

Feb 23rd is coming up quickly. The first meeting of the organizing committee was held last week at Blair's office so plans are well underway. We are still looking for new teams so please keep your eyes and ears open when hanging around the rink!

Board Meeting Schedule

The next board meeting has been rescheduled to January 17th at 6:30pm at Kidsability.

Anyone interested in attending or having something for the agenda should get in touch with Kathi Smith.

Happy Birthday

Des Gibb	Jan 3
Mary Peplow	Jan 11
Stan West	Jan 11

Bulletin:

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

Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

Jan 23 Barry Howie- District Rotary Foundation
Jan 30 Off-site to King Edward School
Feb 24 Skate 48
Mar 7 Five Club Fellowship Dinner
Mar 30 Curling night @ Westmount Golf and Country Club
May 6 Mudpuppy Run