

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 23, 2007

Barry Howie- District Rotary Foundation

	Today	Jan 30	Feb 6
Sgt. At Arms	Sean Leadston	Deanna Brenneman	Anne Brubacher
50/50 Draw	Martin Ward	Dennis Yanke	Deanna Brenneman
Greeter	Tom Burns	Mark Caldwell	Darryl Dalke
Blessing	John Scace	Lisa Smith	Glenn Stewart
Introduction	Duane Eby	Doug Edwards	Des Gibb
Thank-You	Doug Edwards	Des Gibb	Rod Goetz
Exchange Student	Rupert Hanson	Thea Holdevici	Doug Jones

Last Week: Skate 48 Prep

Bill Muirhead filled in for vacationing Blair Haley and John Murray (who are both in Mexico and have promised to do a make-up there!) in getting the club up to speed on our progress to another successful Skate 48! Planning is well underway (it actually starts in Sept/Oct).

Teams (John Murray)

- Teams for our event have a definite evolution/life span
- There is attrition in teams each year meaning we always have to bring in new teams
- We have 53-55 confirmed teams right now
- We would like to have 60 teams
- Good ice times are still available so let's try and drum up some new teams!

Signs (Darryl Dalke)

- Sign revenue is approx \$10k per year
- \$250 for a sign renewal for Skate (\$300 for a new sign)
- \$350 includes the Mudpuppy and Skate 48
- \$500 to be a back of shirt sponsor
- Leads for new signs can be given to either Darryl or Tony Maruna



Prizes (Dave Timlock)

- We need to build up an inventory of prizes this year more than most
- The last teams to play are as good at fundraising as the first and need to have good quality prizes available
- This component is a straight expense to the event
- We depend on contributions from the members to help with this expense
- In past years we accepted prizes donated by the members but tax receipts have been an issue. It is preferable for the members to donate cash
- This year we are encouraging all members to donate at least \$100 cash towards prizes
- The committee will use the donated cash to get the most bang for our buck when purchasing prizes

Volunteers (Dennis Yanke)

- Sign up sheets will be out 2 weeks before the event
- Please make yourself available for the full day- if you sign up for the full day, Dennis will work the schedule so you get most of it back!

Virtual Hockey Challenge

- No ice, no injuries, just fundraising

- The Phantoms (captained by Dennis Yanke vs. the Invisibles (captained by Jim McIntyre)
- They are looking for your donations (I believe that his can count towards your commitment to prizes)!
- The winning team (in funds raised) will have bragging rights for the upcoming year and get to eat a gourmet beef sandwich to boot!

Kidsability:

We were joined by Stephen Swatridge CEO of KidsAbility. Stephen wanted to thank our club for our past support in 2 ways.

1. Our support was instrumental in helping Kidsability receive additional government funding of \$900k last year. This additionally funding has allowed the agency to reduce (not eliminate) the wait list by 40% or 475 children.
2. Secondly, he wanted to thank our club for our recent donation of \$20,000 that will allow children with special needs to receive the speech and other therapies they require to enable them to lead a more fulfilling life.

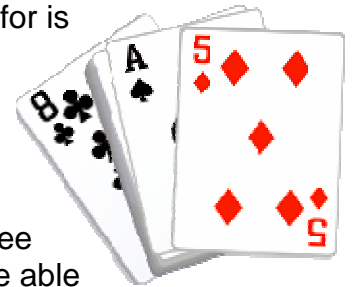
Attendance Policy:

The board has introduced a new attendance policy. This policy will start to be enforced by the end of the current Rotary year. The policy recognizes most committee events and meetings (internet meetings are available) as make up opportunities and encourages everyone to maintain at least a minimum attendance of 60%. A copy of the policy will be posted to the website and also is below in this bulletin.

50/50 Draw:

We broke into a new deck for our 50/50 card draw last week. The card that everyone is searching for is the Jack of Diamonds.

There were three unsuccessful chances by Anne, Mark and Sean (all of whom had their entry fee returned but none were able to find the lucky card)! The pot is back up for grabs next week!



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)

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

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.

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



SERVICE Above Self

Kitchener Grand River Rotary

Attendance Policy

As per the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, the Kitchener Grand River Rotary Club adheres to the following expectations from each member with respect to attendance:

- Members must attend or make up at least 60% of regular Rotary club meetings in each half of the year
- Members must attend 30% of their club's regular meetings in each half of the year (e.g. if your club has 26 meetings in each half of the year, you must attend 8 meetings)
- A member must not miss or fail to make up four consecutive meetings

Make-ups can come from other Rotary Clubs; attendance at designated club committee meetings or events; attendance at Board meetings; attendance at District or RI committees or events; attending an E-club meeting. Make-ups should happen within two weeks of the missed meeting (where possible). For club committee or events or Board meetings, the Chairperson should provide a listing of all attendees to the Secretary within 14 days so that the make-up can be recorded.

Attendance should be monitored and reported to club members so that each member is aware of their attendance record. Where attendance is a problem, the Membership Chair or a member of the membership committee should follow-up with that member to discuss their attendance and reasons for non attendance.

If a member has attended or made up for less than 60% of club meetings or attended less than 30% of club meetings or missed more than four consecutive meetings, membership may be terminated.

The Board may excuse absences for reasons that are considered good and sufficient after a Board discussion.

Leave of Absence

A member may request a leave of absence of up to one year provided that there is a date of return and that the member continues to pay dues for the year. Such leaves must be approved by the Board.

Excused Absences

Where the sum of a member's years of membership and age equals 85 or more, that member can request that the Board make an exception to the attendance requirement. The member must notify the club secretary in writing regarding their desire to be excused from attendance.