

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 9, 2007

Dennis Yanke-Values & Priorities

	Today	Jan 16	Jan 23
Sgt. At Arms	Rob Dippell	Dennis Yanke	Sean Leadston
50/50 Draw	Sean Leadston	Frank Walski	Martin Ward
Greeter	Anne Brubacher	Len Brunen	Tom Burns
Blessing	Lindsay Restagno	Jeff Righton	John Scace
Introduction	Robert Dippell	John Dobson	Duane Eby
Thank-You	John Dobson	Duane Eby	Doug Edwards
Exchange Student	Mark Grossman	Blair Haley	Rupert Hanson

Last Week:

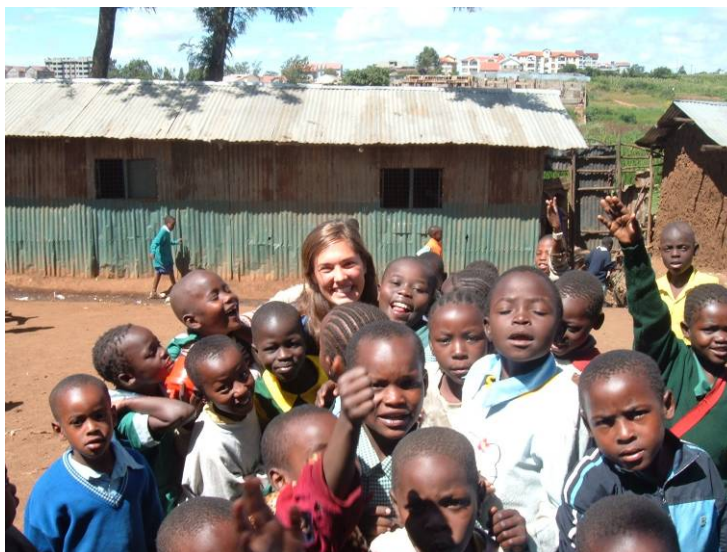
Our speaker last week was Hayley Lapalme who with the support of our club spent several months last summer working with HIV positive children in Nairobi Kenya.

The group with whom Hayley worked was the Youth Programme of Liverpool Volunteer Care Treatment (LVCT). The goal of the programme is: Increase and enhance HIV counselling and testing utilization and reproductive health services, in a youth friendly approach to improve access to effective prevention, care and support of youths infected or affected by HIV and AIDS..

During her trip, Hayley struggled with the paradox of aid workers being treated better than the aid recipients.

Overall the trip was deemed a success in starting to make a difference as a positive youth initiative in assisting those affected by or afflicted with HIV or AIDS.

From the description, Hayley had the first of what will probably be many international aid trips over her career and lifetime.



Hayley is currently attending McGill University studying Political Science and International Development.

50/50

A grand prize of \$21.25 (including the 25¢ that was found on the floor) was won by Rod Goetz!
Congratulations Rod!

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

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 Family Literacy Day) 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 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. 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.

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.

Skate 48:

The first meeting of the organizing committee is scheduled for January 10th at Blair's office.

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 16	Grand River Rotary Board
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