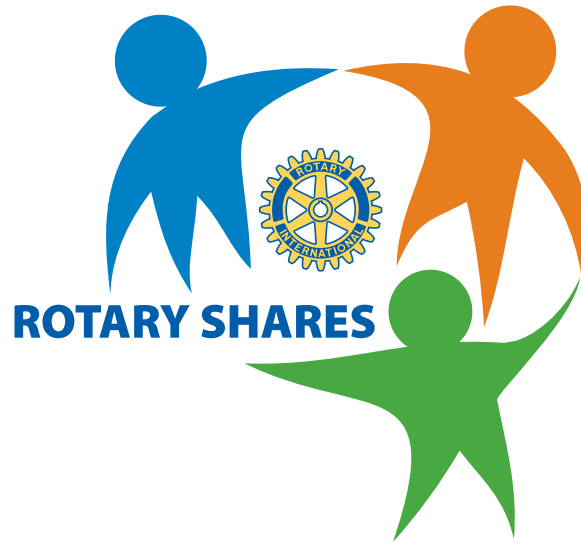


ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER GRAND RIVER



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

July 10, 2007

Virginia Pinnell from the Canadian Hearing Society

Today

Jul 17

Jul 24

Sgt. At Arms

50/50 Draw

Greeter

Blessing

Introduction

Thank-You

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Last Week: RI Convention

Recap

Kathi Smith and Thea Holdevici represented our club at the RI Convention June in Salt Lake City. It has been recognized as the best run convention in several years which is significant as Utah was a last minutes substitute for a Katrina ravaged New Orleans.

The article below is from the RI website.

Salt Lake City — The 2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City drew to a close 20 June, capping off a four-day celebration of the many faces of Rotary service, from peacemaking to grassroots projects to international friendship.

Calling it the “single most important thing you can do to ensure Rotary’s second century,” incoming RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson sent RI convention-goers home on Wednesday with a directive to “found new clubs wherever the soil is fertile.”

“Without new members, nothing else matters,” he said during the closing plenary. “It will only take a few decades for Rotary to disappear.”

The largest convention ever to be held in Salt Lake City, the event drew more than 16,500 Rotarians from 147 nations, some from as far away as Katmandu, Nepal.

The first RI convention in Utah since 1919 was also the site of several other Rotary firsts: the Rotary Foundation’s first-ever 100% Major Donor Club and the first Rotary World Peace Symposium, held just before the convention.

Peace was also a theme in the House of Friendship, where a 16x32 foot “Peace Wall,” inspired by the fallen Berlin Wall, was erected. Attendees of all ages painted a kaleidoscope of colorful messages of peace on the wall and received friendship passports.

Rotary Foundation alumni who now work as diplomats played a prominent role at the event. Former White House Deputy Chief of Staff Philip Lader was awarded the Foundation’s highest alumni honor, the Global Service to Humanity Award. And Francis Moloi, a South African ambassador to India, who also spoke during a convention plenary session, credited his Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship with opening his eyes to a new world of possibilities.

Inside the Salt Palace Convention Center, the House of Friendship provided a forum for fellowships, action groups, and project booths, while outside, the Rocky Mountains served as a scenic backdrop to the American western-themed convention that featured a rodeo, dances by Native Americans, and lots of homegrown hospitality.

Trustee Chair Luis V. Giay joined RI President William B. Boyd to present the Polio Eradication Champion Award to William Gates Sr., the keynote speaker at the third plenary. Gates co-chairs the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which has been a major ally in fighting polio alongside Rotary and its partners, contributing US\$150 million to the polio eradication effort.

Emine Yüzay, a young woman from Turkey who learned as a teen to read through a Rotary-sponsored Concentrated Language Encounter program, drew applause during the final plenary when she recounted how after she delved into the world of books, she laughed and cried and felt as if “books are like an ocean and I am in a small boat in the middle of it floating in all directions.” Yüzay, who now teaches others to read and write, was born without arms, and learned to write with her feet, but recently the Rotary Club of Istanbul arranged for Yüzay to be fitted with prosthetic arms, which she is still learning to use.

Yüzay’s story was one of thousands that were on the lips of Rotarians as they left the convention hall to head back to their communities with a new sense of purpose and inspiration for the year ahead.

Annual Changeover Dinner and Golf Day

One June 26th we had a great turnout at Conestoga Country Club for the annual changeover dinner and golf day. We had 19 golfers and 57 for dinner to celebrate the success of 06/07 with our President Kathi Smith.



A Certificate of Appreciation is presented to Outgoing-President Kathi Smith by President-Elect Fraser Moull with Ray Teed

The club presented Kathi with a certificate honouring her valuable leadership with a donation to the RI Group Study Exchange program for our district.

Thanks to all who organized this important event and to all who attended to celebrate our successes over the past year!

As a side note, anyone finding golf balls with the following logo, please return them to Jon Kaufman!



Paul Harris Fellowships

At the annual changeover dinner we were privileged to recognize two exemplary members for their huge contributions with Paul Harris Fellowships. Both members epitomize the Rotary motto of Service Above Self to our club, their communities and the world.



A Paul Harris Fellow is presented to Jeff Righton by Doug Jones and Kathi Smith with Carol Righton



A Paul Harris Fellow is presented to Tom Burns by Pierre Lapalme and Kathi Smith

The club presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to Past President Jeff Righton and member Tom Burns.

Sgt at Arms 50/50

In an interesting twist on the 50/50, Paul Walman was the winner of a bottle of wine and John Scace was the lucky winner of Tim Horton's gift certificates!

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for 3 volunteers to help stuff envelopes with donation receipts for Mudpuppy, ready for mailing. We will meet at the theatre for 1-2 hours after work and do the deed; in next couple of weeks. Please contact Sharon if you are willing and able.

Habitat For Humanity

Please sign up. They are in desperate need of volunteers for the finishing weeks in July! We are almost done and it is not too late to help! Please sign up for this very worthwhile cause.

Sign up here:

<http://www.rotaryhabitatbuild.org/>

POD Roster

Many Thanks to POD #3 (led by Martin Ward) for their able toils over the month of June!

POD#4 "the Eye Pod" led by Des Gibb has taken over for the month of July.

Future PODs are as follows:

August

Leader: Rupert Hanson

Members: Rod Goetz, Bill Brown, Blair Haley, Doug Jones, Jon Kinghan, Pierre Lapalme

September

Leader: Bill Muirhead

Members: Jim MacArthur, Jim McIntyre, Dave Timlock, Justin Nesbitt, Andrew McGauley, Shay Davidson

October

Leader: Duane Eby

Members: John Scace, Kathi Smith, Mitch Blaine, Warren Hamp, Dennis Yanke, Frank Walski

November

Leader: Thea Holdevici

Members: Sean Leadson, Peter McCann, Gerry Muller, Glenn Stewart, Mark Grossman, Les Toth

December

Leader: Len Brunen

Members: Jeff Righton, Jon Kaufman, Joanne Renaud, Lindsay Restagno, Lisa Smith, Paul Waldman

Bulletin:

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

Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

Jul 17 Offsite to the Downtown Community Centre 35 Weber St. W.