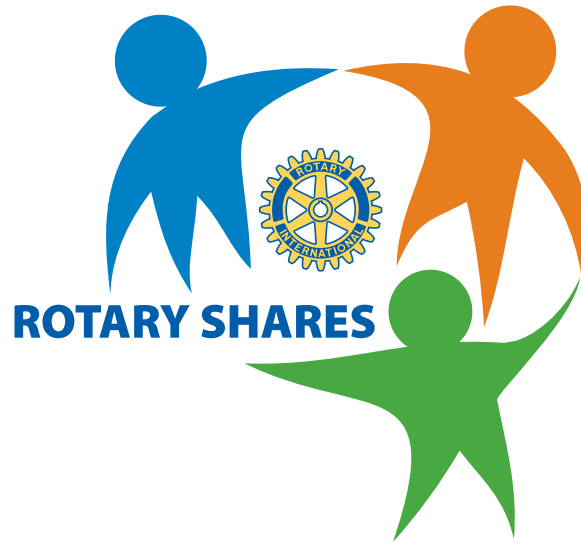


ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER GRAND RIVER



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 24, 2007

J. Earle McCormick – Organ Donation

	Today	Jul 31	Aug 7
Sgt. At Arms			
50/50 Draw			
Greeter	POD#4	POD#4	POD#5
Blessing			
Introduction			
Thank-You			

Last Week: Downtown Community Centre Youth Drop-in Program

Marla Pender, Youth Coordinator with the City of Kitchener presented to the club the recent history of the DCC and the Youth Drop-In Program and its future plans. Our club supported the program in approx 2005 with a donation.

- The DCC opened in the summer of 2005
 - Previously at Victoria School Centre
 - Always a centre with a high concentration of senior's programming
 - Few youth accessing the centre
 - The youth drop in program at that time was dominated by older males (just want to play basketball)
 - Youth given consideration as a increased priority
 - A place in central Kitchener that youth can go
- The Youth Drop In Program
 - Tuesdays, Sept.–June, 6:30 – 9 pm
 - Youth between the ages of 12 and 17
 - No charge
 - Diverse activities:
 - Sports, Cooking, Arts & crafts, Games, Videogames, Off-site trips, Movies
 - Diverse participants from a variety of backgrounds
 - Boys and girls
 - Youth with disabilities

- New Canadians
- Youth in care
- Average of 13 youth attending each week
- What our donation has done for the program
 - Provided the foundation to start the program
 - Staff training
 - Program supplies
 - Allowed us to be responsive to the needs of the youth and the program as it grew
 - Additional staff person to assist with inclusion
 - Art supplies for collaboration with KWAG
 - Connected youth to the DCC
- New ideas/possible future directions
 - An additional night of programming for 12 – 17 year olds
 - Non-sports based programming for older youth (18 - 25 year olds)
 - Increased arts focus
 - Continued work with the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery
 - Intergenerational programs/activities
 - Collaborating with KCI

A Rotary Salute

Andrew McGaully told of his recent visit to the Rotary Club of Sault Ste Marie for their annual changeover dinner. At this event there was a chair left empty in honour of one of their founding members (Andrew's grandfather) who passed away in February after 36 years as a member of that club.

A Piercing Study

Our member Deanna Brenneman had an article published in the KW Record On July 13th looking for volunteers to participate in a research study on whether osteopathic treatment improves posture. This study will look at how tongue piercings affect a person's posture and whether osteopathic treatment can change it.

Sgt at Arms

A very small contingent of Rotarians made the trek to the Downtown Community Centre.

50/50

With incredible odds of winning, Peter McCann won a Tim Horton's gift certificate and Pierre Lapalme won the mystery gift (which turned out to be a lotto ticket).

Committee Postings (Previously called Community Postings courtesy of Microsost autocorrct which I have now turned off)

The committee structure for the upcoming year is under review by Fraser. If you want to change your postings (up or down) or offer suggestions for improvement, send Fraser an email.

If he doesn't hear from you, he will assume all is oki doki.

Habitat For Humanity

We got an update from Mark Caldwell who recently volunteered. He chose a painting day to get some experience before tackling his own home painting project and described his day as something reminiscent of an episode of Mr. Bean.

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

POD#4 "the Eye Pod" led by Des Gibb has taken over for the month of July. Future PODs are as follows:

August Pod#5

Leader: Rupert Hanson

Members: Rod Goetz, Bill Brown, Mark Grossman, 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, Blair Haley, Les Toth

December

Leader: Len Brunen

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

Summer Picnic

Please keep Sept 8th open for the 2007 Rotary picnic. The venue and details will be communicated at a later date.

Bulletin:

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

Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

Jul 24 Back to the Walper