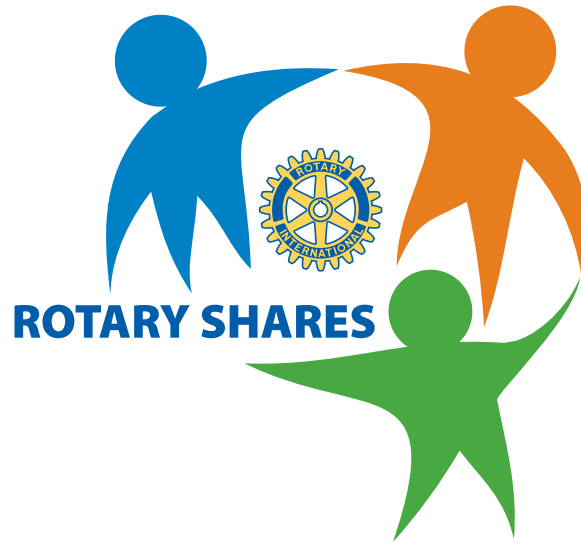


ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER GRAND RIVER



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 31, 2007

Richard Clayton-Ambassadorial Scholar

Today

Aug 7

Aug 14

Sgt. At Arms

50/50 Draw

Greeter

POD#4

POD#5

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Blessing

Introduction

Thank-You

Last Week: Earl McCormick-Organ Donations

Earl was a lifelong Scotiabanker when health issues related to diabetes started to increasingly impact his life. He has been the recipient of 2 successful organ transplants (in 2 separate operations which is unusual) that have completely changed his life. Earl spends a significant amount of time making presentations on the subject of organ transplants.

Earl had been a long term diabetic when his kidneys started to fail in the mid 1990's. After 2 long years on dialysis (5-6 hours 3 times per week), a suitable kidney was found and the transplant operation was done in 1997. The cost to the health care system of such an operation (\$15k once) pales in comparison to the long term cost of continued dialysis (\$60k annually forever).

Since the successful kidney operation, Earl's decline from diabetes continued with the loss of sight in one eye and deterioration in his legs. In 2003, Earl decided to try to have a pancreas transplant to eliminate his dependence on insulin injections (3 times per day). Today, Earl still is diabetic (a total of 30 years and still counting) but He leads a very active life free of the need for dialysis treatments or insulin injections. Earl was the fourth person in Canada to have a kidney & pancreas transplant separately (due to the possible impact of

autoimmune suppressor medications which essentially suppress his immune system to prevent rejection of the transplanted organs).

Some stats:

- 1755 people on the wait list in Ontario (mostly for livers and kidneys)
- 142 suitable donors last year in Ontario

Organ donor cards are a great system that has significant problems. Access to relevant information is difficult with no integration with the health care databases. It is important to let your family know your wishes by talking about the subject now.

What can be donated (without getting to graphic) basically every part of your body including all organs and tissues.

I guess the best summary is that we all have the potential to improve a life.

For more info:

<http://www.organdonationontario.org>

Sgt at Arms

25 members and guests Mary Ruston and speaker J. Earl McCormick.

50/50

The lucky winners of the 50/50 were Lisa Smith (winner of a lotto ticket) and Kathi Smith (winner of a LCBO gift certificate).

Habitat For Humanity

I believe that the build is basically complete. Thanks to all who participated!

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 Scaze, 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 family 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:

August 7th (still working on this one!)
Aug 14th Yoko (Rotary scholarship student)
August 21st Tegan Herchenrader (Former YX student) talks about recent experience working in orphanage in Ukraine.
August 28th Recent GSE trip to Brazil