

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

June 26, 2007

Presidential Changeover Dinner and Golf Day

| | Today | Jul 3 | Jul 10 |
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| Sgt. At Arms | | | |
| 50/50 Draw | | | |
| Greeter | POD#3 | POD#4 | POD#4 |
| Blessing | | | |
| Introduction | | | |
| Thank-You | | | |
| Exchange Student | Lindsay Restagno | NA | NA |

Last Week: Allocations Committee Update

The Allocations Committee made a presentation to the club on its mission; selection process and scoring tools that enable it to make recommendations to the board on charitable contributions.

The committee has been very active this past year and is led by Gerry Muller with members Joanne Renaud, Mark Caldwell, Duane Eby, Darryl Dalke, Thea Holdevici and Lindsay Resagno.

The team investigates and assesses each submission (including a financial analysis and a site visit) then votes on whether to recommend an expenditure. This year, the club received 29 requests and the committee recommended 9 of these to the board.

We were joined by representatives of many of the organizations and individuals that we have supported over the past year.

Charities supported included:

- The Working Centre
- Recycle Cycles
- Junior Achievement-ESIS
- 2 bursaries to GRCI students L. Currie and Kayla Pratt in support of their future studies in accounting and theatre studies
- Schools- King Edward, A.R. Kaufman and Wilson Ave-principals of all of the schools joined us to thank for the total of \$18,000 donated in support of core teaching

aids, medical supplies (ie. epi-pens, eyeglasses), class trips and literacy tools. These schools struggle with a high level of diversity and instability and our gift will enable them to provide a better learning environment.

- Pride Stables- this is a developmental riding stable that serves 320 children (most under 14 years old). We were joined by Shelly Lawrence to thank us for our \$3,500 sponsorship of "Danny" (a horse) who serves 20-30 children annually.
- ROOF- we were joined by Tim Southern, the President of ROOF (Reaching our Outdoor Friends), to thank us for our recent donation of \$6,000 towards their reconstruction project. The program's building was recently destroyed by fire and the agency is currently struggling to provide its services to homeless youth in downtown Kitchener. Reconstruction is just about to start so the agency can support youth at risk in the city.
- Ray of Hope-our recent gift of \$7,000 to the Youth Mentorship Program was acknowledged by Noel Churchman. This program matches young offender youths, between the ages of 13-17, with a mentor with the goal of them not to re-offend. This model has been recognized as

one of the best in the country and is being used in other communities.

- Make a Wish- our donation of \$1,800 was to make a wish of a critically ill child come true. Darryl D.'s son has past been a recipient of a wish from this foundation. Joan Fleming joined us to let us know that there have been 30 wishes granted so far this year with 72 yet to go before the end of 2007.
- Grand River Hospital-Children's Resource Centre-our recent donation of \$2700 will allow the hospital to improve the resources for children who require hospital stays and to help make a child friendly part of the hospital (play areas, decoration, computer etc.). The goal is to minimize the trauma of the hospital experience on children with illness.

Sgt at Arms

Lots of members and guests attended last weeks' meeting!

50/50

Winners of the mystery bag draw from last week were Lindsay Restagno and Andrew McGauley!

Exchange Student

Last week was Hannes' last meeting as he is off to the cross Canada bus tour for the month of July before heading home. His time in Canada has flown by

and he has met so many wonderful people and had such wonderful experiences. Thanks to his host families the Dalkes the Moulls and the Nesbitts! Thanks to Pierre Lapalme for serving as his counselor and to Jo-Ann Hutchison for lots of trips and being a good friend. Everyone in attendance go a quick thank you card and gift of sweets from Hannes for our warm hospitality.

Habitat For Humanity

Please sign up. They are in desperate need of volunteers for the finishing weeks in July!

District Changeover

There is a district changeover meeting scheduled for June 27th. To sign up to attend, please see the District 7080 website.

Bulletin:

Thanks once again to Sharon M. for her impeccable notes from last week! Please forward any information for publication to Rob Dippell at rdippell@knells.ca.

Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

June 26 Change-over meeting with Golf during the day