

# 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

May 15, 2007

## New Member Induction and Who Am I's

	Today	May 22	May 29
Sgt. At Arms			
50/50 Draw			
Greeter	POD#2	POD#2	POD#2
Blessing			
Introduction			
Thank-You			
Exchange Student	Bill Muirhead	Gerry Muller	John Murray

### Last Week: Youth exchange

Our speaker last week was our youth exchange student Hannes who has joined us for a year away from his home in Austria.

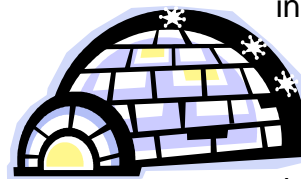
Hannes had a long time dream of visiting Canada but was did not know how he was going to be able to do it. His family had investigated other exchange organizations but had found them to be too expensive. He stumbled onto some marketing material for RI YE and after tons and tons of paperwork, he was accepted into the program.

The school that Hannes is attending is KCI which by Canadian standards has a long history (over 150 years) but by Austrian standards is fairly young as some schools are over 300 years old. In Austria, they concentrate solely on academics and not athletics at school so Hannes has enjoyed the inclusion of sports in his schooling in Canada. Hannes has played on the KCI soccer team and enjoyed the experience.

Hannes' 15 year old brother Ian is currently preparing for an exchange to Colorado so Hannes will likely not see his brother another year.

Hannes has been hosted by the Dalke family, the Moull family and is currently living with the Nesbitt family. Thanks to all our host families!

Over the past nine months, he has had the opportunity to meet lots of people and visit lots of places. He especially enjoyed winter camping at Wanakita



including sleeping overnight in a melting igloo! The cross Canada trip in July will certainly be a highlight that he

looks forward to.

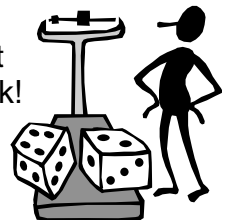
On his return to Austria, Hannes intends to participate in Rotary and perhaps help start an Interact club.

He is grateful to the club for hosting and has enjoyed and will continue to enjoy attending our weekly meetings.

### 50/50 Card Draw:

We are running out of cards and Dennis Y., Anne B. and John S. all failed to find the magic card.

The odds are about 3 in 10 that we will have a winner next week!



### Mudpuppy Chase:



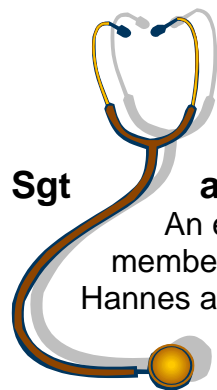
This years' run was a huge success. The number of runners was double that of the first year (2007-550, 2006-287) and the financial results were also stellar.

The gross proceeds from registrations, sponsorships and pledges were over

\$45,000. Congratulations to all the club members who helped with the event and especially huge congratulations and a thank you to John Dobson and the members of the run committee for this huge success!

The goal for next year is to double the number of runners yet again to 1000 so the job starts now to get in shape!

## Welcome Back!



Welcome back to Martin Ward after his recent medical problems!

## Sgt at Arms Report

An excellent total of 38 members plus a guest and Hannes attended last week's meeting.



Sign up for the upcoming Habitat build for June and July on the web site:

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

Collectively the Five Clubs are responsible for 400 person days to complete this task over the 6 week build. WE NEED YOUR HELP so please sign up now!

Steel toed shoes are required to be on site (green patch) but there is an investigation on how to help the members not having work boots, meet this requirement.

## Membership

Bring a guest and make them a member!

## Rotary Moment

Many people are wondering why RI's priority remains PolioPlus. The answer to that question is, the job isn't yet finished and we are going to continue until the job is done. While it is true that there are only a few places left that have a polio issue, if we don't continue to eliminate the disease in the whole world, the likelihood of a recurring epidemic exists.

The worldwide expenditures to date to eliminate this disease is approx \$3B, of which RI has given \$600M. The goal is in sight!

## Camp Enterprise

Another great Camp Enterprise presentation was done last week at the University of Waterloo. Our own Tony Maruna talked to 68 high school kids and lots of members volunteered their time to participate in the management labour negotiation session. Thanks to all who participated especially Tony and Justin Nesbitt who organized this on our behalf!

## The Economics of Staying in School

ESIS is coming up May 31<sup>st</sup> at Stanley Park School. We will need approx 12 volunteers for the whole day to help with a budgeting exercise. Volunteers will be paired with a partner for this teaching opportunity. Please contact Tony Maruna to volunteer.

## District Assembly

The district assembly was held this past weekend in Milton. Thanks to all from our club who attended as participants and as facilitators!

## **POD UPDATE**

Pod #2 took over last week for the month of May and brought our thoughts into spring with a “draw” for some pea pods for planting! Thanks for the innovative idea!

The May POD is made up of:

Leader: Joanne Renaud  
Members: Len Brunen, Shay Davidson, Jon Kaufman, Lindsay Restagno, Lisa Smith, Paul Walman

For the future, POD membership is as follows:

June/07:

Leader: Martin Ward  
Members: Deanna Brenneman, Tom Burns, Darryl Dalke, Tony Maruna, Sharon McMorrان, Dave Moser

July 07

Leader: Des Gibb  
Members: Anne Brubacher, Mark Caldwell, Rob Dippell, John Dobson, John Murray, Doug Edwards

August 07:

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

September 07:

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

## **Bulletin:**

Please forward any information for publication to Rob Dippell at [rdippell@knells.ca](mailto:rdippell@knells.ca).

## **Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:**

May 31 Economics of staying in School  
Jun 26 Annual President Changeover meeting