

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 8, 2007

POD #2

	Today	May 15	May 22
Sgt. At Arms			
50/50 Draw			
Greeter	POD#2	POD#2	POD#2
Blessing			
Introduction			
Thank-You			
Exchange Student	Fraser Moull	Bill Muirhead	Gerry Muller

Last Week: Student refugee

Our speaker was Tariku Kebede who is a refugee of Ethiopia attending the University of Waterloo. Our club has helped Tariku financially thru our Past Presidents Fund in sponsoring some of the cost of his studies that he would not otherwise be able to afford on his own.

Tariku was born in the country of Ethiopia which has been beset with years of violence. His early years of living in a refugee camp within that country were impacted by the indiscriminate slaughter of the population. At the age of 8 with no education, Tariku fled to a refugee camp in Kenya. This is where his education began, basically in the shade of a tree. Sometimes there were teachers and sometimes there were not but he learned the most basic of lessons "if you work hard, you can enjoy the fruits of your labours".

After 15 years of refugee life, Tariku was able, with the support of World University Service of Canada (WUSC) and groups such as ours, to escape his refugee life and apply to attend university in Canada. He was one of the very lucky few as there were 20,000 applications for a very small number of positions.

Tariku will take as long as is necessary to complete his studies in General Sciences.

For further info on WUSC refer to:

<http://www.wusc.ca/>

50/50 Card Draw:

No sign of the Jack of Diamonds on draws by Doug Jones, Thea Holdevici and Andrew McGauley (did anyone mention to him when he joined that he has a better chance of winning the 649 than our 50/50 draw?). The pot has \$271 in it and I am guessing there are only 10 or 13 cards left! The chances of a winner soon are getting good!

Mudpuppy Chase:

Details will be discussed at the upcoming meeting but suffice it to say that the event last weekend was a fabulous success! The gross proceeds will be over \$40k and the number of runners has more than doubled from our inaugural event! Our run has lived up to its billing as "Kitchener's Premier Running Event"! Special thanks to the committee and all members who participated in planning and execution of the event!

Sgt at Arms Report

There was a good turnout at last meeting with many members and 2 guests.

Happy Bucks

None this week.

Best Wishes

Best wishes go out to member Martin Ward and his wife Mary after Martin's recent hospitalization with "electrical problems". Martin has had a pacemaker installed (is this the right word to use?) and was home in several days! We hope Martin gets well soon and look forward to seeing him at a meeting soon!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tony and Marina Maruna on the birth of their daughter and to Shay and Cheryl Davidson on the recent birth of their son. I trust that both of these growing families will make good use of the increasing tax credits available to them! Congratulations and best wishes to all!



Membership

Bring a guest and make them a member!

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 McMorran, 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, 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

District Assembly

The 7080 District Assembly is being held Saturday May 12th in Milton (8:30a-2:30p).

Not much in this world is FREE but the District Conference attendance is!

The District Assembly provides an excellent opportunity for all interested Rotarians (for both new and long serving members) to gain knowledge and share experiences on a wide variety of topics. There is something for everyone!!

Club Board Members and Committee Chairs will see a number of sessions devoted to their particular area of interest and all members will have an opportunity to gain insight into the many things that go on in the District.

Here is a partial list of the topics being covered in this year's Assembly, which will consist of 2 sessions of 8 concurrent presentations: Foundation, World Community Service, Literacy,



Membership, Family of Rotary, Youth Programs, PODS, WEB Training. We welcome everyone to attend

Please register online at:

http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/dxhome/dxeventstab/_eventitem.aspx?did=7080&index=1486&linkcat=5&dir=f&tail=0

We are arranging carpooling so please let Fraser Moull know if you are attending this worthwhile event.

Vocational Service:

Camp Enterprise was held on May 3rd at the University of Waterloo. Our members volunteered to assist in the Management/Worker negotiation exercise which has been a blast in the past!

Thanks to all who coordinated this event and to all who helped out the day of the event.

Some events are coming up to keep in your calendars for the future:

- o ESIS (The Economics of Staying in School)- May 31st at Stanley Park School-we will need approx 12 volunteers for the whole day.

Bulletin:

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

Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

- May 12 District Assembly
- May 31 Economics of staying in School
- Jun 26 Annual President Changeover meeting



RUNNERS HELPING KIDS

RECORD STAFF

At Kitchener City Hall, runners take off for the start of yesterday's Mudpuppy Chase, a three-, five- and 10-kilometre event organized by the Rotary Club of Kitchener-Grand River to raise money for the KidsAbility Centre and other children's charities. More than 600 runners raised at least \$18,000 in the second annual event.