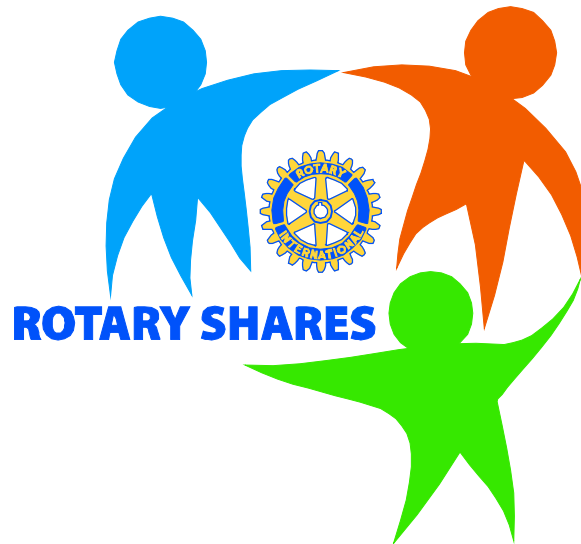


ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER GRAND RIVER



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

November 20, 2007

Cooking Class, Household China in Waterloo

	Today	Nov 27	Dec. 4
Sgt. At Arms	POD # 1 Leader: Thea		
50/50 Draw	Holdevici		
Greeter	Members: Sean	POD#1	POD#1
Blessing	Leadston, Peter		
Introduction	McCann, Gerry		
Thank-You	Muller, Glenn		
	Stewart, Blair		
	Haley		

Last Week: Jayme Burns, My Summer in Livingston Zambia.

Tom Burns proudly introduced our guest speaker, his daughter Jayme. Jayme has the same travel bug that Tom had when he was her age. Jayme has just graduated from Sir John A. Mac Donald. She came to her parents with a request to



spend the summer volunteering in Africa in Livingston, Zambia. Sally & Tom also had the opportunity to visit where Jayme was working when they travelled to Africa at the start of the summer.

Jayme started her presentation by sharing some advice that her friend Hayley LaPalme had shared with her. Hayley told her it was important to listen once, then listen twice and then speak. Jayme followed this advice for the duration of her time in Africa and found that it worked quite well.

Jayme spent the month of July volunteering in two medical clinics. One clinic was in Dumbwa and the other in Maranba. The clinics had virtually no medication and were located such that some patients had to walk for one hour from their homes. The clinics are staffed by Clinical Officers who are on step above nurses. In the clinic, there was a Maternity Ward, an under 5 clinic and a VCT clinic (for AIDS testing and counselling). Jayme saw her first life birth while she was at the clinic. She saw kids as young as 14 who were seeking medical treatment after miscarriages. The under 5 clinic focused on helping families to raise healthy babies. Mothers walked long distances and waited for hours to seek care. Home based cares insured that people were taking their anti-retrovirals. 30 local volunteers worked with the volunteers from African Impact. Jayme learned that you cannot help everyone no matter how much you might want to do so. She also learned how fortunate we are in Canada. Community

in Livingstone means supporting one another, not being materialistic and selfish. There are improvements happening – more people are being tested for HIV and since 2002, there has been running water.

In August, Jayme volunteered in two schools providing education on HIV/AIDS and person hygiene and then coaching sports. She learned from the kids that you should always be happy and appreciate what you have. They always had something to look forward to, no matter how bleak things might be in their lives.

Jayne with her proud parents Sally & Tom



Jayne was changed by her experience. Her great lesson was to understand that no matter how bad you think are, there is always someone who is worse off, so it is important to appreciate what you have. Jayme feels that volunteer organizations will help to make the changes needed for countries to be self sufficient. It is important to teach the people how to be self sufficient not to simply send money as it frequently is not expended properly.

Based on her experience, Jayme has determined that she will be studying International Development at University

next year. Until then, she is going to spend time working in Whistler, teaching snowboarding.

Update from Fellow Rotarians

Gerry Muller is swimming 3 to 4 times per week. He and his wife are going to the Florida Keys for 10 days.

John Murray said that December starts the work of Skate 48. He cannot believe that his twin girls and now 4 and in JK. He is happy that he can help with homework at this point. The girls are excited about Christmas.

Jon Kaufman spent last week at the family cottage. He and Judy are getting used to being empty nesters. One daughter is teaching school and the other is in school in England.

John Scace spent last week in Buctoush, New Brunswick at his mother in law's place. He and Joy had a relaxing time.

Jim McIntyre is about to become a grandpa for the third time. His kids are all well. The family home is up for sale.

Sean Leadston just celebrated his son's third birthday. He is looking forward to snow board season after putting away his golf clubs.

Sgt at Arms

Our 29 members in attendance were joined by our guests Jayme Burns and her mom Sally Burns.

50/50

Peter McCann won the free dance lessons provided by our guests from Arthur Murray. Peter seemed quite excited about the prospect of the cha cha...

Kidsability School Authority Looking for Volunteers for Board

Kidsability is looking for members for the School Authority. The role is similar to

that of elected trustees of public school boards. If you are interested in learning more, please contact our own Sharon McMorran for more information.

Request for Thoughts & Prayers for One of our Paul Harris Recipients & Her Family

Dear Members:

Please see email below from our recent Paul Harris recipient, Mary Jane. I have sent her our prayers and thoughts from the club.

She is one incredible lady who shows incredible strength even at this time, and continues to support and work for our fundraiser the Mudpuppy.

Her husband Don "ran" our event in a wheelchair last year and came across the finish line with our other wheelchair athlete, young Bradley Simpson.

Thanks.

John Dobson

John,

I am not sure I will be able to make tonight's meeting. Don is getting weaker and weaker. I do believe it is only a matter of a short time when his struggle with life will be over.

Update:

New sponsor-\$500.00 -Simpson Accounting

I have made the initial contact with Lennox. I have not heard back-my fingers are crossed.

The committee is in contact with last year's teachers and I have some names from the Oktoberfest Run. No mass mailing.

Dianne is on board with Young Athletics.

MJ

Update on Ambassadorial Scholar, Richard Clayton

I received the following from Richard:

"It certainly does not seem like a year ago that I was really starting to find my feet in Canada – how the time flies.

All is well here in England – whilst the weather is, as you would expect, decidedly average, all else is good, and it has been nice to catch up with friends and family. I will be speaking at my local Rotary club in early November.

My job hunt has gone well, and I quickly found myself an engineering job (quite a whirlwind turn around – 2 weeks from application to offer) working for Schlumberger Oil Services as a field engineer. It looks like my first posting (after 2 weeks in Paris) will be in Romania, working for the Project Management division of the company. I am looking forward to it, the travel bug

has certainly hit and I hope to see a few countries before I finally get around to settling down. Apparently, there is a Rotary and Rotaract club in Bucharest, the city in which I will be living – although I do not think I get much free time from the



company – apparently 7 days per week are the norm.

Pass on my best wishes to all in the Club. I hope to make my way over to Waterloo sometime next year and look forward to catching up with all of you again then. Needless to say, anyone visiting the UK

or Romania should look me up – I am more than happy to welcome visitors!

Announcements

Jim McArthur has resigned from the Board and Thea Holdevici is replacing him.

Stan West has tendered his resignation from the Board.

Good News

Des Gibbs' third grandchild recently arrived. The baby was premature but is doing well in the neonatal unit.

Skate 48

If you have someone who is interested in fielding a team for Skate 48, the team captains' meeting is being held on November 26th at Zekes. If you need more information, please contact John Murray or Blair Haley.



Keep February 23 open on your calendar!!

POD Roster

We have the roster for the first three months of the New Year:

January

Leader: Tony Maruna

Members: Deanna Brennehan, Tom Burns, Darryl Dalke, Sharon McMorrان, Dave Moser, Martin Ward.

February

Leader: Mark Grossman

Members: Anne Brubacher, Mark Caldwell, Rob Dippell, Doug Edwards, Des Gibb, Rod Goetz.

March

Leader: Bill Brown

Members: Rupert Hanson, Doug Jones, Jon Kinghan, Pierre Lapalme, Jim McIntyre, Bill Muirhead.

Bulletin:

Please forward any information for publication to Kathi Smith at smithkathi@sympatico.ca

Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

Nov 27 RI Foundation Today & Tomorrow-Ralph Clarke (PDG of District 7070)

Dec. 4 State of the Region – Ken Seiling, Regional Chairperson

Dec. 11 St. John's Kitchen – preparing the stuffing for turkey (great fellowship & stress release)

Dec 18 Holiday Seasonal Party @ home of Fraser Moull & Lila Read

Feb 23 Skate 48

May 4 Mudpuppy