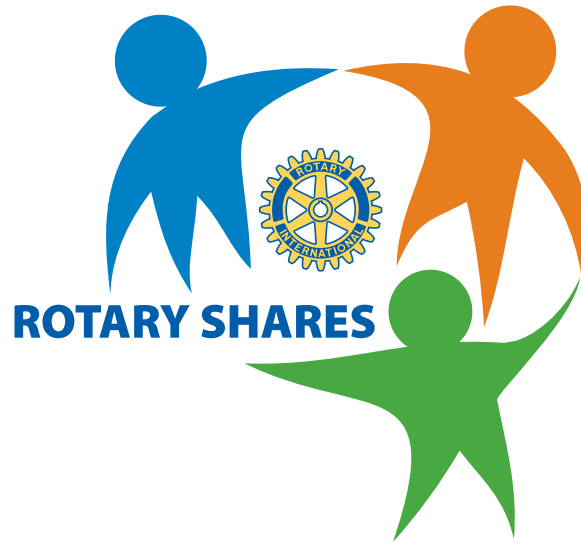


# ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER GRAND RIVER



## ***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

Sep 18, 2007

## OFFSITE TO CIGI

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Sgt. At Arms			
50/50 Draw			
Greeter	POD#6	POD#6	POD#7
Blessing			
Introduction			
Thank-You			

### Last Week: Pride Stables



Last week our meeting was offsite at the location of Pride Stables which offers therapeutic horseback riding lessons to people with disabilities. Our tour guides were Shelley and Heather for a walk about thru the facility. Our club has supported this program for many years most recently by sponsoring a pony named Danny.

The agency was established in 1974 and moved to its current location, as a tenant of the GRCA (in the flood plain of the Grand River), in 1988. It depends on a significant amount of support from the local community and receives great support from various sources including the residents of the Deer Ridge neighborhood who hold several fundraisers including a Casino night and a street dance.

Lessons are held in 8 week sessions, during the fall, winter, spring and summer. Over 300 riders from Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo and

surrounding areas, utilize the facility weekly, helped by more than 200 volunteers. During the summer months, Camp Pride, an 8 week fully integrated day camp is in full operation with over 190 children.

**Danny**

During each lesson, riders learn how to groom, tack and ride a horse, depending on their abilities. The benefits of horse back riding are multidimensional. The instruction of lessons is based on sequencing, which enables each rider to learn at their own pace. Participating in weekly lessons also builds special friendships between the rider, their horse, volunteers and staff members.

Therapeutic horseback riding utilizes the horse as a medium of therapy. The combination of the horse's movement, which simulates the human walking motion, and its higher body temperature, serves to supply passive heat massage to the riders' muscles, thereby either relaxing spastic muscles or stimulating lax muscles. Riders also participate in exercises improving their muscle strength and flexibility in their upper body.

This program is managed by 2 full-time, and 3 part-time staff members, 4 instructors, a board of directors and over

For many who cannot walk,  
Our horses are their legs.  
For some who cannot see,  
They are their eyes.  
For others who have trouble communicating,  
Love needs no words.

Thank you for your  
ongoing kindness!

200 volunteers, serving in a variety of capacities.

For further information, refer to their web site at:

<http://www.pridestables.com/index.html>.

## Sgt at Arms

A total of 21 members plus guests Olivia and Zack Dippell, Nicole Brunen and visiting Rotarian Aldo Villanovich (from District) joined us at Pride Stables.

## 50/50

None this week.

## District 7080 Convention

This years' district conference has been upgraded to a mini-convention in Orangeville Oct 19-20.

The Keynote speaker will be James Orbinski (past president of Doctors Without Borders). There will be lots of presentations and displays about Rotary's work within our district and the world with a separate youth oriented program. There will also be a spouse program that includes a scenic rail tour of the Credit Valley. The closing dinner will be MC'ed by Past Premier of Ontario David Peterson.

Registration cut off date is Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. Billeting with local Rotarians is available with a cut off date of Sept 21<sup>st</sup>. cost is \$125 per member and \$100 for a spouse. Registrations will be accepted over the internet only at:  
[www.rotary7080.org](http://www.rotary7080.org).



## Skate 48

Believe it or not but Skate 48 has now been scheduled for Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 2008!

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of KidsAbility

The KidsAbility 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party was successfully held outdoors at the centre this past weekend. Many thanks to our club's volunteers who braved the cold including Paul W., Kathi S., Fraser M., Peter M., Ann B., Bill B. and Rob D.!

## GSE Outbound

Applications for GSE outbound team leader position are being accepted until Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. The team will be going to South Africa in the spring of 08. Team leaders should be a Rotarian in good standing and willing to learn about themselves and their capabilities while working with their team both in Canada and abroad.

## Board Meeting

A board meeting was held a Chez Moull on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who were able to attend and to our tolerant hostess Lila!

## POD Roster

The September POD is made up of the following members:

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:

Sep 18 OFFSITE MEETING to CIGI (The Centre for International Governance Innovation)  
Sep 25 regular meeting @ Walper- Nolan Andres of Peaceworks Consulting  
Oct 19-20 District 7080 Convention-Orangeville  
Oct 23 Club Assembly  
Dec 18 Holiday Seasonal Party

## Next meeting:

Our next meeting will be held at the Centre for International Governance Innovation at 57 Erb Street West at the corner of Erb and Caroline in Waterloo.

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

