

# ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER-GRAND RIVER BULLETIN

April 8, 2008

**ANDREW WILKINS, US Ambassador**

5 Club Meeting at Noon at Waterloo Inn

	<b>April 8</b>	<b>April 15</b>	<b>April 22</b>
Sgt. At Arms	<i>April -Jim MacArthur –</i>	<b>Dave Timlock</b>	<b>Cancelled for Wine</b>
50/50 Draw	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Topic to be announced</b>	<b>Tasting</b>
Greeter	Blair Haley, Dave Timlock,		
Blessing	Justin Nesbitt, Andrew		
Introduction	McGauley, Jeff Righton, John		
Thank-You	Scace		

## **Sam Welten- Possibilities International**

Sam is Executive Director of a charity that he started himself and runs here in Kitchener. The focus of the organization is to make mission trips to various parts of the world to make a difference. The organization was started just 2 and a half years ago. The funds raised by PI are only raised for projects. The administrative costs are raised separately.

The focus of Possibilities is going to orphanages to make a difference to the lives of orphans. He leads groups of people to other countries to buy clothes, repair homes and generally make a difference in the lives of people who are struggling. It is clear that Sam has a passion for what he does and loves to share that passion and enthusiasm with others. In one country, the organization purchased a home for a family in need for \$1800 to move the family from living in a dump. That house is now worth \$15,000 and will be transferred to the ownership of the woman that they helped.

One of the focuses is to fix up the orphanages and provide the necessities of life to the children who live there. They spend most of their time in

Guatemala and Central Asia. Sam talked about how little money it takes to make a difference in the world.

The organization is launching a new program called I totally matter that is being piloted in the Waterloo Region. The program will work on self esteem of young women, more information can be found at [www.itotallymatter.ca](http://www.itotallymatter.ca)

Jim McArthur thanked Sam for sharing his passion, enthusiasm and sense of humour with us.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Fraser introduced this month's POD known as McArthur's Army (not the April fools).

### **Attendance**

We had 32 members and our guest speaker. Peter McCann won the 50/50 of \$22. It seems Peter wins more than most!!

### **Good News**

Jim McIntyre announced that he is a grandfather to a new baby girl. He also announced that his daughter Marisa is a finalist for the new reality show "Searching for Maria."

## Mudpuppy Chase – May 4<sup>th</sup>



All members are asked to set this date aside to volunteer (or run). This is our second major fund raising event. If you want to recruit friends, go online to

[www.onlineregistrations.ca/mudpuppy](http://www.onlineregistrations.ca/mudpuppy)

If for some reason you absolutely cannot be available – be sure to contact Deanna Brennehan so that she does not schedule you.

We are looking for volunteers on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to help prepare food for the runners.

## President Elect Training



This past weekend, our President Elect Rob spent with Rotarians from District 7070, 7090 as well as our District as they learned more about the role of President and expectations for the year. Our own Peter McCann was one of the trainers who was working with the PE's. Thanks to both of you for your commitment to Rotary!!



## District Assembly

This half day event is being held on May 3 at E.C. Drury School in Milton. It is a great opportunity to learn more about Rotary whether you are a newer Rotarian, a member of the Board or someone looking for a refresher. Talk with Rob Dippell about attending.

## Wine Tasting Social Evening – April 18<sup>th</sup> at 20 King

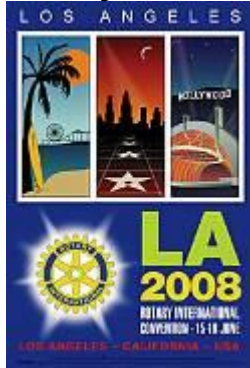
On Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 8 – 10 p.m. the club will be having a wine tasting in one of the private rooms at Peter Martin's 20 King. There will be 4 courses of hors d'oeuvres with wine for each course. The cost per couple is \$60 or \$30 per person. There will be no meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and the \$12 for that meeting will be applied toward the cost. If you are interested in attending, contact Paul Walman. More details to follow.

## Do You Know Someone Who Would Make a Great Rotarian?

With three and a half months left in this Rotary year, we need to put our minds to finding some new club members. Think about the people you interact with on a weekly basis and consider inviting them out to our club.

Remember that we have a goal of adding 10 new members this year (and have added 1 at this point). Jim McIntyre has again generously offered a \$1000 contribution to the Rotary Foundation (\$100 per new member).

## Rotary International Convention



This year's international convention is being held in Los Angeles California. President Elect Rob Dippell and his family will be attending as will Thea Holdevici and Kathi

Smtih. The convention will mark the end of President Wilf Wilkinson's year as RI President. In July, you will hear about some of the highlights of the convention from our new President.

### The Bulletin (& speaker ideas)

Please forward any information for publication or ideas for speakers (to forward to PODS) to Kathi Smith at [smithkathi@sympatico.ca](mailto:smithkathi@sympatico.ca)

### Upcoming PODS

#### **May – Kathi Smith – Leader**

Duane Eby, Dennis Yanke, Mitch Blaine, Thea Holdevici, Sean Leadston, Jon Kaufman

#### **June – Peter McCann - Leader**

Shay Davidson, Warren Hamp, Gerry Muller, Glenn Stewart, Len Brunen, Joanne Renaud.

#### **July- Lindsay Restagno- Leader**

John Dobson, Jeff Righton, John Scace, Lisa Smith, Paul Walman, Wes Haynes

#### **August - Dave Moser-Leader**

Tony Maruna, Deanna Brenneman, Tom Burns, Darryl Dalke, Sharon McMorran, Martin Ward

#### **September -Mark Caldwell- Leader**

Fraser Moull, Doug Edwards, Des Gibb, Rod Goetz, Mark Grossman, Ann Brubacher

### Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

April 8	Morning meeting cancelled 5 Club Luncheon
April 15	Dave Timlock
April 18	Wine Tasting
April 22	No meeting ( <i>cancelled because of wine tasting</i> )
April 29	Offsite meeting at Waterloo International Airport
May 4	Mudpuppy Chase
May 6	No meeting today