



1ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER-GRAND RIVER BULLETIN

December 16, 2008

St. John's Kitchen – Annual Stuffing Preparation Evening – Annual Holiday Celebration at President Rob's

	December 16	December 23	December 30
Sgt. At Arms	<i>December POD</i>	<i>Holiday Traditions – club</i>	<i>No meeting today –enjoy</i>
50/50 Draw	<i>Jon Kaufman-Leader</i>	<i>members share memories</i>	<i>the holiday season with</i>
Greeter	<i>Duane Eby, Dennis</i>	<i>of their family traditions.</i>	<i>you family!</i>
Blessing	<i>Yanke, Mitch Blain,</i>		
Introduction	<i>Thea Holdevici, Peter</i>		
Thank-You	<i>McCann, Wes Haynes</i>		

Last Meeting

Welcome to our Newest Member!



Welcome to our newest member Patrick Schlitt!! Pat was inducted into our club last Tuesday. Welcome back Pat, great to have you back with us!!!

The meeting was the beginning step of a planning process that our Board has developed. Here are the first three steps outlined:

Rotary Club of Kitchener Grand River DRAFT Planning Process 2008/09

Goal: To allow the club to better understand where it is going and to provide a foundation for planning over a longer term. To build consensus about the future of the club and to provide direction for successive Presidents and Boards.

Club Assembly

A Huge Thank You to Peter McCann for stepping in at the last minute and taking us through a discussion about our club. Peter, thank you so much for your continued commitment to our club!!!

The notes from the meeting are attached separately.



Step 1:

- What:** Club assembly
- Where:** regular meeting time and place
- When:** December 2008
- Why:** To start a dialog of the members to buy into the process and allow them to participate in making the club stronger.
- How:** To have an open discussion by the membership of the strengths and weaknesses of our club and what can be changed to improve member participation and fulfillment.

Who: All club members

Step 2:

What: Take actions based on club assembly discussion

Where: unknown

When: December 2008/January 2009

Why: To make some of the changes that comes out of the December Club Assembly to demonstrate to the club that their input is being acted upon

How: unknown as it depends on the action item

Who: Board and committee chairs

Step 3:

What: Jack Tacoma presenting his Rise and Fall of Rotary Clubs presentation from the District Conference

Where: Regular meeting time and place

When: February 10, 2009

Why: To show the members the need for us to think long term in reestablishing and communicating our club vision

How: Demonstrate to the club members that the position that our club finds itself in is not unique but that the time for action is now to ensure that our club is able to continue to be relevant to our members and to continue to satisfy club goals.

Who: All club members

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

There were 33 members in attendance!

Thank You!

To Andrew McGauley and the November POD for a great job. Welcome to our December POD led by Jon Kaufman.

50/50 Draw



The card draw introduced by the November POD continued last week with a futile attempt to find a winner by increasing the number of cards drawn. The failure to find a winner results in the pot (which is \$149.50) so far continuing into December. We are looking for the Queen of Diamonds.

Holiday Memories

The December POD is still looking for club members who are willing to share their holiday memories on December 23rd. If you are interested and willing – contact Thea Holdevici or Jon Kaufman.



Seasonal Holiday Party



This year's holiday season celebration will be held on **December 16th** at the home of Rob Dippell and Stephanie Ratza (and Olivia and Zack). Invitations have been sent out via Evite over the web. If you have not received one or are having difficulty rsvp'ing, send an email to me at rdippell@knells.ca or to Paul at kw@sherwoodcopy.com.

New Addition to Bulletin Coming!

At the start of the New Year, we will add a new feature to the bulletin that will introduce you to the members of our club. We will be having short interviews with the club member that will give you a little more insight to interests, talents and passions. ***If you have questions that you would like answered – forward them to your bulletin editor.*** Watch for it!!

Mudpuppy Sponsorship Committee

The committee raising money for Mudpuppy is comprised of Mitch Blaine, Joanne Renaud, Peter McCann, Tom Burns and Glenn Stewart. They are asking the club to come up with one possible lead to pass on to them. The goal is to try to find \$500 sponsors. Mudpuppy Chase is May 3.

Mudpuppy Chase

Thanks to those Rotarians who have stepped forward to help with this year's Mudpuppy Chase. We are still looking for some more committee members. If you are interested, please contact John Dobson to let him know!
Email: John.Dobson@emerson.com

Do You Know Someone Who Would Make a Great Rotarian?

Think about the people you interact with on a weekly basis and consider inviting them out to our club – your pharmacist, vet, doctor, community volunteer, former Rotarian, colleague, retailer,

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Our goal is to end the year with net one new member.

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

Rotary International is encouraging Rotarians to make a small donation of \$100 US every year to the Rotary Foundation. A \$100 annual contribution from club members makes you a sustaining member. You can donate \$100 directly to the Canadian office of the Rotary Foundation or you can request that you are billed quarterly as part of your club billings. To learn more about making direct donations through the Canadian site go to: <http://www.trfcanda.org/>

Looking for a Rotary Club to Make-up?

Kitchener Club – Monday at noon at Delta Hotel Kitchener

Waterloo Club – Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Laurel Room at U of W

Kitchener Westmount Club – Wednesday at noon at Delta Hotel Kitchener

Cambridge North – Wednesday at noon at 20 Hobson Street (formerly Blackshop)

Cambridge Preston Hespeler – Thursday at noon at the Cambridge Golf club

Cambridge Sunrise –Friday at 7 am at the Cambridge Golf Club

Kitchener Conestoga Club – Friday at noon at Westmount Golf & Country Club

For other clubs in the area, log on to www.rotary7080.org and click on where and when clubs meet. Make-ups are a great way to learn more about Rotary!!

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

Upcoming PODS

January/09 Glenn Stewart –Leader Gerry Muller, Len Brunen, Lindsay Restagno, John Scace, Lisa Klimstra (Smith), Dave Moser

February/09 Paul Walman-Leader Tony Maruna, Martin Ward, Deanna Brennehan, Tom Burns, Darryl Dalke, Sharon McMorran

March/09 Doug Edwards-Leader Mark Caldwell, Fraser Moull, Des Gibb, Rod Goetz, Mark Grossman, Anne Brubacher

Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

December 23 – Club Members will Share holiday Traditions

December 30 – No Meeting today – celebrate family time

January 6 – Martha George, Grand Valley Construction Association

January 13 – Larry Swatuk, UW Director of International Development

January 20 – Bruce Ritter (Anne Brubacher's brother) Healthy Eating

January 27 – Dr. Anthony Hutchison, Brampton Community Resource Centre

February 10 – Jack Tacoma, "The Rise & Fall of Rotary Clubs

