



1 ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER-GRAND RIVER BULLETIN

December 2, 2008

Bob Gorman- Chief Portfolio Strategist, TD Waterhouse Economic Update

	December 2	December 9	December 16
Sgt. At Arms	<i>December POD</i>	<i>Club Assembly – Lead by</i>	<i>Offsite to the St. John’s</i>
50/50 Draw	<i>Jon Kaufman-Leader</i>	<i>Dennis Yanke</i>	<i>Kitchen followed by the</i>
Greeter	<i>Duane Eby, Dennis</i>	<i>What Makes a Great</i>	<i>Holiday Seasonal Party in</i>
Blessing	<i>Yanke, Mitch Blain,</i>	<i>Rotary Club?</i>	<i>the evening</i>
Introduction	<i>Thea Holdevici, Peter</i>		
Thank-You	<i>McCann, Wes Haynes</i>		

Last Meeting – Steve Spott-GM Kitchener Rangers



We were joined by Steve Spott the newly promoted Head Coach and General Manager of the Kitchener Rangers. Steve was promoted

to this position after a thirteen year partnership with his close friend and mentor Peter Deboer first at the Plymouth Whalers and then the last 7 years with the Rangers. During this time, Steve was primarily the assistant coach and assistant GM to Peter’s head coach and GM roles. During the summer of 2008 after a great showing in the Memorial Cup, Peter moved to the NHL into the Florida Panthers hockey club. Steve was sorely tempted to make the move to Florida as well but after some soul searching, and some consultation with his family and friends, Steve decided to stay in Kitchener and take the reigns as head coach and GM.

In taking on this role, Steve inherited one of the weakest teams that Kitchener has ever had primarily due to the youth of the team as there was a large turnover of overage players in the off season.

The beginning of the season was quite trying highlighted (low-lighted really) by an 8 game losing skid. During the depths of this streak, Steve was having difficulty motivating his young players who were not accustomed to this level of futility. He received a call from Colin Campbell who is a senior executive with the NHL. Colin gave Steve a pep talk and sent him a video to inspire and motivate his foundering team. This video, which Steve showed to the club, is the story of Team Hoyt a father/son team that compete in triathlon races (26.2 miles of running, 112 miles biking and 2.4 miles swimming) around the world. This story becomes awe inspiring when you realize that it is the story of a father and his heavily disabled son! This video brought tears to the eyes of most when they witnessed the dedication of father to son and the joy on Rick’s face of being able to compete around the world. This inspirational story can be read at www.teamhoyt.com/history.shtml. Since viewing the video, the team has had more success and currently sits 5th in the standings.

Patience will be key this season and next as the players (kids really-*most were born in 1992*) mature and develop as a team but the prospects are great for this team to be very successful in the future!

Steve is very involved in other international hockey organizations having just returned from Slovakia where he was Assistant Coach with the U-18 Gold medal winning Team Canada and is expected to participate in the upcoming World Jr. Championships being held in Ottawa in January 2009.

This team is very important to our community and in return tries to do its part to support the community by being a good corporate citizen. It has a large presence in supporting organizations such as ours and has its own initiatives such as Clarky's Kids.

Steve's family including wife Lisa and kids Tyler and Emma are happy in KW and they expect to be a part of this community for many years to come.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

There were 25 members, one member in waiting (Pat Schlitt) and two guests plus our guest speaker in attendance!

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 (which is about \$90 so continuing December. We are looking for the Queen of Diamonds.

pot far into

New Member

President Rob announced that we have a new member approved by the Board. Patrick Schlitt is a former member of our club who has been proposed by Len Brunen. Pat will be inducted into the club at an upcoming meeting

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 bulleting 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,

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.trfcanada.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 Brenneman, 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 9 – Dennis Yanke, Club Assembly
December 16 – St. John's Kitchen fellowship
December 16 – Holiday Season Party
December 23 – Club Members will Share holiday Traditions
January 6 – Max Blouw, President of WLU