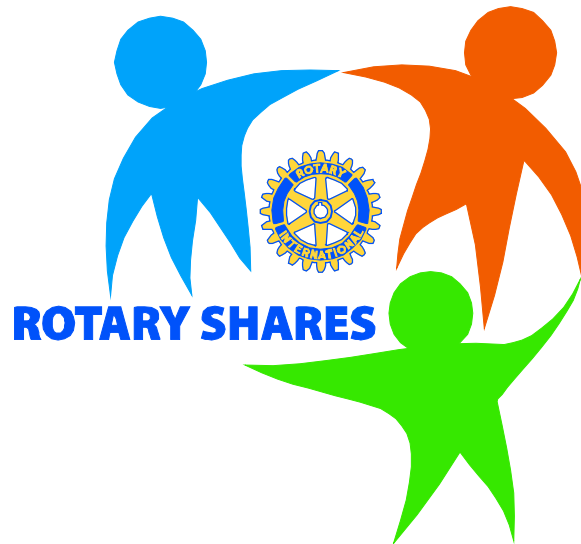


# ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER GRAND RIVER



## ***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

February 12, 2008

Mayor Carl Zehr – State of the City

Today

February 19

February 26

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Sgt. At Arms	<b>February POD</b>
50/50 Draw	Leader: Marc Grossman
Greeter	Members: Anne
Blessing	Brubacher, Rod Goetz,
Introduction	Mark Caldwell, Rob
Thank-You	Dippell, Doug Edwards,
	Des Gibb

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## Rabbi Yosil Rosenzweig of Beth Jacob Synagogue

Rabbi Yosil Rosenzweig is multi-talented and has had a varied career. Prior to coming to Kitchener he was a Chaplain in 3 New York State prisons. Among the congregations that he served as Rabbi were: Congregation Beth Israel, Schenectady, New York; Congregation Kehillat Ya'akov, Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Newport News, Virginia; and in his hometown synagogue - Congregation Sha'ar Hashomayim, Windsor Ontario.

While living in Israel he received Smicha (Rabbinical Ordination) from Yeshivat Torat Yisra'el in Jerusalem, Israel



Reb Yosil welcomed the club members into the main sanctuary. The first feature of the synagogue that he

pointed out was that the men and women sit on opposite sides of the synagogue. Men sit on the left side through obligation to attend, women sit on the right from a choice to attend. In western countries, the sanctuary faces east toward Jerusalem. The synagogue serves as the house of assembly but also as a community centre.

The Holy Ark contains the Torah. Beth Jacob has five usable Torahs and five that have been damaged. The Torah is made of a series of parchment documents that are handwritten with a special ink. The Torah has the five books of Moses. In front of the Ark is the eternal light which signifies the influence that God has on the world and in our lives. The lamp remains lit at all times. Services are held on the Sabbath (Saturday) as well as on Monday and Thursday. The service begins with seven men making a blessing on the Torah. If the men can read the Torah, they do. If not, the Rabbi reads. The sanctuary has a domed ceiling which represents the clouds of glory that protected the Israelites. Beth Jacob is an orthodox synagogue. It was built in 1961, it currently serves about 100 families. Next year, the congregation will celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Temple Shalom in Waterloo serves a reform congregation. The Orthodox

doctrine believes the word of God is eternal and does not change. Oral tradition is extremely important and insures the understanding of the Bible.

Only if you have a Jewish mother are you considered Jewish in the Orthodox tradition.

Thank you to Mark Grossman (President of the Congregation) for inviting us for this wonderful visit!! If you want to learn more, visit the website: <http://www.bethjacobkw.ca>

## Announcements

### Attendance

We had about 29 members (Sgt. At Arms was not sure) and 2 guests. Instead of a 50/50 we donated the proceeds to Beth Jacob Synagogue. Thanks to Carol Grossman for arranging the food.

### Skate 48

With only two weeks to go until this event, we will be devoting our meeting on February 19 to preparation for our major fund and fun raiser!! Consider asking your family and friends to come out to volunteer. If you have high school students in your life, they can gain some of their volunteer hours by helping out for the day. *All members are required to make it a success!*



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

With four 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 0 at this point). Jim McIntyre has again generously offered a \$1000 contribution to the Rotary Foundation (\$100 per new member).

### Rotary International Theme for 2008-2009



RI President Elect DK Lee unveiled the theme form 2008-2009 at the recent training session for District Governors in San Diego. His theme reflects the unbelievable fact that every day 30,000 children under the age of 5 die from preventable disease. His theme captures the fact that babies and their families should be able to realize the dream of living past 5.

### Rotary Foundation Contributions

When our club contributes to the foundation, the total amount that comes from the Club and the members comes back to us to spend on projects three years from now. If we utilize matching grants, we can triple the value of the funds that we have contributed. Think of how many children we can help to live past the age of five by making a small personal contribution of \$100 per year which is matched by our club!!



### 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

**April -Jim MacArthur – Leader**  
Blair Haley, Dave Timlock, Justin Nesbitt,

Andres McGauley, Jeff Righton, John Scace

**May – Kathi Smith – Leader**

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

**June –**

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

**Did You Know?**

Your President-Elect attends training sessions prior to taking over the role of club President. The first training session was held on Saturday from 8:30 – 4:30 at Kidsability with all 52 District Clubs

represented. The second training session is held in April. It begins on Friday night and ends on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. These “PETS” sessions are mandatory for all club Presidents-elect around the Rotary world to help the Presidents to better understand their role and expectations. I

**Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:**

Feb. 19	Skate 48 Preparation
Feb 23	Skate 48
Feb. 26	No meeting today
May 4	Mudpuppy Chase
May 6	No meeting today