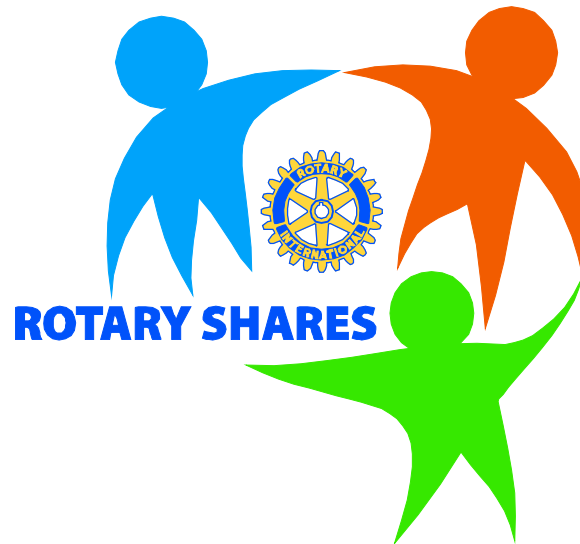


ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER GRAND RIVER



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?

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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER-GRAND RIVER BULLETIN

February 12, 2008

Skate 48 – The Last Minute Details!!

	February 19	February 26	March 3
Sgt. At Arms	February POD	No Meeting	T.B.A.
50/50 Draw	Leader: Marc Grossman		
Greeter	Members: Anne		
Blessing	Brubacher, Rod Goetz,		
Introduction	Mark Caldwell, Rob		
Thank-You	Dippell, Doug Edwards,		
	Des Gibb		

Mayor Carl Zehr – Update on City of Kitchener

Carl began his address by admitting that he had never been insulted before he spoke – a first, thanks to our President!?

There continues to be a steady growth on the residential side in Kitchener. In January, 2008 there were 86 units built which was down from the 166 in January '07. However, the number of building permits is holding. The majority of growth will be in Greenfield development. The construction value on building permits was \$436 million in 2007, \$377 million in 2006 and \$411 million in 2005.



The budget was completed a week ago with tax increases at 3.7% with 3.01% for operations and .70% for economic development investment. They used the municipal price index rather than the consumer price index as a comparator.

In 2009, there will likely be a much larger increase if the firefighters are granted retention bonuses at arbitration. The budget for 2008 is \$82 million for operations and \$177 million for enterprises (golf, gas, water). The federal government has allowed a \$123 billion dollar deficit in infrastructure to build across Canada. The municipalities are actively lobbying the federal government to correct this and realize this is an economic issue. Carl stated that manufacturing in Kitchener is still in a positive state in spite of recent closure announcements. The city created an Economic Development Investment fund and has used those funds to attract WLU and U of W into the downtown core. In closing, Carl invited members to attend the State of the City Address on February 29th in the rotunda where the topic will be growth in Kitchener.

Announcements

Attendance

We had 36 members and 6 guests. Given a choice between a lottery ticket and \$39, Dave Moser took the sure thing leaving Prez Moull and a guest to take the two lottery tickets.

Wine Tasting Social Evening – April 19th at 20 King

On Saturday, April 19th, 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. The cost per couple is \$60. If you are interested in attending, contact Paul Walman.

Skate 48

It's this weekend 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).

Mudpuppy Chase – Coming Soon

Save May 4th in your calendar for Kitchener's Premier running event and our second fund raiser! If you are running, go online to www.onlineregistrations.ca/mudpuppy More information coming soon.

Peace is Possible

On April 25th – 27th, 2008 Rotarians and peacemakers from around the world will gather in Windsor, Ontario at a Presidential Peace Forum to share, celebrate and create peace initiatives. This North American event is the fourth and final in a series that have taken place this year in Bulgaria, Turkey and Africa. This event promises to be an exciting, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to listen to great international speakers and to make our voices heard. Rotary Youth Day will kick-off the festivities, followed by a Community Parade of Nations that will welcome Rotarians, International Peace Scholars, and other business professionals from across the globe as they come together to celebrate hope for world peace. The cost for adults is US\$175 and US\$100 for youth registration.



Register today at rotarypeacesummit.org.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to learn, to share and to celebrate peace!

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

Upcoming PODS

March – Bill Brown – Leader

Rupert Hanson, Doug Jones, Jon Kinghan, Pierre LaPalme, Jim McIntyre, Bill Muirhead

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 Blaine, Thea Holdevici, Sean Leadston, Jon Kaufman

June –

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

Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

Feb 23	Skate 48
Feb. 26	No meeting today
March 4	T.B.A.
May 4	Mudpuppy Chase
May 6	No meeting today