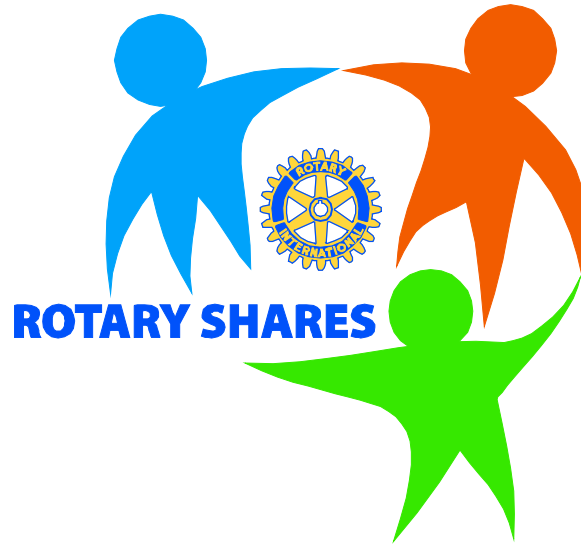


# ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER GRAND RIVER



## ***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

January 29, 2008

Fran Shannon, Mgr. of Community Outreach of Hopespring

	Today	February 5	February 12
Sgt. At Arms	<b>January Resolutions</b>	<b>February POD</b>	
50/50 Draw	Leader: Tony Maruna	Leader: Mark Grossman	
Greeter	Members: Deanna	Members: Anne	
Blessing	Brenneman, Tom Burns,	Brubacher, Mark Caldwell,	
Introduction	Darryl Dalke, Sharon	Rob Dippell, Doug	
Thank-You	McMorrان, Dave Moser, Martin Ward	Edwards, Des Gibb	

## Last Week: Kidsability

Steven Swotridge Executive Director of KidsAbility and Lisa Talbot of the KidsAbility Foundation hosted our annual visit to the Centre.

- This year marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of KidsAbility. The centre was originally established as the Rotary Children's Centre for Crippled Children in 1956.
- Steven spoke of the achievements over the year and to what is on the horizon

### The past year:

- 2007 was among the best years in a long time for the Centre both financially and in service delivery
- They have made great strides in their work and their ability to provide services better
- Recognizing that it is almost impossible to eliminate their wait list, they have performed a survey and established a protocol to become more effective with the families on the wait list that currently number 1100
- Recent years have seen a huge increase in cases of autism which involves difficulties in communication, socialization and behaviors. To combat this increase, they have partnered with



President Fraser presenting a cheque for \$13,000 to Steven Swotridge and Lisa Talbot of KidsAbility

Lutherwood to better service these children. Lutherwood provides complementary services and experience. This equips them to be better able to explain to the family of an afflicted child what is happening.

- There were 4054 children served by the centre (including satellite offices) in 2007, a new record

### On the horizon:

- they have recently launched The Centre of Excellence to establish best practices, develop knowledge and research for the Centre for the future

- They have obtained a local commitment of \$50k per year for 3 years to fund this initiative
- The new medical school-established this year with 15 students from McMaster U
  - § The Centre has expertise with complex needs children and hopes to assist in the training of these new medical professionals to help develop diagnostic skills for the future
  - § Hopefully will formalized in a future agreement between the med school and KidsAbility
- Our club has been leaders in this long term thinking-10 years ago we established the Roy Brown Bursary which now has a total balance of over \$100k to provide annual funding for courses and seminars for staff members to enable continuous improvement and R&D for the future
- The 50th anniversary has been marked by several celebrations not the least of which was the alumni day last Sept-thanks to all our members who braved the cold to participate
- Overall the message from Steven and Lisa was a thanks to Rotary who founded the centre and continue to play a vital role in maintaining this very important set of services in our community
- Currently they are in the midst of a campaign to enhance the endowment fund. The balance is at \$3.7m of the \$10m goal

## Attendance & 50/50

We had 26 members in attendance and 2 guests at our offsite meeting to KidsAbility. Jon Kaufman



was the winner of the 50/50 prize of

## Blue Monday

A researcher in the UK has declared the third Monday in January as the most depressing day of the year.

This year, the day before our meeting (Jan21st) was Blue Monday and I think it lived up to it's billing. The financial markets were embroiled in turmoil with a TSX slide



he  
we hit rock  
we've got no where else to go but up!

of 600+ points, the ongoing US subprime mortgage crisis, stormy unpredictable weather, high gas prices, lack of sunlight, holiday bills coming due... I think is probably correct. If bottom last week then

## Announcements

**Did You Know?** That our Rotary Club has a website which can be accessed at: [www.rotary7080.org/kitchenergrandriver](http://www.rotary7080.org/kitchenergrandriver).

The first time you access the site, you will need to login with your FirstName.LastName and 123 as the password (change your password to something that you will remember).

## Membership:

Jim McIntyre reminds us to "get our ask in gear" and invite friends, colleagues and relatives to join us at a Rotary meeting. Remember that we have a goal of adding 10 new members this year. Jim has again generously offered a \$1000 contribution to the Rotary Foundation (\$100 per new member).

## Skate 48

Keep



*February 23 open on your calendar!! You will be asked to give a half day to this fun fund raising event.*

*More details are coming soon! Do not plan other events for February 23 as this is our most important fund raiser of the year and all members are required to make it a success!*

### **Rotary Foundation Contributions**

When our club or club members donate to the Rotary Foundation in three years, that amount will be available to our club for matching grants for that amount as long as we match the amount that we access. That amount can in turn be matched by CCRID and CIDA

### **The Bulletin (& speaker ideas)**

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

### **Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:**

- January 29 Fran Shannon, Mgr. of Community Outreach of Hopespring
- February 5 OFFSITE-Meet at Beth Jacob Synagogue
- Feb 12 City of Kitchener Mayor Carl Zehr
- Feb 19 Skate 48 prep meeting
- Feb 23 Skate 48
- Feb. 26 No meeting
- May 4 Mudpuppy Chase
- May 6 No meeting