

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

July 15, 2008

ROY BROADBEAR – Waterloo Central Railway

	July 15	July 22	July 29
Sgt. At Arms	Point of Departure Pod	Wayne Greenway	VP Marlin Travel
50/50 Draw	Lindsay Restagno-	Huntington Society	
Greeter	Leader		
Blessing	John Dobson, Pierre		
Introduction	LaPalme, John Scace,		
Thank-You	Lisa Smith, Paul		
	Walman, Wes Haynes		

Last Week – Rob Dippell – 99th RI Convention

Sporting his souvenir L.A. Convention shirt, President Rob not only chaired his first meeting but also was our guest speaker. Talk about pressure!!



This was the 99th annual convention. This was the third time the RI Convention was held in Los Angeles. The last two times were 1962 and 1922.

Rob commented that he had no idea what to expect. He had looked at the convention as something that the incoming President attended. His experience has left him with a great understanding of what Rotary does in the world.

In L.A., the freeways were like on TV and the beaches were like you saw on

Baywatch. There were about 19,000 people in attendance at the convention from all around the world. Wilf Wilkinson presided over all of the plenary sessions and talked about how Rotary had shared during his year. It was awe inspiring to know that the Gates Foundation had given Rotary a \$100 million dollars without Rotary having raised a penny. We have three years to match the amount given. The money from Gates had to be spent in this year. The Canadian government is apparently going to make a large donation to PolioPlus as well. We are not done with PolioPlus yet. Nigeria remains the greatest challenge where the number of cases is in fact on the rise. The other areas left in the world are Afghanistan, Pakistan and India. It was impressive to have the leaders of Unicef, World Health Organization and Centre for Disease Control all in the same room at the same time.

Dalton McGuinty spoke about literacy and actually did a great job. Dolly Parton appeared on video to talk about partnering with Rotary with her program to help improve literacy in children in North America.

Stephen Lewis asked “why is the life of an African child worth so much less than the life of a western child” as he appealed to Rotarians to consider choosing AIDS/HIV as our next project when Polio is eradicated. For the first time, the President of the Rotary International Board Wilf Wilkinson and the President of the Foundation board, Dr. Robert Scott were both from Canada this year.

In addition to Plenary sessions there were workshops. Rob attended one on

membership, becoming a President and Shelter Boxes.

There were many supplementary events held by the Hosting committee. These included home hosting, Natalie Cole and the Hollywood Bowl concert. The picture below shows the Dippell family enjoying the wonderful weather and the show at the Bowl.



Rob's enthusiasm was infectious –clearly the convention has had a great impact on him.

Rob suggested that all Rotarians should attend at least one convention. Next year the convention is in Birmingham England. The following year is in Montreal – we might be able to get a large group from our club to attend.

If you want more information about the convention – visit www.rotary.org

Changeover Meeting – June 24



Guess who just finished his term as President (the big smile is a giveaway). A wonderful event was held on June 24th to celebrate President Fraser's year and welcome Rob as our newest club

President. Thanks to Dave Moser for organizing the afternoon golf game (and the great weather) and to Blair Haley and Thea Holdevici for the organization of the dinner. Photos from the evening can be viewed at www.rotary7080.org/kitchenergrandriver

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

We had 25 members and no guests: This week's 50/50 prizes were lottery tickets (Cash for Life). The lucky winners were Len, Gerry, JoAnne and Kathi. Check for attendance next week to know if they won!! It was noted how quickly Past President Fraser had slipped into the past President disappearing act (your absence was noted). This month's pod has chosen Point of Departure as their name.

Group Study Exchange

Our club will host this year's team from Australia (along with the other four KW clubs) during the last week of October. We are looking for someone who will take the lead as co-coordinator from our club as well as someone who will host a team member for the week. Rob congratulated Deanna Breneman who has put her name forward to be considered as potential team leader for our outbound team.

KidsAbility Picnic

With the other four clubs, we will be hosting a "fun fair" at KidsAbility on Saturday, September 13th. Club members are asked to keep the date open to help out at the event. We are also looking for a volunteer to work on the 5 club planning committee. If you are interested, talk to Rob Dippell.

Every Rotarian Every Year

Rotary International is encouraging Rotarians to make a small donation of \$100US 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/>

Newest Paul Harris Fellows!



At the changeover meeting on June 24th, our two newest Paul Harris Fellows received their award. Above, Sharon McMorran receives her award from Rod Goetz (her Rotary sponsor) for her years of dedication to the club. Also receiving a Paul Harris was Kathi Smith, past President of the club. A Paul Harris is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon an individual by a Rotary Club. A Paul Harris fellowship represents a contribution of \$1000 US to the Rotary Foundation.



Rotary Foundation Jays Celebration

Come to help raise awareness and money for the Rotary Foundation. August 9th is Rotary Day at Rogers Centre. Bring friends, family, colleagues out for the day and join Rotarians from within driving distance of Toronto!!

Date: August 9th, 2008

Place: Rogers Centre

Fee: See details Below

Opening Celebrations: 12:30 PM

(don't be late)

First Pitch: 1:07 PM

For more information or to order tickets www.rotary7080.org

Be sure to bring a non perishable food item for the **Lady Jays** Food Drive.

Do You Know Someone Who Would Make a Great Rotarian?

With only one month 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 1 at this point). Jim McIntyre has again generously offered a \$1000 contribution to the Rotary Foundation (\$100 per new member).

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 –

Cambridge Preston Hespeler

Cambridge Sunrise

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

August - Dave Moser-Leader

Tony Maruna, Deanna Brenneman, Tom Burns, Darryl Dalke, Sharon McMorran, Martin Ward

September -Mark Caldwell- Leader
Fraser Moull, Doug Edwards, Des Gibb,
Rod Goetz, Mark Grossman, Ann
Brubacher

Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

July 22 – Wayne Greenway Huntington Society
July 29 – VP Marlin Travel
August 27 – Norm Bindon, District Governor

Member Announcements

Lisa & Eric Klimstra

Club member Lisa Smith tied the knot on Saturday, July 12th. She and Eric are off to PEI for a honeymoon. Thanks to Deanna Brenneman for the photo.

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Jim McIntyre continues to spend lots of time trying to vote as often as possible on Sunday nights as Marisa has survived to be in the top 6. Watch on Sunday and Monday at 8 p.m. to see “How Do You Solve a Problem Like



Marisa?” Jim shared some of the tricks to vote often (10 votes) per phone/computer/text.

You can get more information by logging on <http://www.cbc.ca/maria/>



Jim and other Marisa supporters at the show.