

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”

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VP MARKETING – MARLIN TRAVEL

	July 29	August 5	August 12
Sgt. At Arms 50/50 Draw Greeter Blessing Introduction Thank-You	Point of Departure Pod Lindsay Restagno- Leader John Dobson, Pierre LaPalme, John Scace, Lisa Smith, Paul Walman, Wes Haynes	No meeting today – Extra long Civic Holiday Weekend	District Governor Norm Bindon will talk about goals for coming year

Last Week – Huntington's Disease

An educational and poignant talk about Huntington's disease. Our two guest speakers were Wayne Greenway who manages the Huntington Society head office located here in K-W and Kevin Tessner a volunteer whose wife recently died from Huntington's.



Wayne is a Paul Harris recipient. Most people do not know that the national office is located here in KW. Only about 10% of people know what Huntington's disease is. It is a progressive genetic disease that impacts the ability of a person to control their mind and their body. Kevin met his wife, Tammy when both were in college. He remembered a time when they were moving stuff from her father's house and she shared that her father would seem quite odd and it was because he had Huntington's. As the two fell in love,

Tammy told Kevin that they couldn't have kids because there was a 50/50 chance the children would have Huntington's. Over time Tammy needed to hold Kevin's hand in order to keep her balance. They had to move into an apartment where there were not stairs. Tammy's brain cells began to die off and she developed mental illness that included obsessive-compulsive disorder. He eventually had to commit his wife with the help of his mother-in-law. Within a week, the hospital had her on meds that had her behaviours under control. She was released and was doing okay for awhile but there came a time when she needed to be re-admitted. The hospital refused, the Huntington Society coached Kevin to stay in emergency with her until she was admitted. Over time, she became completely debilitated and had to be put in a nursing home. Tammy died just after Christmas last year in her 30's. The Huntington Society provides support groups which help caregivers to cope as the disease progresses as well as with the death of the loved one.

The society is close to having a drug that might stop the progression of the disease in humans as it has been discovered to stop the disease in mice. The next step is to run clinical trials.

Thanks to Kevin for so openly sharing the pain of caring for his wife once Huntington's began to take her independence.

For more information
www.huntingtonsociety.ca

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

We had 25 members and our two guest speakers: This week's 50/50 prizes were lottery tickets (Cash for Life). The lucky winners were Andrew, John Dobson, Gerry Muller and Kathi.

Hotel Liaison

Our new liaison with the hotel is Andrew McGauley. If you suggestions, compliments or complaints for the hotel, please pass them on to Andrew.

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. Thanks to Lindsay Restagno for offering to co-ordinate for our club. If anyone is interested in hosting one of the team members for the last week of October, please advise Lindsay.

Club Barbeque

Club members are asked to consider whether or not they want to participate in a family picnic again this year. The date suggested is Sunday, September 7th. If you are not going to be at Rotary, please send an email to indicate your interest in attending.

KidsAbility Picnic

We are looking for a volunteer to work on the 5 club planning committee. If you are interested, talk to Rob Dippell 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. .



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/>



Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Jays Celebration

Come to help raise awareness and money for the PolioPlus. 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).

Congratulations to Marisa McIntyre

Marisa was not Maria but was talented enough to be in the top four! Jim you should be very proud of your daughter, we know that we are proud of both of you!



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 29 – VP Marlin Travel

August 5 – No Meeting

August 12 – Norm Bindon, District Governor