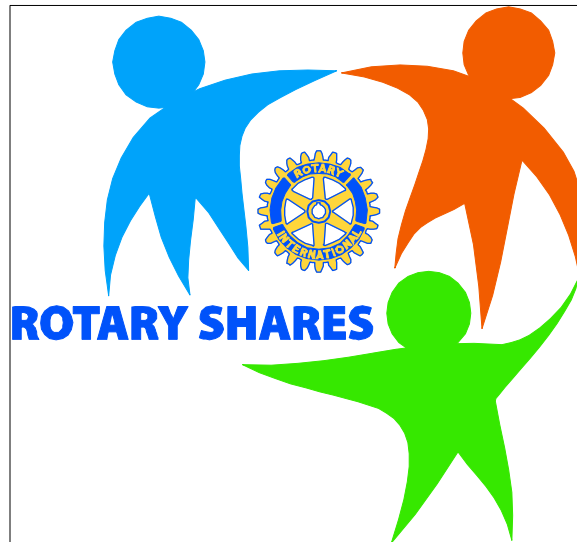


ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER GRAND RIVER



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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JUSTIN NESBITT - Youth Programs

	June 10	June 17	June 24
Sgt. At Arms	June Bugs Pod	Jeff Shirk – Deep Sea	<i>Morning Meeting</i>
50/50 Draw	<i>Peter McCann - Leader</i>	Diving	<i>Cancelled</i>
Greeter	Shay Davidson, Warren		<i>Golf Tournament in</i>
Blessing	Hamp, Gerry Muller,		<i>afternoon</i>
Introduction	Glenn Stewart, Len		<i>Changeover Dinner in</i>
Thank-You	Brunen, Joanne Renaud		<i>evening</i>

Last Week – Allocations Program – Gerry Muller

The Chair of our Allocations Committee, Gerry Muller kicked off this exciting meeting where we had a representative from every organization to whom we gave money this year. Gerry began by reviewing the allocations process. There are eight club members who belong to the committee. Each goes into the community to look for requests. After receiving applications, each committee member visits the organization. This year we had \$45,000 to give to local charities as a result of the hard work of everyone in the club. Our primary focus is youth. This year, the allocations committee decided to focus on children in the “inner city” schools where the needs are great and the ability to raise funds is limited.



We had speakers from seven schools. Four of the schools received money for the first time in the amount of \$5000 – they were Queen Elizabeth, Rockway, Howard

Robertson and KCI. Three schools received \$1800 (they were receiving money for a second year) – AR Kaufman, King Edward and Wilson Ave. Administrators from each school shared the stories of how the money is being used for supports for students who live in poverty and for literacy. Each of the schools has in common that they have a high ESL population and a high level of impoverished families. Bluevale received funds to buy Baby Think it Over. Other organizations receiving funds were: Junior Achievement for ESIS; Make a Wish Foundation; ROOF; Recycle Cycles; Pride Stables; Hospice of Waterloo Region and CNDC.

Gerry noted that this is the best committee in the club. All representatives expressed their sincere gratitude for the difference that money will make in the lives of kids.

President Fraser congratulated the committee for their hard work! This is a great meeting because it allows all of us to hear about the difference that our fund raising makes in the community!!

May 27th – Bob Weber’s Travels to Australia

Bob Weber joined us to give us an update on his latest travels in retirement. Bob has approached his current life with the attitude of his work being left in the past. Today and tomorrow are all about staying in shape and enjoying life thru recreation like hockey, golf, bicycling and of course travel. He and his partner Jude recently spent an entire year

down under in Australia. The original plan was to visit Australia for several months and then to move on to other South-East Asian countries but soon after arrival, it was clear that they could easily spend a year in Australia alone. They spent the first 7-1/2 months bicycling and camping around most of Australia until Bob needed hernia surgery in Melbourne. This slow speed tour of the country allowed them to see details of flora and fauna not generally noticed from more high speed conveyances! The pictures Bob brought were fantastic (Bob had trouble getting 14,000 pictures down to 200 for this show) and showed a large variety of scenery and wildlife of this very interesting country.



During their trip, they spent time in rural and urban settings and visited all of the various climatic zones from the more temperate regions in the south thru the outback deserts to the tropical and equatorial regions of the north. During the trip, they met lots of wonderful people who welcomed them into their homes and acted as tour guides throughout this adventure of a lifetime. Where the next adventure will be, only Bob knows now but I am sure he will come back with wonderful memories and a high speed picture presentation to show us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

We had 26 members (many of whom were tired after having seen Leonard Cohen and watched the triple overtime hockey) and many guests. This week's 50/50 prizes were bug spray and lovely collector glasses from a past fund raiser (do you remember

Brau & Winser Fest??). Not sure if the bug spray is allowed in this Region anymore – anyone know? Our (joyful) winners were Bill Muirhead and Duane Eby.

Presidential Changeover Meeting – June 24th

On Tuesday, June 24th we will celebrate the passing of the torch from Fraser Moull to Rob Dippell as our annual changeover dinner. Rotarians are encouraged to bring a guest to this wonderful evening of celebration. Menus and a request for RSVP by June 11th have been sent out to all members by Thea Holdevici last week. Please remember to let her know if you are coming and to order your food. Please contact Dave Moser if you wish to golf. Don't miss this great opportunity for celebration and fellowship!!

Mudpuppy Hats & Shirts

Darryl has excess shirts and hats from the Mudpuppy. If you would like one, let him know.

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 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

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

July- Lindsay Restagno- Leader

John Dobson, Pierre LaPalme, John Scace, Lisa Smith, Paul Walman, Wes Haynes

August - Dave Moser-Leader

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

September -Mark Caldwell- Leader

Fraser Moull, Doug Edwards, Des Gibb, Rod Goetz, Mark Grossman, Ann Brubacher

Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

June 15-18 Rotary International Convention, Los Angeles

June 17 – Jeff Shirk, Deep Sea Diving

June 24 – Golf Game & Presidential Changeover Meeting, Conestoga Golf & Country Club

July 1 – Canada Day, no meeting

Member Announcements

-Bill Muirhead is looking for sponsors from the club for his Lance Armstrong ride for cancer.

-Anne Brubacher is looking for sponsors for the Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion fund raiser.

-Marc Grossman & Paul Walman have tickets for the Beth Jacob Synagogue fund raiser on June 27th.

Great to see our club members in action living our motto of Service Above Self!

