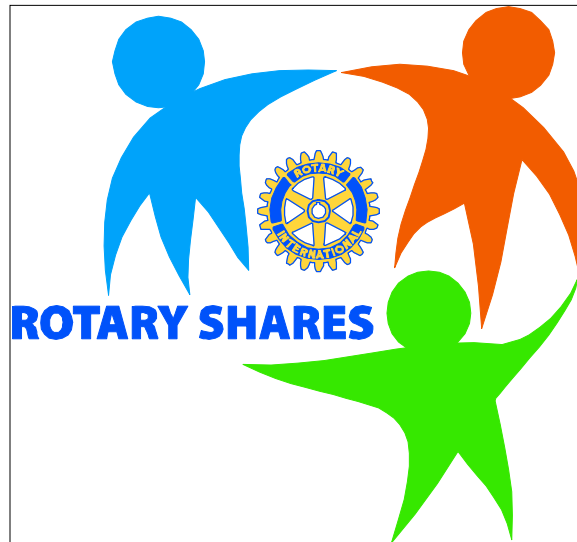


ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER GRAND RIVER



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

May 20, 2008

JONATHAN LEVY Israeli Trade Commissioner

	May 20	May 27	June 5
Sgt. At Arms 50/50 Draw Greeter Blessing Introduction Thank-You	<i>Green Planet Pod Leader – Kathi Smith Mitch Blaine, Duane Eby, Thea Holdevici, Jon Kaufman, Sean Leadston Dennis Yanke</i>	Bob Weber Cycling the World	Gerry Muller Allocations Meeting <i>Meet the organizations to whom we have donated money this year</i>

Last Week - Chief Matt Torigian

The Chief of Waterloo Regional Police Services, Matt Torigian spoke to our club about the services and crime in our community. Over the next 20 to 25 years, our Region will have a population of 750,000. This growth will have an impact on the need for policing in the region. As a result, the Police Services are looking at plans to insure that we have a healthy service delivery model.



One of the greatest challenges facing the police services is that we have a very healthy organization which sets the bar quite high. Matt gave credit to the recently retired police chief Larry Gravill for building such a strong force within

our region. Police Services is currently looking at what kind of culture we want to have going forward. The culture is one of transparency, accountability and expectation. A work plan is being put in place to make sure that we meet the needs of the region. An exercise is being conducted which pulled together leaders that represent all of the key stakeholder groups in the Region. These include health, education, business, media and community organizations. A consultant from the US is leading the services through the planning process. There are eight strategic directions that have been identified. The goal is to create more efficient service delivery. The need is to create a more analytical staffing plan. The service will look at new ways of doing business that will include how the police respond to crimes, how they respond to calls. The goal is to make sure that the behaviours of the police services match the concerns and expectations of the community. Our community has some strong partnerships with police to try to build a safe and secure community. The Waterloo Region is frequently held up as a great model for other communities to follow.

There were a large number of questions for the Chief.

Presentation to Waterloo Region District School Board – 04/28/08



On Monday, April 28, President Fraser and Gerry Muller made a presentation to the Waterloo Region District School Board to the schools that our club has supported this year. Meet these people on June 5th at our annual allocations meeting.



Committee Chair Jon Dobson thanked all for another successful run. It appears that we may net somewhere around \$20,000 this year. Jon asked all members to note that next year's run will be held on May 3rd and to put that date in their calendars now. He also asked that some members remember that we need volunteers the day before as well for both registration and for preparing food.

Peace Park Tree Planting – May 30

Friday May 30 is the designated planting day for the Peace Park.

- 1) At 9 a.m., the city staff, Rotary Volunteers and members of an environmental group will meet at the nursery across from the church in Erbsville. 30 to 40 trees of 5 to 6 feet in height will be dug and loaded on city trucks.
- 2) The City will offer a barbeque lunch at noon.
- 3) After lunch, all trees will be planted in the park.

We need 2 – 5 volunteers from each club to get these trees planted. **To volunteer – contact Bill Muirhead.**

Presidential Changeover Meeting

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. A golf tournament will precede the dinner. More details will be forthcoming. For information about golfing – talk to Dave Moser and for information about the dinner – talk to Thea Holdevici.

Every Rotarian Every Year

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

We had 32 members and two guests. This month's 50/50 prizes are two rain barrels and a composter. In keeping with the green

theme, each member received seeds to plant lettuce (not other plants as was suspected by some). Jon Kaufman won a rain check for the rain barrel that did not arrive at the club meeting.

Mudpuppy Chase Update

We had 636 runners with the largest increase in 5 km. runners.



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/>

Do You Know Someone Who Would Make a Great Rotarian?

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

Rotary International Convention

This year's international convention is being held in Los Angeles California. President Elect Rob Dippell and his family will be attending as will Thea Holdevici and Kathi Smtih. The convention will mark the end of President Wilf Wilkinson's year as RI President. In July, you will hear about some of the highlights of the convention

from our new President.

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

June – Peter McCann - Leader

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

July- Lindsay Restagno- Leader

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

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:

May 27 Bob Weber, Cycling the Globe

June 3 – Fund Recipients - Allocations

June 10 – Camp Enterprise/RYLA

June 17 – Jeff Shirk, Deep Sea Diving

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