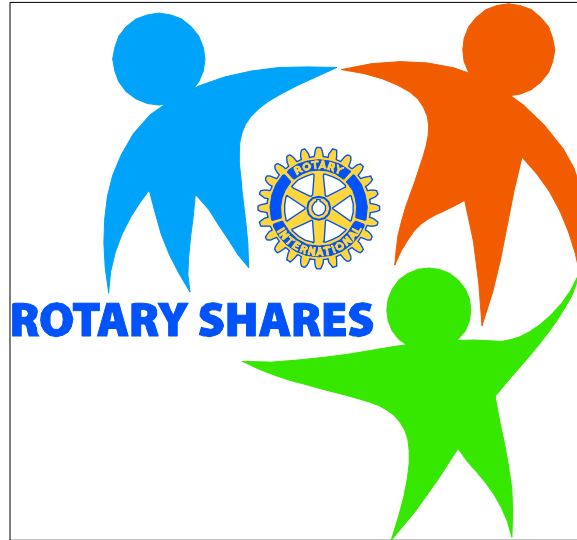


# ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER GRAND RIVER



## ***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”***

# 1ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER-GRAND RIVER BULLETIN

May 27, 2008

## BOB WEBER – Cycling Through Australia

	May 27	June 5	June 12
Sgt. At Arms	<i>Green Planet Pod</i>	<b>Gerry Muller</b>	<i>Justin Nesbitt</i>
50/50 Draw	<i>Leader – Kathi Smith</i>	<b>Allocations Meeting</b>	<i>RYLA &amp; Camp</i>
Greeter	<i>Mitch Blaine, Duane Eby,</i>	<i>Meet the organizations</i>	<i>Enterprise participants</i>
Blessing	<i>Thea Holdevici, Jon</i>	<i>to whom we have</i>	<i>present.</i>
Introduction	<i>Kaufman, Sean Leadston</i>	<i>donated money this year</i>	
Thank-You	<i>Dennis Yanke</i>		

### Last Week – Jonathan Levy

Thanks to the efforts of Mark Grossman, we were able to host the Trade Commissioner from Israel to our meeting.



Jonathan began his presentation by sharing the fact that his father is currently the President of a Rotary Club in Israel.

Israel has a population of 7.2 million with 91.5% of the population located in urban areas. 70% of their trade is through free trade agreements with countries that include the U.S., Mexico, Europe and Canada. Annual exports are worth 70 billion dollars. Inflation in Israel is 4% this year. It has been impacted by the rising price of oil and of food. Israel has an A1 rating.

Israel is on the forefront of technological advances. 2006 was a record year for investment into Israel. Until this year, Israel was ranked number 2 behind

Canada as country with the most companies listed on the NASDAQ. Israel surpassed Canada as of last month. INTEL is an example of one of the best investment cases in Israel. Microsoft recently expanded their R & D in Israel. Stern Group out of Vancouver has a water technology incubator in Israel looking to nurture start-ups who will be working with water technology to use around the world.

The largest pharmaceutical company in Israel acquired Novopharm out of Canada. Israel has the highest number of engineers graduating in the world.

Israel is anxious to sign more trade agreements with Canada. For the remainder of the day, Jonathan and his team were going to be visiting companies in Waterloo Region to try to encourage some to look at doing business in Israel.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Attendance

We had 32 members and six 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). Pierre LaPalme won a rain check for the rain barrel that did not arrive at the club meeting.  
Jon, Pierre, the barrels are coming!!



## Peace Park Tree Planting – May 30 (This Friday)

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 – June 24th

On Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 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

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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).

## **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 5<sup>th</sup> at our annual allocations meeting.

### **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](http://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](mailto: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:**

**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