

# 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

September 23, 2008

## JAMIE GRANT – Centre In the Square

|  | September 23  | September 30   | October 7                         |
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| Sgt. At Arms<br>50/50 Draw<br>Greeter<br>Blessing<br>Introduction<br>Thank-You | <b>Back to Business POD</b><br><b>Mark Caldwell- Leader</b><br>Fraser Moull, Doug<br>Edwards, Des Gibb, Rod<br>Goetz, Mark Grossman,<br>Ann Brubacher | <b>Lila Read – Realities of<br/>an Urban Downtown<br/>School</b> | <b>New Pod! New<br/>Speakers!</b> |

### Last Meeting – Stephen Swatridge KidsAbility

Our speakers were Stephen Swatridge, CEO and Garry Pooly President of the Board of Directors of KidsAbility. They thanked us for the long term commitment of our club to KidsAbility. Our commitment has been a long term approach. In the past we established a bursary to assist with professional development for staff.

KidsAbility is facing funding challenges and they need our help and support to bring recognition to the need for the facility with our politicians. This year, there are two para Olympians in Beijing who are past clients - one in baseball and one in track and field. They discussed new challenges with clients, new strategic directions and new programs.

KidsAbility has a waiting list. There is a growing population needing service; we have no local children's hospital. Rotarians were asked to lobby their local MPPs to increase support to KidsAbility. Talk to your friends and advocate with your business colleagues. This service needs to be funded adequately through the province and local support.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Attendance

Attendance was up as we welcomed the summer people back from their cottages, vacations, etc.

#### Membership Update

Due to work commitments and travel, Shay Davidson has had to tender his resignation. As

well, Wes Haynes and Warren Hamp are on leaves of absence from the club.

### Mudpuppy Chase

Thanks to those Rotarians who have stepped forward to help with this year's Mudpuppy Chase. We are still looking for some more committee members. If you are interested, please contact John Dobson to let him know!

Email: [John.Dobson@emerson.com](mailto:John.Dobson@emerson.com)

### Board Meeting

A successful meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned to hear some of the plans that the board is putting together for this year!

### District Conference

This year's District Conference is being held in Brampton Ontario. The conference is October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Friday night is a social evening. Saturday is a planning day for clubs. Guest speakers include former Premier Bill Davis and Doctor Jean Clinton. Cost is \$125 per person. More information can be found at [www.rotary7080.org](http://www.rotary7080.org)

### Hotel Liaison

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

### Do You Know Someone Who Would Make a Great Rotarian?

Think about the people you interact with on a weekly basis and consider inviting them out to our

club – your pharmacist, vet, doctor, community volunteer, former Rotarian, colleague, retailer, ...

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Our goal is to end the year with net one new member.

## Group Study Exchange – Evening at Blue Moon



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. Thanks to Deanna Brenneman for offering to host one of the team members for the week! Lindsay is looking for volunteers to drive the team on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

## KidsAbility Picnic

Thanks to all who came out to help with a successful event for the kids of KidsAbility on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>!! Thanks to John Scace for serving on the five club committee to organize the event. You can tell as successful event when the kids don't want to go home!!!

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.trfcanada.org/>

## 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](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

### October/08: Jon Kinghan- Leader

Bill Brown, Rupert Hanson, Doug Jones, Jim McIntyre, Bill Muirhead, Jim MacArthur

### November/08 Andrew McGauley-Leader

John Murray, Dave Timlock, Blair Haley, Justin Nesbitt, Jeff Righton, Kathi Smith

### December/08 Jon Kaufman-Leader

Duane Eby, Dennis Yanke, Mitch Blain, Thea Holdevici, Peter McCann, Wes Haynes

## Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

**September 30** – Lila Read, "Realities of an Urban Downtown School"

**November 11** - Geoffrey Hayes – "Remembering" a great meeting to bring family and friends