



# 1 ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER-GRAND RIVER BULLETIN

February 10, 2009

## Jack Tacoma – The Rise and Fall of Rotary Clubs

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Sgt. At Arms	<i>February/09 Paul Walman-Leader</i>	<i>Ida Fisher – Street Haven International</i>	<i>Deanna Brenneman</i>
50/50 Draw			
Greeter	<i>Tony Maruna, Martin Ward, Deanna Brenneman, Tom Burns,</i>		
Blessing	<i>Darryl Dalke, Sharon McMorran</i>		
Introduction			
Thank-You			

### LAST WEEK: Gebre Berihun of The African-Canadian Association of Waterloo Region

Gebre has his Master of Social Work. He has been a program developer for KDCHC for the past 8 years. He is extremely active in the community with a number of projects. He is married with 2 beautiful children.

Gebre talked to us about the African-Canadian Association of Waterloo Region. It was formed in the community because they saw the need to help new African families integrate academically, socially (movies, dances and soccer) and with physical support into our culture. The vision is to build a strong and confident African/Canadian community. The support program has been running for 7 years. The greatest need was to help the children integrate into the schools as some of the kids had grown up only in refugee camps.

**Why** – there is a high dropout rate – 30% for Africans

Lack of family support to achieve academic success.

Not fitting into the system – they may speak no English but the children are put into grades

that aren't at their academic level but by their age.

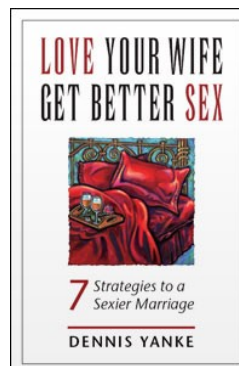
**Purpose** – to help resolve tribal conflicts, it can be difficult to communicate in English their physical and emotional needs are.

To increase the level of formal education with one to one and small group tutoring  
 Helps to motivate the students, decrease dropout rate, and reduce crime and violence  
 Provide short-term supportive counseling to students and families by teaching them how to communicate with each other.

*Special Thanks to Deanna Brenneman for taking notes this week!!*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Great News!



Our own Dennis Yanke hosted a book launch on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be inviting Dennis to speak to the club in the next couple of months and give you a chance to buy a copy of his book. You can read more by going to [www.loveyourwifegetbettersex.com](http://www.loveyourwifegetbettersex.com)

February POD

February Pod is called "Warm Up to Winter" – we are collecting food for the food bank for the month of February. Please bring a couple of items each week so we can take a huge pile to the food bank at the end of the month. Thanks for your support!!

### **50/50 Draw**

Gerry won the 50/50 – which was a bottle of Rum and some hot sauce to help keep him warm!!

### **Attendance**

There were 5 guests at the last meeting.

### **Allocations Committee.**

Joanne Renaud is still looking for 1-2 more people to join the allocations committee

**Skate 48** – needs volunteers or will pay for mature diligent workers to process receipts – Contact Sharon, Denis or Justin so they can organize shifts

### **Member Profiles**

Every two weeks, we will send out a profile of one of our members. Next week we are featuring our President, Robert Dippell. Please start thinking of the information that you wish to share with the club as well as a great photo.

### **Skate 48 – February 21- Volunteers**

*We need volunteers – students looking for volunteer hours, people who are supportive of our club, friends, and family. If you know someone who might volunteer ask and let Dennis Yanke know.*

*Rotarians will be asked to give a ½ day to help make this event a success. We need friends and family this year to help make our event a great success!!*



### **Mayor's State of the City Address**

The Rotary Club of Waterloo will be hosting the second annual Mayor's Breakfast with speaker Brenda Halloran, Mayor of Waterloo. The event will be held at RIM Park on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Proceeds of the event will go to S.H.O.W. and KidsAbility. To reserve tickets (or tables of 8), contact me at [rdippell@knells.ca](mailto:rdippell@knells.ca)

### **Parking**

Parking downtown for the Walper is going to be an issue for the next year as construction is due to begin soon on a new downtown parking garage on the lot at the corner of Charles and Benton. A map of alternate parking locations is attached. Pat Schlitt is also trying to arrange some spots at Shreiter Sandrock as well.

### **Allocations**

Chair of the Allocations Committee Joanne Renaud is still searching for members to assist in identifying and evaluating worthy recipients of money we have raised with our fundraisers. The first meeting should be on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at Duane Eby's office. Anyone interested in joining this committee should contact Joanne at [Joanne.Renaud@td.com](mailto:Joanne.Renaud@td.com).

### **Mudpuppy Sponsorship Committee**

The committee raising money for Mudpuppy is comprised of Mitch Blaine, Joanne Renaud, Peter McCann, Tom Burns and Glenn Stewart. They are asking the club to come up with one possible lead to pass on to them. The goal is to try to find \$500 sponsors.

**Mudpuppy Chase is May 3.**



### **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)

### **Directory Photos**

Good news!! I got a new camera for Christmas. Over the next month, I will be updating the photos for the Directory as it has been a few years since the last photos were taken. Take this as a warning!!

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

## RI Theme for 2009-10



At the Rotary International Assembly for the 2009-10 District Governors, President-elect John Kenny unveiled the theme for his year. The Future of Rotary is In Your Hands.

The 2009-10 RI theme acknowledges the important role individual Rotary clubs will play in shaping the future of Rotary.

"The future of Rotary will not be shaped at RI headquarters -- it will be shaped in each and every Rotary club," Kenny said, "because it is for each of us -- as Rotarians -- to do what is necessary to keep Rotary strong." Kenny acknowledged the foundation established by past Rotary leaders and laid the responsibility for building upon that success on every Rotarian.

"Each one of us is standing on the shoulders of generations of Rotarians past, and it is our responsibility to determine Rotary's future," Kenny said.

"Kenny emphasized that every Rotary club is and must be autonomous.

"Everything begins and ends with our clubs," he said. "Our clubs can and do work together; they work through their own districts, in cooperation with other clubs and districts, and with the support of our Foundation.

"But at the end of the day, everything that we accomplish is done through the strength of our clubs. And so each club must have autonomy to serve where and how it can serve best."

Kenny concluded his remarks by sharing a favourite saying from his homeland, Scotland: "We must look beyond our own parish pump." "It means that we must look beyond our own home and our own community," Kenny said. "We must look beyond our own needs, and we must be aware that ours is only one community, of one country, of the many communities and countries in this world."

## EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

Rotary International is encouraging Rotarians to make a small donation of \$100 US 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** – Wednesday at noon at 20 Hobson Street (formerly Blackshop)

**Cambridge Preston Hespeler** – Thursday at noon at the Cambridge Golf club

**Cambridge Sunrise** – Friday at 7 am at the Cambridge Golf Club

**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 to Kathi Smith at [smithkathi@sympatico.ca](mailto:smithkathi@sympatico.ca) and any speaker ideas to Mitch Blaine at [mitchell.blaine@cbre.com](mailto:mitchell.blaine@cbre.com)

## Upcoming PODS

### **March/09 Doug Edwards-Leader**

Mark Caldwell, Fraser Moull, Des Gibb, Rod Goetz, Mark Grossman, Anne Brubacher

### **April/09 Pat Schlitt – Leader**

Rupert Hanson, Kathi Smith, Jim MacArthur, Jim McIntyre, Bill Brown, Bill Muirhead

### **May/09 Doug Jones – Leader**

Andrew McGauley, Dave Timlock, Joanne Renaud, Thea Holdevici, Justin Nesbitt, Jeff Righton

### **June/09 Peter McCann – Leader**

Jon Kaufman, Duane Eby, Dennis Yanke, Mitch Blaine, John Murray, Blair Haley

## Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

**February 17** – Ida Fisher, Child Haven  
International

**February 24** - Deanna Brenneman