



1 ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER-GRAND RIVER BULLETIN

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

LAST WEEK: Dr. Tony Hutchison – Brampton Neighbourhood Resource Centre

Tony is a member of the Brampton Flower City Rotary Club and is the Executive Director of the Brampton Neighbourhood Resource Centre



The centre serves infants to seniors and relies on both donor dollars and public sector funding. Tony has great empathy for those with whom he works. He has been in a gang, been the victim of abuse, been homeless and the victim of bullying. He shared the poetry of Daniel Cullen,

someone who he recently hired at the centre. Daniel has been homeless for almost 25 years and has lived in 40 cities. He has also been a green party candidate and led a round table on poverty. He has published a book with poetry from the street. It is important for us to consider that even impacting one person makes a difference. Mental health creates huge issues for people. It is important for each of us to consider how we can make incremental differences. If you give to someone who is homeless – give because you

want to not out of guilt. You want to encourage your children to make a commitment to make a difference in the world. For Tony, some of his epiphanies have come from mentors, from watching Live Aid and from being a father. He shared how he had been a homeless university student. When he was elected as student president, he had a place to live – his office. Tony is a talented, caring and honest person. His frankness leads to a great many questions from the audience. If you want to learn more about Tony or his organization, go to www.dranthonyhutchinson.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great News!

Our own Dennis Yanke will be launching his new book "Love Your Wife"

Attendance

There were 34 members in attendance plus 3 guests at the last meeting.

50/50 Draw

Jon Kaufman won \$31 in the draw.

Thank You

A special thank you to the 15 Rotarians who participated in the Visioning exercise on Saturday. Some great ideas have been generated to help move our club forward.

Member Profiles

Every two weeks, we will send out a profile of one of our members. This week we are featuring Martin Ward. 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!!

Skate 48 – February 21



Please mark your calendars for the date of Skate 48- February 21. . The attendance of all members is needed to help make this event a success! We need you for a minimum of half of

the day – if you can give a full day it's even better. This is our major fund raiser that allows us to make a difference in our community and in the world. More details coming soon!!

If you have any suggestions to help improve the event, send an email to Blair Haley or John Murray. The date of the event is Saturday February 21st and we need the help of all members to make this a success!

Visioning Session

Next week, you will have the chance to hear part of the address given at the District Conference by Jack Tahoma. During the first meeting in March, we will have a Club Assembly and the club will have a chance to discuss the results of the Visioning Exercise.

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 27th. 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

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 later this week. Anyone interested in joining this committee should contact Joanne at 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

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 favorite 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."

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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.trfcanda.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 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 and any speaker ideas to Mitch Blaine at 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 10 – Jack Tacoma, “The Rise & Fall of
Rotary Clubs

February 17 – Ida Fisher, Child Haven
International

February 24 - Deanna Brenneman