



1 ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER-GRAND RIVER BULLETIN

January 20, 2009

Bruce Ritter, Living a Healthy Lifestyle

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Sgt. At Arms	<i>January/09 Glenn Stewart –Leader Gerry Muller, Len Brunen, Lindsay Restagno, John Scace, Lisa Klimstra (Smith), Dave Moser</i>	<i>Dr. Anthony Hutchison, Brampton Community Resource Centre</i>	<i>To Be Announced</i>
50/50 Draw			
Greeter			
Blessing			
Introduction			
Thank-You			

Last Meeting: John Swatuk, University of Waterloo, Director of International Development

Our speaker has spent most of his career focusing on the politics of natural resources. He has lived in both Nigeria and Botswana. He lived in Botswana from 2004-07. John recently joined the University of Waterloo in his position of Director of International Development. When he lived in Botswana his closest neighbours were hippos. He made the comment that he learned a lot about conflict resolution from watching hippos.



Larry worked for two years on a project in South Africa where he worked on a project that looked at managing water. The question is how do you manage water in a large city when the outskirts of that city are slums? The main growth in developing countries is in large cities which is putting a greater and greater strain on the existing water infrastructure. The cities in Africa will look more and more different – you

can see the split in cities like Johannesburg with the main city being well treed and Soweto being barren. 20% of urbanites live in slums with ½ of the world’s population living in cities. This means that approximately 1 billion people live in slums. If the glaciers disappear, there will be no fresh water so you will see even more people moving to cities. In the slums you see some vibrancy as you see entrepreneurs and other street vendors. You should look at the slum areas through their eyes not through North American eyes. Recognize the opportunities within the challenges. Micro credit programs aimed primarily at women are helping the most in re-building and supporting the poor. The saying is “a woman’s dollar goes much further than a man’s as the man’s goes as far as the liquor store.” People will pay for water and whatever they can afford but only if the water is dependable. John finished by talking about several NGO’s that he knows that are looking for financial support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

50/50 Draw

Congratulations to Bill Muirhead who won the weekly draw proceeds and convinced all that he is a pretty lucky guy!

Attendance

There were 32 members in attendance at the last meeting and one guest, past President Kim Kimitrai – welcome back Kim!

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 fundraiser that allows us to make a difference in our community and in the world. More details coming soon!!

Visioning Session

Our club is scheduled to complete a Visioning session as facilitated by the district on Saturday January 24th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at KidsAbility in Waterloo. In this regard we are looking for volunteers from the membership to participate in this Visioning session to help establish the future path for the club to follow for the medium and long term. It is preferable that we get as many members to participate as possible in this process. The session would be an interactive discussion of your hopes, views and expectations of our club to help us set plans to move from "where we are" to "where we want to be" over the next 5 years. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Please consider attending as the input from this session will help to solidify our club's plans for the long term.

If you would like to participate or if you have any questions, please contact Robert Dippell 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

New Addition to Bulletin

Starting next week, we will add a new feature to the bulletin that will introduce you to the members of our club. We will be having short interviews with the club member that will give you a little more insight to interests, talents and passions. ***If you have questions that you would like answered – forward them to your bulletin editor.*** Watch for it!! Tony Maruna will be contacting you.

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.

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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

February/09 Paul Walman-Leader

Tony Maruna, Martin Ward, Deanna Brenneman, Tom Burns, Darryl Dalke, Sharon McMorran

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:

January 27 – Dr. Anthony Hutchison, Brampton Community Resource Centre

February 10 – Jack Tacoma, “The Rise & Fall of Rotary Clubs