



1 ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER-GRAND RIVER BULLETIN

January 6, 2009

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Sgt. At Arms	<i>January/09 Glenn Stewart –Leader</i>	<i>John Swatuk, University of Waterloo, Director of Development</i>	<i>Bruce Ritter, Healthy Eating</i>
50/50 Draw	<i>Gerry Muller, Len Brunen, Lindsay Restagno, John Scace, Lisa Klimstra (Smith), Dave Moser</i>		
Greeter			
Blessing			
Introduction			
Thank-You			

Last Meeting: Holiday Traditions



A small but mighty group had the chance to hear about holiday traditions from some of our members.

Joanne Renaud shared traditions of both a French Canadian family and a large family (did you know Joanne had 8 sisters and 4 brothers?). It was a sad Christmas when she got a Chatty Cathy with the string cut off (her parents would shop for deals). Paul Walman shared some of the history of Chanukah and the reason for the menorah. This year Chanukah is from December 21st for eight days. Chanukah is a festive holiday. Family members say prayers as each candle is lit. The ninth spot (Shamus) on the Menorah held oil or is used for the candle that is kept lit to light the eight candles. Gerry Muller spoke about Christmas in the Netherlands which is

celebrated on December 5th and is a much more religious celebration. Sinter Klaus walks through the town with his staff. In Holland you celebrate the holiday by eating “oil balls” kind of like donuts. Bill Muirhead shared his family’s tradition of serving the turkey meal at St. John’s Kitchen. This year there was a longer line than in past years. When bill was growing up, his family participated in delivering meals on wheels. St. John’s has become a great tradition for his family. This year, St. John’s ran out of turkeys as there were so many people. Rob ended the meeting by sharing that it was inventory day for his company (in between shopping for the holidays). No meeting next week.

Rotary Club of Kitchener Grand River DRAFT Planning Process 2008/09

Goal: To allow the club to better understand where it is going and to provide a foundation for planning over a longer term. To build consensus about the future of the club and to provide direction for successive Presidents and Boards.

Step 1: (completed)

What: Club assembly
Where: regular meeting time and place
When: December 2008
Why: To start a dialog of the members to buy into the process and allow them to participate in making the club stronger.
How: To have an open discussion by the membership of the strengths and weaknesses of our club and what can be changed to improve member participation and fulfillment.
Who: All club members

Step 2:

What: Take actions based on club assembly discussion
Where: unknown
When: December 2008/January 2009
Why: To make some of the changes that comes out of the December Club Assembly to demonstrate to the club that their input is being acted upon
How: unknown as it depends on the action item
Who: Board and committee chairs



Step 3:

What: Jack Tacoma presenting his Rise and Fall of Rotary Clubs presentation from the District Conference
Where: Regular meeting time and place
When: February 10, 2009
Why: To show the members the need for us to think long term in reestablishing and communicating our club vision
How: Demonstrate to the club members that the position that our club finds itself in is not unique but that the time for action is now to ensure that our club is able to continue to be relevant to our members and to continue to satisfy club goals.
Who: All club members

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

There were 19 members in attendance!

Thank You!

To President Rob and Stephanie for their hospitality at the successful seasonal party. Thanks to all members who attended. We made a donation of \$259 to KCI's lunch program.



50/50 Draw

The final draw of tickets, Bill Muirhead won the \$176 thanks to the fact that there was only one card left. There were 15 cards selected in advance and the winning card was the fifteenth draw. Congratulations Bill!!!

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!! This week is a brief overview of our club.

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!!

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

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.

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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 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

Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

January 13 – Larry Swatuk, UW Director of International Development

January 20 – Bruce Ritter (Anne Brubacher's brother) Healthy Eating

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

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