



## ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER-GRAND RIVER BULLETIN

April 14, 2009

### Dennis Yanke – “Love Your Wife Get Better Sex”

	April 14	April 21	April 28
<b>Sgt. At Arms</b>	<i>April/09 Pat Schlitt –</i>	<b>Dr. John Tibbits –</b>	<b>Bridges that Unite –</b>
<b>50/50 Draw</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<i>Conestoga College Moving</i>	<i>Offsite to Childrens’</i>
<b>Greeter</b>	<i>Rupert Hanson, Kathi</i>	<i>Forward</i>	<i>Museum to experience</i>
<b>Blessing</b>	<i>Smith, Jim MacArthur,</i>		<i>Aga Khan display on</i>
<b>Introduction</b>	<i>Jim McIntyre, Bill</i>		<i>development in the world</i>
<b>Thank-You</b>	<i>Brown, Bill Muirhead</i>		

### LAST WEEK: Brenda Halloran & Nancy Croth, Supportive Housing of Waterloo Region

Mayor Halloran began the meeting by announcing that she wanted to get chicken jokes out of the way as their council voted to no longer allow chickens to be kept in residential yards.

Brenda then went on to talk about her vision for Supportive Housing for the Waterloo Region. Early in her mayorship, she visited an Out of the Cold program. This was her first introduction to homelessness in the Waterloo Region. One particular client came to talk with her. He came to say thank you for allowing him to sleep in Waterloo Park for 20 years. He talked about the hot chicken he had from Sobey’s and the wine that he kept cool in Silver Lake. He had left the chicken while he went to retrieve the wine and found that a fox had stolen his chicken. He said that sleeping in the park was safer than the place he had to sleep in the Mayfair Hotel. Eddie frequently stops in to see Brenda in her office. She spoke to John Currie who heads up Out of the Cold and he talked about a dream that the 13 churches had to build supportive housing. Land was procured on Erb street in Waterloo and the task is now to raise \$1 million dollars to make the dream a reality. The elevator for the building has been donated by our own Jeff Righton and Delta Elevator. There are currently around 100 people in the Waterloo Region who are chronically homeless. The units will house 30. Nancy Croth continued by talking about the fact that the people who are homeless

include those who are working poor, people with mental health issues and people with alcohol and drug issues. The Out of the Cold Program runs from November to mid april with 75 beds per night and 200 meals.

The people who will stay in the housing will not have to “qualify” with social insurance numbers. The first residents will be those from the Out of the cold program. They will have access to support people including case workers. They are looking for \$4.6 million in funds and gifts in kind. To date, they have raised 59% of the funds. Nancy closed the presentation with the question..”Why in this community do we have intelligence and wealth but also homelessness.”

**A special thanks to all of the members of the club who offered support at the end of the presentation!!! What a caring and compassionate group are in this club – thank you!!!**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Thanks to the March POD

Thanks to the members of the March POD for great programs. This month’s POD is no name at this point but they have great speakers in line.

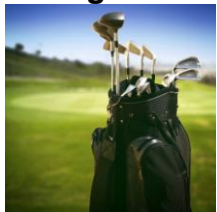
#### 50/50 Draw

John Murray won the \$22 this week.

## Attendance

There were 29 members and 2 guests at the last meeting.

## Changeover Dinner & Golf



The golf and changeover will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> at Conestoga Golf and Country club. Keep the date open and stay tuned for more details. Don't worry, President Rob will still be presiding over meetings until the

end of June. The early date is to accommodate the fact that President Elect John is off to Birmingham for the RI Convention.

## Club Visioning & Strategic Plan – Next Steps

Upcoming meetings in May and June will be devoted to taking the next steps to make our Vision for the club a reality. Meetings on May 5 and 26<sup>th</sup> and an evening in June will be devoted to having all members contribute to the direction and vision for the club for the next few years. Stay tuned for more information.

## Social Event – Cooking at Liaison College



A reminder that this event is on Tuesday, April 21. The evening promises to be a great opportunity for fellowship and some new recipes. Questions? Contact Thea Holdevici.

## Mudpuppy Chase – May 3rd

Keep this date open to out with this fund raising event. Our goal is to have 1000 runners this year! have brochures that you get from Paul Walman to you to recruit friends,



help

We can help

family, co-workers to run, sponsor or volunteer. Please let Deanna Brenneman know if you have any restrictions with respect to the time that you can volunteer that Sunday. If you have any questions, contact John Dobson  
Email: [John.Dobson@emerson.com](mailto: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 children's principal, your pharmacist, vet, doctor, community volunteer, former Rotarian, colleague, retailer, ....

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

## Are You A Sustaining Paul Harris Member?

EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR

You can ask Sharon to bill you quarterly so that you can painlessly donate to the foundation to help make a greater difference in the world – ask now!! 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**

### ***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

### ***July/09 Pierre Lapalme- Leader***

Gerry Muller, Len Brunen, Glenn Stewart, Lindsay Restagno, Lisa Smith-Klimstra, Dave Moser

### ***August/09 Deanna Brenneman- Leader***

Paul Walman, Tony Maruna, Tom Burns, Darryl Dalke, John Dobson, Martin Ward

### ***Sept/09 ( Leader TBD)***

Sharon McMorrان, Doug Edwards, Mark Caldwell, Anne Brubacher, Des Gibb, Rod Goetz, Mark Grossman

## **Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:**

**April 21** – Dr. John Tibbits

**April 28** – Bridges that Unite (Children's museum)

**May 5** - Strategic Plan

**May 12** - Karen Redman

**May 19** - Ginny Dybenko