



ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER-GRAND RIVER BULLETIN

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Ginny Dybenko –

“Thriving in these Uncertain Times”

	May 19	May 26	June 2
Sgt. At Arms	<i>May/09 Doug Jones –</i>	<i>Club Strategic Planning</i>	<i>Carl Zehr – State of the</i>
50/50 Draw	<i>Leader</i>	<i>discussion Part II</i>	<i>City</i>
Greeter	<i>Andrew McGauley, Dave</i>		
Blessing	<i>Timlock, Joanne Renaud,</i>		
Introduction	<i>Thea Holdevici, Justin</i>		
Thank-You	<i>Nesbitt, Jeff Righton</i>		

LAST WEEK: Karen Redman – What’s Next?



Karen began by saying that the term Honourable comes from having been part of the Privy Council and that that title stays with a person. Karen shared that she and Doug Jones had known each other from high

school days at Eastwood C.I. When Karen first was elected, she felt a little like she did in grade 9 when she arrived in Ottawa. It was a little overwhelming to be there. She was in the washroom when someone tapped her on the shoulder and welcomed her. It was Eleanor Kaplan whom Elizabeth Witmer had asked to seek out Karen. People frequently don’t believe that Karen and Liz are such good friends given their difference in political parties. However, Elizabeth was the person who proofread Karen’s brochure when she first ran for the school board. When Karen’s daughter Abbey and Liz’s son Scott were working at the same social agency, people went out of their way to keep them apart not knowing that the two were friends.

For the most part, this community works well together and moves above partisan politics. The vision and leadership of politicians working together helped to keep St. Jerome’s standing and turn it into the School of Social Work. Nothing

turns a man into a feminist faster than having daughters. When Karen went to Ottawa, Warren took over much of the household responsibilities. Karen is proud that her husband and four children (two males, two females) are all feminists. The words used to describe men and women are quite different – assertive vs. pushy; confident vs. bossy. Women should not be dumbed down – it is important not to wait to be asked. It’s okay to be ambitious. With high expectations come the risk of failure – you should be prepared to learn from the experience. When the City of Kitchener was trying to be more entrepreneurial, there were bright minds that were being punished for things that didn’t go well – you should support people to learn from the failures.

Karen admitted that losing the last election “sucked.” Even though Karen is a strong proponent of the value of failing – it still was not great to lose.

Karen took some time to re-group and went to South Africa to visit her daughter Laura who was working at a HIV/Aids Clinic. At first Laura thought she could make a major difference. She learned to accept that she could make a difference for the time that she was there. Throughout Karen’s life, someone has always tapped her on the shoulder to consider the next opportunity but it was always ultimately her decision.

Karen talked about the importance of entrepreneurs in our economy and about her family of entrepreneurs. Karen mused that Canada is

ready for someone who has a much bigger vision for Canada. The power in our country resides in the PMO. However, you can start in the backrooms or volunteering for a candidate. Karen still hopes to run again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

50/50 Draw

John Dobson won the draw this week.

Attendance

There were 30 and 8 guests in attendance.

Congratulations to Lisa & Eric Klimstra

On the birth of daughter Isabelle Olivia Klimstra. Weighed in at 6 pounds 5 ounces on May 5th.



Thank You To Camp Enterprise Volunteers

President Rob thanked the volunteers who came out to help with the Labour/Management negotiation experience at Camp Enterprise. He gave special thanks to Justin Nesbitt for his leadership role in chairing the Camp Enterprise team for the area.

Thanks from Rockway Public School

Two students from Karen Wolfe's grade 6 class at Rockway Public school came to thank the club for the \$500 donation we made to their school. Sagal & Sam were part of the class who, along with Donna Frimm's grade one class were participating in the JA program, A Business of Our Own. They sold over \$200 worth of Inukshuks and Dreamcatchers that they made.

The funds were directed to the Waterloo Education Foundation to be directed back to Rockway. The school has many students who live in challenging economic circumstances. The \$500 cheque was added to what the students earned through their endeavours. Kathi Smith was the volunteer who worked with the class.



KidsAbility Fun Day

We are in need of volunteers for the June 6th KidsAbility fun day. There will be 2 shifts running the events during the day with setup and takedown responsibilities respectively. Please contact John Scace if you are available to volunteer.

Changeover Dinner & Golf

The golf and changeover will be held on June 16th at Conestoga Golf and Country club. Keep the date open and stay tuned for more details.



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

Joanne Renaud's Retirement Celebration – May 25th

Come celebrate Joanne's 43 year banking career at Caffe Bolero on Water Street. BEST TIME to come would be between 6-8 p.m. (as 5-6 p.m. will be primarily bank staff) and place only holds 95. Best wishes only and/or donations to Waterloo Region Hospice. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Club Visioning & Strategic Plan – Next Steps

There will be several meetings in the next couple of months devoted to taking the next steps to finalize strategic plans to support our club vision. Regular meetings on May 5 and 26th and an evening in June will be used to allow all members to contribute to the goals for the club for the next few years.

Each member will be asked to participate in one of 6 areas to help establish 5 year goals and action items to support each of the areas.

The groups are: Membership, Club Service, Vocational, Community, International and Leadership. If you have a preference in which group you will participate, please reply to the email asking for your preference. Otherwise, you will be assigned a group.

Mudpuppy Chase – May 3rd

Thanks to all club members and volunteers for helping to make this a great success. President Rob gave Chairperson Jon Dobson special recognition for all of his hard work and great leadership in this event!!

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 and click on where and when clubs meet. Make-ups are a great way to learn more about Rotary!!

Upcoming PODS

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 Des Gibb - Leader

Sharon McMorran, Doug Edwards, Mark Caldwell, Anne Brubacher, Rod Goetz, Mark Grossman

Coming Soon to Your Rotary Club:

May 26 - Strategic Planning – Part II

June 2 – Mayor Carl Zehr

Evening Meeting – Complete Strat Plan

June 9 – Graham Bennett

June 16 – Club Golf Tournament & Changeover
NO MORNING MEETING

June 23 – Allocations Committee Meeting

June 30 - TBA

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