

HAPPY Canada DAY

The Rotary Club of Guelph has hosted Canada Day in the Park for almost three decades and through this initiative has raised over \$1 Million to support good causes locally and abroad. For the second straight year, we are unable to host Canada Day In The Park, but that doesn't mean we can't still celebrate being Canadian. Here are a few things you can do:

1. Go for a family walk in the **ROTARY FOREST TRAIL** – here is the link.
www.alltrails.com/trail/canada/ontario/rotary-forest-trail
2. **VISIT A LOCAL NURSERY**, plant a new flower and watch it grow all summer.
3. **TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CANADIAN**, where did the flag originate from? Why is there a maple leaf on our flag?
www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-flag-canada-day/about.html
4. Talk about **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** and what it means – here is a link with a short video that explains it. rotaryguelph.ca/stories/land-acknowledgement-1
5. Support the **ROTARY DUCK RACE** with a chance to win \$6,000 in food from Zehr's – lucky draw is at 2pm on July 1st. All proceeds go towards Food4Kids Guelph.
www.gotduck.ca
6. Visit the **GUELPH FARMERS' MARKET** and thank a farmer!
7. **DRAW A PICTURE OF WHAT CANADA MEANS TO YOU ON THE REVERSE OF THIS PAGE.**

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO JOIN OUR FELLOW CITIZENS
NEXT YEAR AS WE LOOK TO RESUME CANADA DAY IN THE PARK AND
CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK OF ROTARY.**



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Use this space to draw a picture of what Canada means to you!

If sharing your drawing online add the hashtag [#canadadayreimagined](#)

A message from the incoming Rotary President

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In action, this service model has been structured around six areas of focus: **Disease prevention and treatment, Water and sanitation, Maternal and child health, Basic education and literacy, Peace and conflict prevention and resolution, and Economic and Community Development.** Effective this year, however, Rotary International has introduced a seventh area of focus: **Environment.**

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Central to each of Rotary's seven areas of focus is peace, goodwill, and fellowship. In this vein, as the incoming President of the Rotary Club of Guelph, I am pleased to announce the implementation of a new and innovative **Peace Building** committee. As the world around us continues to be disrupted, we envision bringing practical peace-building initiatives to the local community. We recognize and promote strength in unity.

As I close, this year's Rotary theme will be "Serve to Change Lives". I trust we will all join together, as a community with pride in our history and our culture, to change the lives of those around us, whether neighbour or abroad, for the better.

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