

Rotary



Rotary Club of Guelph Trillium

100 Years of Rotary Contribution

Our Story

- When it was chartered on June 14, 1991, there were 34 Charter Members (of which 6 remain active in the Club). Over the intervening 29 years, it has grown to over 50 active members and 2 honorary members.
- The Guelph Trillium club has always had a strong female representation, starting with 10 in 1991 and more than doubling to 21 today. Nearly half our Club Presidents have been women.

TOGETHER, WE

INSPIRE

Rotary



PEOPLE OF ACTION

Our Commitment

The club has always had a strong combination of community and international commitment. Its first international project, an ambitious undertaking by the fledgling club, was to finance the construction of an orphanage in Baranagar, Nepal. The members set about raising the needed funds by holding garage sales, selling draw tickets, having a refreshment booth at Canada Day and so on. Those funds were supplemented by other clubs and matched by the District, Rotary International and CIDA. It took over three years but the project was finally completed and, since that time, other Rotary Clubs have added a senior's home (what a great combination of the young and the elderly!), a dairy, vegetable gardens and a community centre. In addition, the club has sponsored several projects in other countries over the years and leads the District in per capita contributions to The Rotary Foundation, the funding arm of Rotary International.





Youth Services

Fred Black, a Past District Governor, member of the Rotary Club of Guelph, land surveyor and well known community advocate was the driving force behind creation of Guelph Trillium. In his honour, the club created an annual scholarship to go to a worthy Guelph high school student who enrolls in a community college. That initial commitment has now grown to be a scholarship for each of the 7 high school in the city. Support of education, as a hand up out of poverty, remains a cornerstone of the Clubs mission.

The club supports RYLA, Camp Enterprise, The Fred Black Scholarships and Rotaract in our community.



Community Events – Ribfest Guelph

Looking for a successful fundraiser was a monumental task. Many of the most lucrative ideas were already being done by other organizations. The club tried a dream home lottery and, while it was a success, the annual commitment and risk involved discouraged members of this small club from trying it a second time. It was in 1998 that a member proposed Ribfest as both a community celebration and a fundraiser. It was greeted with enthusiasm by fellow Rotarians and thus began the Clubs Signature Event, now in its 22nd year. Not only has it been a popular festival for Guelph, it has raised over \$ 1 Million, all of which has gone to support local community organizations and international initiatives.



SATURDAY & SUNDAY
August 24th and 25th, 2019

Community Events - Gregg Mitchell Memorial Car Show

- Held each year at Ribfest Guelph. More than 180 classic car owners participated in 2019.

RIVERSIDE PARK, 709 Woolwich Street, Guelph, ON

Cars will be displayed at the quiet south end of the park in a grassy area near trees and a river.

CAR SHOW ENTRY

only **\$10**



Rotary Club of Guelph Trillium Presents 2019

Community Events – Scotch
Nosing and Dinner

- Held each year in February, this cosy banquet pairs scotch with a great dinner to warm you in the coldest winter

Scotch Nosing & Dinner

February 22

GET TICKETS **snaptix**  TIX



A group of cyclists are participating in a community event. In the foreground, three cyclists are prominent: a man on the left wearing a white helmet and sunglasses, a woman in the center wearing a grey helmet and sunglasses, and a man on the right wearing a bright yellow-green helmet and sunglasses. They are all wearing yellow and blue cycling jerseys. The jerseys feature logos for 'Guelph', 'Rotary', and 'Proud rider for three years'. They are standing next to their bicycles on a paved path with trees in the background.

Community Events – Tour de Guelph

- In partnership with the Rotary Club of Guelph South and the Guelph General Hospital Foundation, this cycling event offers riders 7 different routes for all levels of riders from 5 km to 160km, while raising funds for GGHF and many Rotary supported organizations.

We support – End Polio Now

- Every child deserves to live in a world free from polio. The Rotary Foundation works with its partners, members and friends in the global effort to end polio and has helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children. Unless we eradicate polio, within 10 years as many as 200,000 cases could occur around the world each year.





We helped build- Silvercreek Skatepark

- Guelph's first permanent outdoor skateboard facility is open from dawn until dusk



Before - 4 West



After - 4 West

20th Anniversary of
Ribfest, legacy donation
of \$20,000

- The funds donated to the GGHF will be used to revamp two patient/family lounges, replacing worn out and dated furniture, creating a more warm and friendly environment with conversation areas , work station and phone chargers

Founding partners and supporters – Food4Kids Guelph

- **Weekends without Hunger**
- Most Guelph children can get some food at school, Monday to Friday, but a percentage of children go home to empty cupboards and fridges on weekends. Our mission is to provide healthy food bags for the kids in need to take home at the end of the school week, closing the weekend gap for them.



We Do – Days of giving

- Club members volunteer their time to help organizations in the community – Drop in Centre, Retirement Residence Bingo's



We support – Shelter Box

- **EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF**
- ShelterBox is dedicated to helping ensure no family is left without shelter after natural disaster or conflict – by going where others can't, or won't.

shelter
BOX

Putting up a ShelterBox tent



**DISASTER
RELIEF**

Shelterbox is a charity independent of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation



We Support - SHARKS

- SHARKs (Safe Healthy Aquatic Recreation for Kids) is an innovative and exciting swim program provided by the Guelph Y to all Grade 3 and 5 students in the city of Guelph.

We support –
Kids Ability



- [Empowering children and youth with special needs to realize their full potential](#) - purchase mirrors for their new location to assist with speech therapy, physiotherapy and occupational therapy

We support -
Children's
Foundation



- Food and Friends- refrigerators at Ross and Centennial CVI to store fruits and vegetable for 425 students



We support international charities CHFUF

- CHFUF stands for Children's help For Uganda and our Club has been helping to do a lot of work there. The most important result has been the building of the local community – our Rotary community helping their community. People stay where they are, instead of becoming refugees, because they can be healthy, safe and educated.
- The first project we supported was a latrine with running water in the centre of the community. It was a improvement to their health as well as their dignity.

Fellowship

- Fellowship is an important element of our club. Members meet monthly for fellowship activities and one of the more notable activities is Curling. Our members have competed in the World Rotary Curling Championships 2004 in Duluth, Minnesota, losing in final game for silver metal, 2006 our same team played in World Rotary Curling Championship in Lockerbie, Scotland, winning final game for gold metal. Pictured is Bruce Folkard with the World Curling trophy in 2006.

