

Our Club History – 2008- 2021

Rotary Year 2008-2009 “Make Dreams Real”

- Kim Winter and Dawn Straka developed a sustainability approach to our funding in Haiti. Instead of simply sending money, the water project saw Committee members going to the community to participate in the development of the execution strategies and timelines for the project.
- Tom Bennett became the Club’s first ever District Governor.
- *Fundraising events:*
 - Night at the Oscars
 - Annual Christmas Auction
- *Financial Contributions made:*
 - Added benches in the Riverview Park and Zoo
 - Assisted YES Shelter
- *Participation in:*
 - Bingo
- *Volunteering:*
 - Cleanup on Earth Day (along with 400 plus students)

Rotary Year 2009-2010 “Building Communities”

- Received Presidential Citation for year 2010/2011
- *Fundraising Events:*
 - Million Dollar Hole in One
 - Annual Christmas Auction
- *Financial Contributions made:*
 - Rotary International’s US \$200 Million Polio Challenge
 - Peterborough Komets “Bus the boys to Boston”
- *Participation in:*
 - Bingo
 - Musicfest

Rotary Year 2011-2012 “Reach Within to Embrace Humanity”

- *Fundraising Events:*
 - Annual Christmas Auction
- *Financial Contributions made:*
 - Tokmok, Kyrgyzstan hospital bed project
 - Picnic tables were purchased for Riverview Park & Zoo
- *Participation In:*
 - Bingo
 - Musicfest

- *Volunteering:*
 - Super Spring Cleanup
 - Fall/Spring Adopt-A-Road clean up on River Road
 - Citizenship Reaffirmation

Rotary Year 2012-2013 “Peace Through Service”

- *Fundraising Events:*
 - Annual Christmas Auction
- *Financial Contributions Made:*
 - A deck at Brock Mission
 - Rotary Splash Pad
- *Participation in:*
 - Bingo
 - Musicfest
 - Santa Claus parade float
 - Book Drive
 - Family Fireworks
 - Rotary Splash Pad opening event and community BBQ
- *Volunteering:*
 - Building the deck at Brock Mission
 - Making boxes for Salvation Army Hamper Program
 - Peterborough Community Cleanup
 - Citizenship Reaffirmation

Rotary Year 2013-2014 “Engage Rotary-Change Lives”

- Adventures In Understanding was approved by the board for the 1st time with the 1st event to take place in August of 2014
- *Fundraising Events:*
 - Annual Christmas Auction
- *Financial Contribution made:*
 - New deck at Brock Mission (official opening Sept. 19, 2013)
 - Kids Dino bed for the VON 360 clinic in Peterborough Square
 - Hospital in Tokmok Kyrgyzstan
- *Participation In:*
 - Bingo
 - Musicfest
 - Ribfest

Rotary Year 2014 – 2015 “Light Up Rotary

- This was our 25 th Anniversary year

- The Club committed to build 25 Little Free Libraries. The committee sourced materials and organized the build/painting with Fleming College and local high school students. The completed libraries were filled with books and distributed throughout the City and County.
- *Fundraising Events:*
 - Annual Christmas Auction
- *Participation in:*
 - Bingo
 - Musicfest
 - Ribfest

Rotary Year 2015 – 2106 “Be a Gift To The World”

- Financially supported one Syrian Refugee Family of four as they settled into Peterborough
- Adventures in Understanding had 11 students and 4 leaders participate.
- *Fundraising Events:*
 - Annual Christmas Auction
- *Financial Contributions Made:*
 - Peterborough Family Literacy Day
 - Learning Disabilities Association of Peterborough
 - Reframe Film Festival
 - Nourish (Community Seed Saving Initiative)
 - Jamaican Self Help for the Woodworking Project at St. Margarets Centre
 - HHart in the Dominican Republic
 - Haiti
 - TokMok project in Kyrgyzstan
- *Participation in:*
 - Pride Parade with float (truck)
 - Bingo
 - Musicfest
 - Ribfest
- *Volunteering:*
 - Super Spring Cleanup
 - Citizen Reaffirmation

Rotary Year 2016-2017 “Rotary Serving Humanity”

- Interact Club started
- Initiated Buddy Bench program
- Presented the City with a Sesquicentennial gift – the Rotary Outdoor Gym
- *Fundraising Events:*
 - Comedy Night
 - Event for HHart

- Annual Christmas Auction
- *Financial Contributions made:*
 - One Roof Diner and Warming Room
 - Hospice donation
 - TokMok, Kyrgyzstan School bunk beds and kitchen equipment
- *Participation in:*
 - Bingo
 - Musicfest
 - Ribfest
 - Canada Day fireworks
 - Christmas Parade
 - One Roof Dinner
 - Book Drive
- *Volunteering:*
 - Box making at Salvation Army for Christmas Hampers
 - Fairhaven day with seniors
 - Answering phones at Easter Seals Telethon

Rotary Year 2017-2018 “Making a Difference”

- The Club presented our first Buddy Bench in September in our fight against bullying
- The Club presented 2 student bursaries, one to a student at TAS and one to a student at St. Peter’s
- *Fundraising Events:*
 - Annual Christmas Auction
- *Participation In:*
 - Annual Rotary Family Day and Fireworks
 - Bingo
 - Musicfest
 - Ribfest
- *Volunteering:*
 - Rotary Annual Super Spring Cleanup
 - Annual Citizenship Reaffirmation Program
 - Christmas Sock Campaign
 - Christmas Book Drive in support of the Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Program

Rotary Year 2018-2019 “Be The Inspiration”

- Adventure in Understanding had another successful voyage, under leadership of Don Watkins,
- A Buddy Bench was donated to Roger Neilson Public School

- *Fundraising Events:*
 - Annual Christmas Auction
- *Financial Contributions to:*
 - Peterborough Police Service – Canine Unit
- *Participation In:*
 - Bingo
 - Musicfest
 - Ribfest
- *Volunteering:*
 - Spring and Fall River Road Cleanups

Rotary Year 2019-2020 “Connects The World”

- At an early March meeting, talk began to circulate about the pandemic and potential lockdowns. Several days after that meeting, the world went into lockdown. This resulted in the beginning of our Zoom meetings
- *Fundraising Events:*
 - Annual Christmas Auction
- *Participation In:*
 - Bingo
 - Musicfest
 - Ribfest
- *Volunteering:*
 - One Roof Diner

Rotary Year 2020-2021 “Opens Opportunities”

- Our Zoom meetings continued (over 50) and the club continued to adapt to many pandemic restrictions.
- *Fundraising Events:*
 - Annual Christmas Auction
 - Club fundraising for Polio (Doug)
- *Financial Contributions to:*
 - Musical Instruments @Peterborough Zoo
 - Shelter at Cameron House (Morgan)
 - Donation to India (re: Covid Oxygen needs)
 - Funding support to Camp Kawartha
 - Rotary Trail lighting donations
- *Participation In:*
 - Red Kettle Salvation Army Collection Drive at Christmas

- Polar Plunge Support (snow angle and ice pour in bathing suit)
 - Bingo
- *Volunteering:*
 - Fall Food Drive
 - Christmas book drive
 - Sock collection at Christmas
 - Spring & Fall River Road clean ups plus city-wide proclamation by the Mayor for a citizen clean up
 - Participation in Carol Oake Swimathon