

ROTARY HAMILTON AM NEWSLETTER

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Many Rotarians read newsletters.

Rotary International sends articles in 187 languages to over 1.2 million Rotarians in +35,000 Clubs within 530 Districts. Newsletter (NL) formats have changed since the start of Rotary in 1905. Initially first printed, the “printing process” has definitely changed from regular postal mail to various types of copy machines and now the various ‘internet’ formats.

In many ways, our committee has “Gone Back to the Future” with this NL. But for what purpose? A lot of time & efforts to collect Rotary information then set it up to “print” and send to all members has a purpose: to promote fellowship amongst our members, our families & our local (and now worldwide) community. NLs should stimulate attendance, report news of the Club & its members, contribute to continued Rotary education for all and generally communicate what our Club & members are doing to promote Rotary!

If you have a story to share, a potential sponsor for the NL or any general comments, please reach out to Frank, fstechey@gmail.com!

Now make yourself a coffee, sit back and enjoy your NL.

Wednesdays 7:15 am

William’s Fresh Café – 47 Discovery Dr.

Email: info@hamiltonrotary.ca

Take Action: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/294>



Member Spotlight – Dr. Tom Tweedie

I was born in Hamilton and lived in Jarvis ON for 5 years. Our family moved to Hamilton in 1943. I attended George R. Allen, Dalewood and Westdale Secondary schools. I received my MD degree at the University of Western Ontario and returned to Hamilton to do my internship at the Hamilton General Hospitals. In 1963 I started a Family Practice in central Hamilton and retired in 2002. I am married to Barbara who I met at university and we have 3 children and 8 grandchildren.



My first experience with Rotary was the year before our club was formed when our family hosted an exchange student from Denmark. In 1985 I became a charter member of the Rotary Club of Hamilton AM. It was a perfect fit for me in relationship to my work commitments and my wish to be of service to the community which had been so good to me. It was a great opportunity to meet people in other professions and business world.

The following are some of the high-lites of my Rotary experiences: Being the chairman of the student exchange program and meeting some wonderful young people. Helping with the many fundraisers especially at Gord Thompson's country home. The Riding for the Disabled program. The Christmas breakfast at Hess Street School for the past 22 years. The reading program at Hess Street School. And last but not least are the many social gatherings with fellow Rotarians including conventions, golfing trips, skiing trips, dining out and our casual club socials.

Being a Rotarian has been a wonderful experience for me and I am proud to be member of our AM club.

Getting to know District 7090

Our Rotary International District is 7090 which:

- covers Southern Ontario and North Western New York State
- is part of Rotary International Zone 24/32 (which includes most of Canada, parts of US near the border & Russia)
- includes 16 Areas; each Area consists of several Rotary clubs and is assigned to an Assistant Governor
- includes 68 Rotary Clubs, including 2 E-Clubs
- is known as the "Best of Friends" district due to clubs in both countries

Member Spotlight – Walter Hardie

Joined Rotary in February 1986 on a suggestion of my branch manager, Steve Fletcher. A new morning club was starting in February of that year, so I have now been a member for 34 years. I was an attendance chairman for many years and in 1992 was asked to be president of the club. I had to decline because that year I was president of both the Big Brothers' of Hamilton and The Hamilton Life Underwriters' Association. In 1990 a young Japanese girl came to our club as an exchange student. We had the good fortune of having her with us for 3 months and then another month later in that year. One event of that relationship was a trip by car to Chicago to see the Blue Jays play and it really did turn out to be a very memorable weekend.

A very favorable period for me was the ten years we golfing members were involved with the Canadian Golfing Fellowship of Rotary. We travelled coast to coast from Charlottetown to Whistler playing in a number of different cities.

One of my favourite times was when we were involved in the Riding For The Disabled which I found preferable to the many nights we had to spend on Bingo. The key Bingo event was when we rented Copps Colliseum for a Super Bingo event.

Over the years in my travels I liked to do make-ups, the key ones being Kauai, Kona, Big Island, Sedona, St. George Utah, and Melbourne Australia. After purchasing a camp in Thunder Bay 12 years ago it gave me the opportunity to regularly attend the local Lakehead Rotary Club.

After my years at St. Andrews College, I spent 2 years in banking and then 52 years in life insurance and financial counselling. At the present time, I volunteer as a tour guide at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum and play golf when the opportunity arises.



Rotary International president, Holgar Knaack, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany, has created the 2020-21 presidential theme, Rotary Opens Opportunities.

Rotary isn't just a club for people to join, but rather 'an invitation to endless opportunities,' said Knaack, who became president on July 1st. He emphasized that Rotary creates pathways for members to improve their lives and the lives of those they help through service projects.

'We believe that our acts of service, big and small, create opportunities for people who need our help,' Knaack said. He added that Rotary creates leadership opportunities and gives members the chance to travel the world to put their service ideas into action and make lifelong connections. 'Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere.' said Knaack."

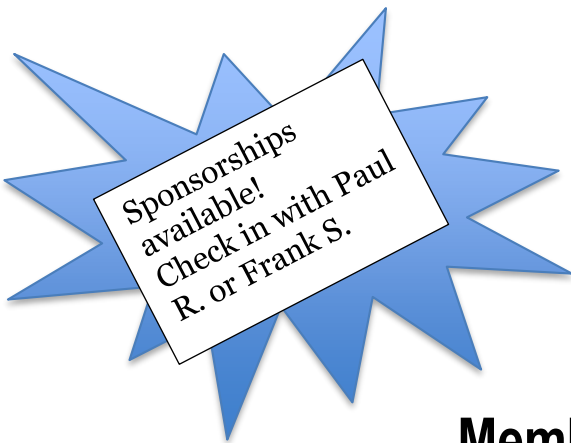


Frank's grandsons (Mark (4), Matthew (8), Alex (6) sporting their custom made masks by Sharon Levy-Cohen.

Blast from the Past!



Mark Ewer working the Bingo Hall.
Have a picture to share? Send it to one of the newsletter committee!



Sponsorships available!
Check in with Paul R. or Frank S.

Member List – August 2020

Michelle Austin
John Baxter
Shayna Beeksma
Anne Bermingham
Yolanda Czyzewski-Bragues
John Dagleish
Lisa Dunlop
Marl Ewer
Clare Freeman
Normg Geddes
Donald Grennan
Cheryl Gzik
Walter Hardie
Michael Howes

Ashi Jain
John Janisse
Kerry Jarvi
Caterine Jeske
Martina Jobity-Mayers
Jennifer Kinnunen
Paul Lakin
Celine Legret
Sharon Levy-Cohen
Ruth Liebersbach
Sandy Marincic
Ellard McBane
Timothy McClemont
Angelo Misale
John Mokrycke

Cameron Nolan
Paul Reardon
Shikha Sareen
Janet McNaught
Dan Millar
Angelo Misale
John Mokrycke
Cameron Nolan
Paul Reardon
Shikha Sareen
Irene Stayshyn
Frank Stechey
Marta Stiteler
Dr. Tom Tweedie
Tony Wellenreiter

Rotary Club of Hamilton A.M. Golf Tournament:

Our 1st golf tournament of this year is on **Monday, September 14th** at the **Glendale Golf & Country Club** for golfing, fun & fellowship. Cost is \$125 per or \$450 a foursome with a **\$75 charitable receipt**, which gets you golf, a cart and a sandwich at the end of the tournament. It isn't the usual tournament with dinner and prizes, just a fun day to allow us to spend time together and raise money for the charities we support. Tee time is 12:00 pm (noon).

Here is the link to register:

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/294/event/rotary-club-of-hamilton-am---golf-tournament>

Angelo Misale can answer any questions at **905 385 3221**. Because of COVID, rules have changed a bit: Your group determines how you want to play i.e best ball; 2 man best ball; or just play your own game. **Sponsors** are always welcomed & information again from Angelo at 905 385 3221.

Let's Party!!

Another Club social & fundraiser is the Collective Arts Event!

Taste of Collective Arts Fundraiser

Wednesday, September 23rd, 6:00 pm

Collective Arts Beer Garden, 207 Burlington Street East

Tickets: \$75 & includes:

- three course meal,
- two drink tickets and
- live entertainment by DJ JOOCE

Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/294/event/taste-of-the-collective-arts---beer-garden>

Newsletter Sponsors

This is the first of a monthly newsletter that will be mailed to each members home plus to all surrounding Canadian Rotary Clubs. With COVID, restrictions for "Zooming" means we are unable to patch-in with other Clubs re: what they are doing etc. A mailed newsletter can reach more Rotarians and their families. If you would like to sponsor next month's newsletter, we can add your "advertising" into the context. For more information on how to sponsor, contact Frank Stechey at: Cell / Text: (905) 977 9978 or by email: fstechey@gmail.com

Rotarians from Around the World!

- Neil Armstrong – Astronaut & 1st man on the moon – Rotary Club of Wapakoneta, Ohio
- Gerald R. Ford – U.S. President – Rotary Club of Grand Rapids, Michigan
- John F. Kennedy – U.S. President – Rotary Club of Hyannis, Massachusetts
- Dr. Albert Sabin – Developer of oral Polio vaccine – Rotary Club of Cincinnati, Ohio
- Charles R. Walgreen – Chair, Walgreen Drug Co. – Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois
- Charles A. Lindbergh – Aviator – Rotary Club of St. Louis, Missouri
- Sam Walton – Founder, Wal-Mart – Rotary Club of Bentonville, Arkansas
- J.C. Penney – Founder, J.C. Penney stores – Rotary Club of New York, NY
- Dr. Charles H. Mayo – Co-Founder of Mayo Clinic – Rotary Club of Rochester, Minnesota
- Joyce C. Hall – Founder, Hallmark Cards – Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri
- Raymond F. Firestone – CEO & Chair, Firestone Rubber Co – Rotary Club of Akron, Ohio
- Harland (Colonel) Sanders – Founder, Kentucky Fried Chicken – RC of Jacksonville, Indiana

A Brief History of the Rotary Club of Hamilton AM

In 1983, Bob Forsythe, President of the Rotary Club of Hamilton, requested that the Board of Directors consider the possibility of forming a new morning Rotary Club to serve the need of people wishing to become Rotarians in the central area of Hamilton-Wentworth, now the City of Hamilton. Past President and Governor's Representative, Tom Lamb, was asked to develop a proposal to bring this new club into being and their clubs in the Hamilton-Wentworth area (Dundas, Hamilton Mountain and East Hamilton/Wentworth) were invited to participate with the development of the new morning club and initial planning meetings were held at the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce. The charter to form the new club was granted to The Rotary Club of Hamilton "AM" on February 6, 1986 and the first Board of Directors were:

- President: Paul Pettit
- President-Elect: Ellard McBane
- Vice President: Ray Howe
- Secretary: Des Micklos Jr.
- Treasurer: Bruce Johnson
- Sergeant-at-Arms: Ed Zenklewich
- Directors: Gerry Righton, Robert Chapman, James Cimba, Francis Rocchi, David Hector, Roy Smith

When the new AM Club was formed, the 43 Charter members dedicated a Paul Harris Fellowship to Tom Lamb for his outstanding support and direction.

Over the years meetings were held at the Thistle Club on Robinson Street, the Hamilton Squash and Fitness Club on Jarvis Street, The Royal Connaught Hotel, The Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (currently operating as the Waterfront Banquet and Conference Centre) and finally at Williams Fresh Café at 47 Discovery Drive on the Hamilton waterfront.

How Good is Being Short?

Some of the greatest documents we have are known for their brevity. The Genesis account of creation is told in only 400 words; the Ten Commandments contain only 297 words; The Lord's Prayer consists of only 56 words; and the U.S. Declaration of Independence totals but 300 words. President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address contains only 266 words; The Golden Rule has only 11. Rotary's "Four-Way Test" contains only 21 words, and yet it has been used in government & union negotiations since 1932 when it was created by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor. As a comparison, a governmental report dealing with the price of cabbage contained 29,911 words! In this historic time in history as both Canada and the United States near national elections, this may be a good time to compare political announcements with these past historical – and ever-lasting documents!

BREAKING NEWS:

On September 1st, according the national media, Health authorities are expected to declare the African continent free of the wild poliovirus. This would leave only Pakistan & Afghanistan still having the wild poliovirus. Vaccination efforts against the highly infectious, water-borne disease is still complicated by insecurity and attacks on health workers. Rotary's efforts are paying dividends, but we must continue our Polio Plus efforts to make the entire world free of polio. It has been said that status quo is regression. We must keep advancing & be able to adapt and participate in order to shape the future. Rotarians can do that!