

ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

Reserve Your Tickets! Second Annual Paul Harris Celebration Event



Building on last year's very successful inaugural event, the three St. Catharines Clubs are again hosting a Paul Harris Celebration May 1, 2025 at Amici's Banquet & Conference Centre.

The format this year will be a cocktail evening with a light buffet.

Tickets are available at \$50.00 per person.

[Click here](#) for more information and to order your tickets.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Program begins at 6:30 p.m.
Dress code is Business.



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Apr 9
Youth Program & Students
Patricia Murenbeeld
- Apr 23
Hospice Niagara
Yvonne Nasri / Cheryl Clock



APRIL DESIGNATION IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

"Every child deserves a chance at a life filled with love, laughter, friends and family."
Mario Thomas

Rotary  TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary. Get Involved

BINGO VOLUNTEERS IN APRIL

We have 2 Thursdays and one Monday, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

- Thurs Apr 10 - Ellen and Marlene
- Thurs Apr 17 – Bryan and Mary
- Mon Apr 28 – Sandy and Gary

We now need two volunteers per session.

Reminder: you must come in your blue rotary shirt and black pants

World & Community Spotlight

Club Supports Birchway Niagara



President Coral and Committee Chair Bruce were pleased to present a \$500 donation to Birchway Niagara, a charity long supported by member Amy Layton. For decades, women have turned to Birchway Niagara for confidential and compassionate support when faced with the difficult issue of abuse. In 2023, Women's Place became Birchway Niagara. The change represented a growing understanding that, while women and children experience intimate partner violence at a higher rate, abuse is an issue that negatively impacts everyone and that must be solved by everyone.

Governor Simcoe Simbotics Team Does Well at Competition

This year, for the first time, the FIRST Robotics competition was held in Niagara at the Niagara College Welland Campus March 8 and 9. Our own Club-sponsored Governor Simcoe Team 1114 - Simbotics competed and qualified to move on to the next level being held at McMaster University.

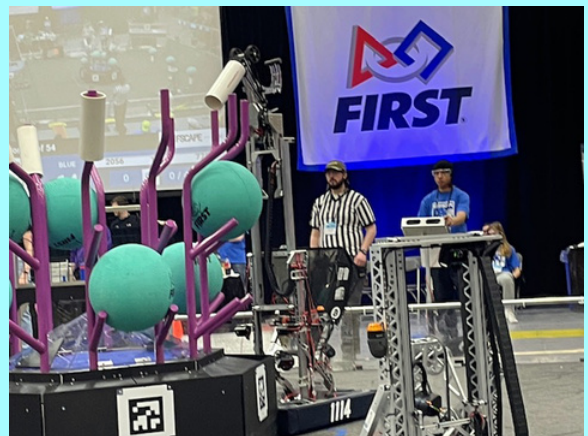
Teams compete throughout Ontario and around the world (over 3000 teams worldwide) to qualify for the provincials and then to qualify for the World Championship in April.

As the photos indicate, the robots place a white roll on a purple stand. The higher you can put it (*you'll see they are placing it high in the second picture*) the more points you get.

[Click here](#) for an article on the competition *and a profile of our own Janet Allan*, Volunteer Coordinator at the completion.



Robot 1114 enters field of play.



Robot 1114 placing white roll.

Food4Kids

Spring Baked Beans Drive Nets Almost \$900 for Food4Kids!



The Club was able to collect over \$875 in cash and food donations at our Spring Baked Beans Drive. The usual bin on Scullers Way in St Catharines accepted over 210 canned donations from March 17 to 23rd while cash donations also poured in to arrive at the final total. A BIG thank you to everyone from Food4Kids Chair Marlene.

Plan To Attend

Darts Social Evening



Darts will be flying once again on Wednesday April 16th at 6pm at The Course and the Clubhouse (525 Welland Ave). Friends and family are welcome. Pay for your own meal and drinks. Playing darts is free – even if you don't hit the board.

Please contact Mary if you want to attend at mhoward@vaxxine.com.

Little Lending Library Update

Looking for new or gently used children / youth books!

Help keep our Little Lending Library full of children's books. Spread the word to your friends and acquaintances that our Literacy Committee Chair Anne will be happy to receive delivery or arrange for pick-up of new or gently used children / youth books – **anywhere in Niagara!** Just email her at annelanthier@yahoo.com and she will make the arrangements .



April LLL Roster

7 Mary
14 Elaine
21 Bryan
28 Anne

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

District Conference

April 5, 2025
Volunteering in the 21st Century

Club Social

Darts Social Evening
April 16, 2025 6 p.m.

2025 Rotary International Convention

June 21-25, 2025
Calgary, Alberta

CLUB MEETING INFO BOX

When:

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month
at 6:00 PM

Board Meeting 1st Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Where:

In-person for dinner at Holiday Inn Suites

April Blood Donation Date Set!



**Canadian
Blood
Services**

BLOOD
PLASMA
STEM CELLS
ORGANS
& TISSUES

Canadian Blood Services is calling on people to be one of 450 Canadians needed to give blood each day this winter. Our next donation date is Thursday April 17th! Contact Beth at bethfleeton@hotmail.com for more information.

Application Process Starts for Club Ronald McDonald Lounge

Marlene Mader is investigating how many members of our club would be willing to commit to a new Committee covering a 4 hr shift at the new paediatric lounge at the hospital. This shift would take place on a weekly basis with each shift covered by ONE of a group of volunteers accepted by the hospital.

Marlene is now at the point of ascertaining how many volunteers are willing to start the application process. This does not commit you to service at this point as we do not know which shift will be offered to us. Here are some key points to bear in mind:

1. Shift times are 8-12, 12-4 and 4 to 7:30
2. Volunteers assist in the day-to-day operation of the Family Room by providing comfort and support to the families and children who visit the room. Duties include greeting and assisting families, making coffee and putting out snacks, tidying and maintaining the space, and ensuring supplies are well stocked. No heavy lifting is required. Pushing a bar cart may be required.
3. The application requires proof of some vaccinations or blood work as well as a police check. Niagara Health covers the cost of the police check using a link provided online. The cost of any necessary medical testing is not covered.



If you are interested, please fill out the volunteer application online by mid-May at Niagarahealth.on.ca [under Our Team, look for volunteers](#). This process needs to be started as soon as possible. Once you have completed and submitted the application, please let Marlene know and she will give your name to the volunteer coordinator. Your name will be pulled from the pool of volunteer applications and given preferential treatment. Marlene estimates that we will need 10 applications before committing as some may not be accepted by the hospital due to medical or other reasons. Others may not be able to accommodate the shift offered to us. Ideally, she would like to see a minimum of 8 accepted volunteers so that each one will only have to cover a shift every couple of months.

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