

ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

Thank You President Coral!



Members and significant others gathered at Annette and Len's home to celebrate outgoing President Coral's 2024-25 Rotary Year. Foundation Chair Elaine presented Coral with a Paul Harris Fellowship on behalf of the Club in recognition of her excellent year.

Thanks to Annette and Len for hosting the group and an outstanding menu - *Mixed board appetizer; Prime Rib Dip Sliders; Caesar and Garden Salads; Potato Salad; Fire Roasted Grilled Vegetables and Dessert!* And, thanks to the Membership Committee for the "valuable parting gifts" as they used to say on those old Canadian Game Shows.

See Page 2 of this newsletter for "THE POEM" by our own in-house Shakespeare (Australian version).



And Welcome 2025-26 President Bryan!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

August 13, 2025
Dominic from Salient Security
Cyber Security

August 27, 2025
Tyler Snure
Children's Author

August is



Membership and New Club Development **Month**

BINGO VOLUNTEERS IN AUGUST

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

Thurs Aug 7 - Gary and Sandi
Thurs Aug 14 - Marlene and Janet
Mon Aug 18 - Coral and Bruce

We now need two volunteers per session.

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

Phil's Poem for 2024-2025

[Click here](#) to view it LIVE on-line

*24/25 was quite the year;
& Coral took over without any fear.
She got us all set for success;
So all of us would not settle for less.
We had a tribute to Elsie & Doug,
So all could say thank you and give them a hug.
Our Fun Fall Trivia – at Club Roma
In baseball terms – we hit a homer
And Bruce's Rail Trail is coming along
It seems this club can do no wrong.
BINGO still is on a tear;
With everybody doing their share.
Pedal for Polio and big food drives;
Applause all round and a few high fives
The plasma program is going great
With Beth at the helm, it's in a fine state*

*And while all this was going on
Our fellowship was also strong.
With weeding the garden and going on hikes
Most times ending at Mr. Mikes.
We give cheers to lost friends at the bar
Randi's partner Len & Bob Morningstar.
Our significant others we really thank
They help us put money in the bank
The money that's used for giving back
To help some good programs stay on track
We've raised some money and had some fun;
And Coral's leadership helped a ton.
It's been a great year and I'm not lyin'
Now it's time for the year of Brian!*

Welcome New Member Sylva!



The Club is pleased to welcome **Sylva Okey Okpara Jr**, our newest member inducted on July 23rd. Sylva comes from Enuguwagu, Oduma-Achara, Ani-Nri LGA, Enugu State in Eastern Nigeria and recently emigrated to Canada along with his wife Osonwa Elizabeth and “three fantastic children” – two boys and a girl.

Sylva graduated with a Bachelor's in Applied Microbiology & Brewing Science (ESUTECH, Nigeria), a Diploma in Brewing, (IBD, UK) (J.J. Morison Scholarship 2010) and a Master's in Food, Nutrition & Health (UCD, Ireland) and is currently working towards a Master of Management (University of Niagara Falls, Canada).

His professional career is no less varied with 4 years at Sona Brewing Plc (FT); 6 years at Heineken/Nigeria Breweries Plc (FT); 5 years at AB Inbev/International Breweries Plc (FT) and 1 year at Union Camerounaise de Brasseries (Hybrid). Along with Elizabeth, Sylva also co-founded Silizo Nigeria Limited (silizo.com.ng), an MSME involved in quality and food safety consultancy and training, as well as a Trading subsidiary known as Classic Fabrics & Accessories. Sylva has a strong background in Rotary having joined a Rotaract Club at University in Nigeria in 2002. He was International Service Director, a role he proudly held for two Rotary years. After graduating, Sylva had to take a hiatus from Rotary and is just now able to re-commit himself to a Club.

In the interim, Sylva and family were no strangers to giving back to the Community. In 2014, they launched a scholarship program for pupils at Madonna Nursery and Primary School in Oduma-Achara (St. Dominic's Catholic Parish) in Nigeria. The program began with four beneficiaries and has since expanded to support ten students. Three recipients have successfully graduated, marking significant progress in promoting educational access and opportunity. Each child is sponsored at the rate of approximately \$50/Child per year which covers school fees, uniform and books.

August Blood Donation Date!

Your donated plasma touches the lives and families of thousands of patients who require life-saving therapies and treatments made from plasma-derived protein products. Some plasma is administered in hospital to treat patients with bleeding disorders, trauma and other indications. We collect plasma to meet all of the current hospital patients needs for these treatments. There are two main ways donated plasma helps patients across Canada.

1. Plasma for medications
2. Plasma for transfusion

[Click here](#) for more information!



**Canadian
Blood
Services**

BLOOD
PLASMA
STEM CELLS
ORGANS
& TISSUES

Our next donation date is Thursday August 21st!

There are still open times available. Thank you to those who have already signed up. Contact Beth at bethfleton@hotmail.com for more information.

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 .



August LLL Roster

3	Sandi
10	Ellen
17	Elaine
24	Patricia
31	Anne

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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

TAKE ACTION: WWW.ROTARYLAKESHORE.COM

World & Community Spotlight Club Support Recognized by Kristen French Child Advocacy Center!

President Bryan was pleased to receive a plaque from the Kristen French Child Advocacy Center recognizing our support over the past two years. In conjunction with our most recent donation, Club members visited the Centre for a tour on Wednesday January 15th.

The Kristen French CACN provides a safe place to help, heal, end child abuse for Niagara's children and youth who have experienced alleged physical abuse, sexual abuse, become the targets of internet luring, or were the unwilling witness of violence.

The environment is child-focused and private, providing a safe and non-threatening place for children and youth to disclose their experience of abuse to specially trained teams from the Niagara Regional Police Service and Family and Children's Services Niagara who respectively, investigate to determine criminal charges and protection needs. Mental health professionals from Family



Counselling Centre Niagara provide much needed follow-up counselling support at no cost and without a wait list.

Rotary Lakeshore Welcomes Student Presenters and Guests

Our July 23rd Meeting saw three student program recipients present on their experiences. The presenters were:

- Hannah Baran, talking about Adventures in Citizenship virtually from her cottage.
- Ian Maskaluk and his girlfriend Anna from Brazil talking about Camp Flanders in Belgium

In addition, we had two of our three Rotary Club of St Catharines Lakeshore's Scholarship recipients in attendance. Our former Rotary Medalist Awards program has evolved into a single scholarship presented to one graduating student from each of our 3 local schools: Governor Simcoe Secondary School, St. Francis Catholic Secondary School and Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School.: Charlotte Robinson from Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School and Ella Adams from St. Francis Catholic Secondary School were able to join us while

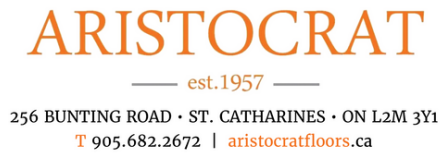


(left to right) Ella, Charlotte, Dr. Al Scales, Anna, Ian.

Jeong-Won Park from Governor Simcoe Secondary School, although unable to attend, sent along a message of thanks read out by Youth Committee Chair Dr. Al Scales.

Thank You to Our Sponsors!

Fundraising Events



Clarice West Hobbs Garden

