

# ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

## 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Trivia A Big Success!

Our 26th Annual Winter Trivia Night was a banner event with great questions designed by the new February Question Team of Anne and Beth (all superbly laid out in PowerPoint by Sylva), lively chatter, tons of popcorn and lots and lots of hot dogs. Thanks to all who sold tables, volunteered, announced, kept score and even played. And thanks to Club Roma management and staff for their outstanding support of our efforts. Obviously, Janet has not had time to work her magic on the financials but I can tell you:

- We sold a couple more tables
- We doubled our sponsorship dollars once again (after doubling them last year)
- We had lots of volunteers, all working very hard
- Our "customers" seemed to have a great time based on the lively chatter



And, congratulations to the 2026 Winning Team who were presented with the much sought after "Lighthouse Trophy" by Past President Coral: John Wessel, Janette Holmes, Kelly Shepard, Wayne Shepard, Beth Shepard, Graham Phair, and Arden Phair – much the same team as last February!



**[Click here to view a video on the event!](#)**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Mar 11, 2026  
Brian Suchorab  
**RAFT**

Mar 25, 2026  
Ed Telenko  
**St. Catharines Academy of Fine Artists**



## BINGO VOLUNTEERS IN MARCH

**We have two regular dates in March at 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

Mon Mar 9 - Beth + Elaine  
Thurs Mar 26 - Marlene + Janet

We need two volunteers per session.

Bingo volunteers-please contact Mary to fill in the blanks.

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

## IN MEMORIUM

### Dave Wilkinson

Dave Wilkinson joined the Club in 2003 and was a member for 19 years before retiring in 2022. Dave worked for General Motors in Oshawa and St. Catharines as an accountant for his entire career. He loved the Niagara region and said on more than one occasion that upon his death he would most miss all the delicious fruit so readily available at the local fruit stands. Still that didn't keep Dave and wife Diane (who passed away shortly before Dave) from exploring the world, enjoyed many memorable trips to over 50 countries.



### Bob Schatz

A long-time member of the Club through the 1990's and early 2000's, Bob retired from active duty on January 23, 2008. He was part of the Committee that founded and built our Charles Ansell Park at Lock One on the Welland Canal and was a part of the St. Catharines team that assisted in building the Walker YMCA by Fairview Mall, serving as a member of the Board of Directors. To know Bob was to know that his love of golf was foremost in his endeavors, which continued through the summer of 2025, still striking the ball well at the age of 85. Bob is survived by his wife Lorna; his sons Christopher and Peter; their wives, Debra and Christy; grandsons, Trey and Kai; and granddaughters, Sophie and Lauren.

## World & Community Spotlight

### Club Supports Gillian's Place

Gillian's Place is an organization that provides safety, shelter, and hope for women and children experiencing domestic violence in our community. They are currently renovating their facility and the Club is happy to contribute towards this important expansion.

This \$1000 donation reflects our club's commitment to caring for those most vulnerable in our community and standing alongside organizations that make a real difference every day. Together, through compassion and community partnership, we can help create safer futures and stronger families here in Niagara.

Thank you to our members and supporters who make this impact possible.

[Click here](#) to view a quick video on the project.



## Food4Kids Update

### *Canned Chili Food Drive March 9 - 15*



The Food4Kids Committee will hold a Club Food Drive March 9 -15 to collect canned chili. (Please Note: While all items are appreciated, this requested item is the one most needed). The Committee is giving everyone lots of notice so that members have an opportunity to check for sales. If you find a canned chili sale, please let Marlene know.

As always, the famous Rotary bin will be ready to receive donations at 4-35 Scullers Way, St. Catharines L2N 7S9. Thank you for your generosity and support!

### *February 18th Pack*



## Schedules

### **Ronald McDonald Family Room (March)**

March 5 Trish  
March 12 Morelle  
March 19 Anne  
March 26 Patricia

### **Little Lending Library (March)**

March 1 Ellen  
March 8 Mary  
March 15 Marlene  
March 22 Bryan  
March 29 Trish / Stew

## March Plasma Donation Date

Our next donation date is Thursday, March 26 2026! There are still open times available. Contact Beth at [bethfleeton@hotmail.com](mailto:bethfleeton@hotmail.com).

### **CLUB MEETING INFO BOX**

**When:**

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

Board Meeting 4th Wednesday of the month  
at 4 p.m.

**Where:**

In-person for dinner at Holiday Inn Suites

# Ronald McDonald Family Room Donor Recognition Unveiled

Families facing medical crises need more than treatment, they need comfort, compassion, and a place to rest. That's why the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore was so proud to help sponsor the Ronald McDonald Family Room at the local hospital.

We were also thrilled to see the new donor recognition board recently installed, showcasing the organizations and families who believe in supporting others when it matters most. Our Ronald McDonald Volunteer Team gathered at the facility to view the new Board. Seeing our club's name there (along with other area Rotary Clubs) is a powerful reminder of the impact Rotary has right here in our community.

We are also pleased that Rotary Lakeshore has been allowed to be the only group that manages our own regular volunteer shifts ourselves by having individuals rotate each week. This Team concept is entirely new to RMHC in this area and to the hospital – a real feather in the cap for Rotary.



Rotary Lakeshore "RM Family Room Team" (far right) Morelle Stratychuk, friend of Sandi's. Absent: Sandi Chard and Patricia Murenbeeld.



Marlene points out Club name on Donor Wall.

## ***Peace Pole Installed!***

**SUCCESS!!** We have been watching in anticipation for the installation of the Peace Pole at our Charles Ansell Park, and it has now been completed by Cotton Construction. A Rotary International initiative first launched by Past RI President Stephanie Urchick to feature the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth", the Pole is a 50/50 cost-sharing partnership between the City of St. Catharines and the Club. It has been placed in a concrete footing with a 6ft diameter concrete apron surrounding it. Rebar has been placed in the pole itself and the pole has been filled with concrete as part of the installation to increase both security against theft and the longevity of the project. The large Apron brings attention to the installation and invites people to stand close and use the QR codes featured on the Pole itself. A plaque is in process.



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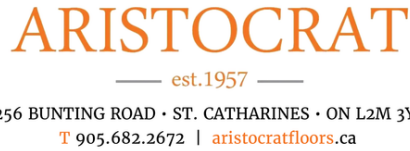
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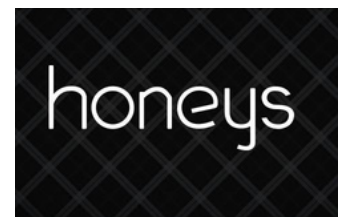
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