

ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

February 2021

Heroes do Wear Masks!

It's easy to donate blood and in turn save lives! Twelve Club members and friends participated in the latest Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore's quarterly Group Blood Donation Event at The Canadian Blood Services Clinic in St. Catharines. With the on-going pandemic, St. Catharines Lakeshore members continue to look for innovative ways to help out both locally and abroad. Several members of the group were giving for the first time and positive comments from all were heard regarding the screening procedures and overall processes. They were able to remain socially distanced and were all "smiling" behind those protective masks.

We also continue to spread the word on this worthwhile public service project with posts on Facebook (www.facebook.com/RotaryStCatharinesLakeshore) and Instagram (www.instagram.com/rotarylakeshorestcatharines) increasing awareness of Rotary and the importance of donating blood. The St. Catharines Blood Donor Clinic has reposted it to their Instagram account as well.

The Club continues to book these events in St. Catharines and would welcome anyone who would like to join them. The next date will be Tuesday, March 16th starting at 4:45 pm again (*just one day before St. Paddy's Day on March 17th for our Irish readers*). Please reach out to organizer Beth Fleeton at bethfleeton@hotmail.com if interested. AND, please feel free to invite a friend/family member!

Wishing all a happy and healthy 2021!



TAKE ACTION: www.rotarylakeshore.com

Upcoming Meetings:

February 10, 2021

Club Assembly
Bob Birrell donations update

February 27, 2021

Allison Kingston
Shelterbox Program



Upcoming Bingo

Volunteering with Delta BINGO is temporarily halted until further notice.

Past Club Newsletters Available on Website

NOTE: This, and all past, newsletters are available on the Rotary Lakeshore website at <https://rotarylakeshore.com/>.

Just look for the "CLUB NEWSLETTER" area in the far left hand column, under Speakers List, on the Home Page!

First On-Line Trivia Night Raises Almost \$1900!

Despite having our normal in-person Fall November 2020 event cancelled due to the on-going pandemic, the Fall Trivia Night Committee held our first new “Virtual Trivia Night” on Saturday January 9. Still a fun night of 100 questions designed by our own in-house team of quizmasters, the full complement of 20 teams (comprising roughly 160 players) signed up - with a waiting list! The event had a maximum of 100 email address locations available on Zoom, with 98 being used, showing the diversity of locations for the players.



Cash prizes were not awarded for this on-line event. Instead all players had an equal chance at a variety of door prizes determined by spinning a prize wheel with each player’s name on it. Thanks to our prize donors: **Brewers Paradise** (beer and wine certificates); **Wolf the Realtor** (tour and tasting from Lock Street Brewery); **Timms House and Building Inspections** (\$50 Lock Street gift certificate); **Bob and Janet Allan** (Niagara Golf Warehouse certificate); **Bryan Pett** (Diner House 29 certificate) and **Ellen Wodchis** (Niagara Golf Warehouse certificate).

The Committee was Gary and Beth as co-chairs along with Coral, Bruce and Sandi. This savvy group (along with invaluable assistance from Matt) developed the questions. Ellen was in charge of sponsors. Al, Rose, Gary S. and Joy did a practice night of the final questions as the control group. Gary did a great job of hosting the Zoom meeting while fending off some initial technical issues. Bruce’s pearl-shaped tones served him well as MC while Beth and Coral checked the computer scoring of the answers. **THANKS TO ALL FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB!**

AND THE WINNER OF THE DIGITAL TROPHY WAS “**Trivia This!!**”, a team playing from 7 different locations. While most of our players were from our regular trivia lists, the event also attracted players from Vancouver, North Bay, Tillsonburg, and Grand Bend — a tribute to the far-reaching impact of the on-line version. As a sampling of comments illustrate, everyone had a great time: “What a super job you all did! A very enjoyable evening”, “We had fun, great questions”, “Depending on how long it will take to get back to ‘normal’, we hope you will do it again”.

2021 On-line Event Winning
Trivia Team “Trivia This!!”



Are You on Social Media?

Check out our Club pages!

On LinkedIn? Join our Page at <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8620448/>

On Facebook? Join our Page at <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryStCatharinesLakeshore>

On Instagram? Check us out at www.instagram.com/rotarylakeshorestcatharines

Rotary Fellowships - Is There One for Your Special Interest

Rotary offers a wide variety of Fellowships for Rotarians who share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions. Looking to expand your skills? Foster vocational development? Or just have a special interest in a particular hobby or activity? There's probably a Rotary Fellowship for you! And you can explore your interest while participating with other Rotarians around the world. For example, several of our own Club members belong to BREW (Beer Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide) – one of the newest and largest fellowships in Rotary with members in 26 nations.

Here's a quick overview of how Rotary Fellowships work:

- They function independently of Rotary International by establishing their own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure.
- Are open to Rotarians, their family members, as well as participants and alumni of all Rotary and Foundation programs.

The following is just a sampling of some of the 92 Fellowships available today on the International Website at www.rotary.org/fellowships. There are individual links there where you can find out more about these groups and all the others shown on that page:

Antique Automobiles	Cycling	Hiking	Recreational Vehicles
Bird Watching	Educators	International Travel & Hosting	Rum
Canoeing	Environment	Italian Culture	Skiing
Caravanning	Genealogists	Jazz	Whisk(e)y
Chess	Gin	Magicians	Wine
Cruising	Golf	Music	Yachting
Curling	Gourmet Cooking	Rare and Old books	Yoga

Visit <http://www.rotary.org/fellowships> for additional resources on Rotary Fellowships. Interested in a particular subject? Visit the group's website or email it to learn more.

The "Rotary Bridge" Fundraising Story Fifteenth Anniversary of Greater Niagara Circle Route Bridge

In our June 2020 issue of Rotary Lakeshore in Action, we celebrated the Fifteenth anniversary of the Rotary Greater Circle Route Bridge, spanning the gap along the Welland Canal between Thorold and Welland, north of HWY 20. At our January 13 2021 meeting, Rotarian John Crossingham of the Downtown Club, and avid cyclist, presented the Rotary story behind the fundraising effort.

On May 27 2006, the Rotary Clubs of Niagara pitched in \$43,000 in seed money to get the project started as part of the 140 km Circle Route Project under the leadership of Regional Councilor Bruce Timms. Through the efforts of the joint Rotarian Bridge Committee, these monies were augmented by the Regional, Provincial and Federal governments and the bridge became reality.



2021 Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan

June 12-16, 2021



Feel the Energy in Taipei!

There's more time to save! Due to the global pandemic, the early-registration discount deadline has been extended to 15 February 2021!!!

Registration link

<https://www.riconvention.org/en/taipei>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Make sure to mark these future club events on your calendars. You don't want to miss out on all the action and fun!

1) Club Blood Donation Day

Wednesday, March 16 2021
Starting at 4:45 PM
Email Beth if interested at bethfleton@hotmail.com

2) District Conference

Spring 2021
Stay tuned for more information on the virtual conference

Club Meeting Information

When: Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM
Board Meeting 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Virtual Meeting using Zoom
Link will be sent to all members

Non Members, please contact Bruce Timms at brucetimms@yahoo.com for Zoom link

WHAT'S NEW WITH ROTARY DISTRICT 7090 AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



For the 13th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating – four stars – from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

- The Foundation earned the recognition for adhering to sector best practices and executing its mission in a financially efficient way, demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.
- Only one percent of the organizations Charity Navigator evaluates have received 13 consecutive 4-star evaluations.
- The rating reflects Charity Navigator's assessment of how the Foundation uses donations, sustains its programs and services, and practices good governance and openness.

