

# ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

## Club Celebrates 40 Years of Service!

The Club recently marked its 40th Anniversary with a Celebration Event at Queenston Mile Vineyard. The evening brought together current and former members, community partners, and friends of Rotary to reflect on four decades of fellowship, leadership, and service. Guests enjoyed an evening of memories, laughter, and recognition as they celebrated the many people whose dedication has shaped our club since its charter in 1986.



A highlight of the celebration was the unveiling of a vehicle purchased for Happy in My Home, a local organization that provides transportation services to seniors. The vehicle will help ensure older adults can attend medical appointments, access essential services, and remain connected to their community. It was a reminder that Rotary's impact is measured not only in years, but in lives changed.

*"It is extremely fitting that, as we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore and its mission to support local residents of all ages, we are able to assist Happy in My Home with this \$50,000 donation towards a new vehicle,"* said Bryan Pett, President of the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore. *"Ensuring safe, reliable, rides for older adults and adults with disabilities in St. Catharines aligns well with the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore's focus on supporting our local youth, senior residents and doing Good in the World internationally."*

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Jul 08, 2026  
Amanda Braet  
**Birchway Niagara**

Jul 22, 2026  
Chris Brown  
**Psychologist – new St. Cath. practice**

**JULY IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH**

*"We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future."*

Past RI President James L. Lacy, 1998-99

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## BINGO VOLUNTEERS IN JULY

**We have two regular dates in July  
– both 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

Thurs July 16 - Ellen & Marlene  
Mon July 27 - Bob & Ellen

We need two volunteers  
per session.

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

This donation continues The Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore's 40 year commitment to the community both through supporting many local charities and in creating legacy projects such as Charles Ansell Park at Lock One on the Welland Canal and the Clarice West Hobbs Contemplative Garden stretching along the rear wall of the Marotta Hospital site in St. Catharines.

During the formal unveiling of the vehicle at the 40th Anniversary celebration, St. Catharines Mayor Matt Siscoe congratulated Rotary Lakeshore on its long history and lasting impact in supporting the City's residents, while recognized the four Charter members still part of the Club (Bruce Timms, Bob Miller, Doug Weeks and Dr. Emilio Raimondo). Mayor Siscoe then presented President Bryan Pett with a Certificate commemorating the Anniversary.



Carolyn Askeland, Executive Director, Happy in my Home noted in her remarks at the unveiling that, "*This generous \$50,000 donation from the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore is an investment in independence, dignity, and quality of life for older adults and adults with disabilities across Niagara. Transportation is often the link that allows people to remain connected to healthcare, groceries, community programs, and the relationships that help them thrive. This new vehicle will enable us to meet growing demand, reduce operating costs, and reinvest those savings directly into expanding ride availability. We are deeply grateful to the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore for recognizing the importance of accessible transportation and for helping ensure that more people can continue living safely and independently in the place they call home.*"

If you missed it, here is a [quick video of the highlights of the unveiling and Celebration](#).

The festivities were highlighted by a slideshow of past photos collected by Charter Member Bruce Timms and, of course, a **new musical take on the Annual Poem by Phil Horner**. The experience can only be done justice by [viewing this video](#).



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# A Blast from the Past!



## President's Report



Well, we made it! The Rotary year is officially over on June 30<sup>th</sup>, and it's been a very busy and productive year. We accomplished a lot this year, thanks to the efforts of most of our members. I particularly want to acknowledge the Committee Chairs, the Directors and Officers who pulled together and worked as a team to get all this work done. Thank you all for your support of an ambitious agenda that's helped move us closer toward our strategic goals.

We've now got to maintain our momentum and finalize plans for our new year, as well as develop our new strategic plan for 2027 – 2030. Well done, everyone – here's to any even stronger 2026-27 year!

## Clarice West Hobbs Contemplative Garden

### *First 2026 Team Weeding in the Books!*

Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> saw our first Club Weeding of the Garden for 2026. The Team was joined by our Niagara Health Foundation contact Andrea DiCenso and her daughter (who brought her own set of small, but very effective, weeding tools)!



## Food4Kids Update

### Last Pack for the Rotary Year!

The Club held its final pack for the 2025-26 Rotary Year on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. The group celebrated with cheers (Mimosas or sparkling wine) to 468 bags packed this time – and thousands more over the year!



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## Charles Ansell Park Update

### Water Station Installed

The long-awaited water station has been now been installed and is working beautifully as demonstrated by past President Coral.



### 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!

### 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

## Schedules

### Ronald McDonald Family Room (July)

July 2 Marlene

July 9 Anne

July 16 Ellen

July 23 Annette

July 30 Trish

### Little Lending Library (July)

5 Judy

12 Shannon

19 Mary

26 Ellen

## July Plasma Donation Date

**Our next donation date is Thursday July 23, 2026!**  
There are still open times available. Contact Beth at [bethfleeton@hotmail.com](mailto:bethfleeton@hotmail.com).

### 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!

July 23, 2026

**Plasma Donation**

September 24, 2026 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**Discover Rotary Event**

CAA Headquarters

3271 Schmon Parkway

Thorold, ON

# Foundation Corner

## District 7090's PolioPlus Society Explained!

PolioPlus Societies exist across districts and zones worldwide, created to generate sustained, annual giving to end polio for good. District 7090 officially launched ours on July 1st, and membership is simple: commit to at least \$100 USD per year to PolioPlus – until polio is eradicated.

Here's what you receive as a member:

- A red-and-gold lapel pin to wear proudly, plus a PolioPlus Society certificate
- 100 Paul Harris recognition points for your \$100 donation
- Up to 1,000 additional Foundation recognition points – thanks to the generous Thie Convery Challenge, which matches recognition points for new District 7090 members through June 30, 2026.



How to Join:

Join before June 30 and you'll be recognized as a Charter Member of the District 7090 PolioPlus Society. Simply complete the attached pledge/application form and send it to me at [emmrichard55@gmail.com](mailto:emmrichard55@gmail.com) with confirmation of your donation. You can donate through any of these options:

- EndPolio.Org/Donate
- My Rotary – PolioPlus Fund  
<https://my.rotary.org/en/polioplus-fund>
- Through Lakeshore's Foundation Chair
- By calling Rotary International at 866-976-8279

## You're Invited to **DISCOVER ROTARY!** *Coffee • Conversation • Community*



Do you know someone who would make a great Rotarian?



On **Thursday, September 24**, the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore is hosting **Discover Rotary** – a relaxed evening for guests to learn more about Rotary in a friendly, informal setting.

*Guests will have the opportunity to:*

- ✓ Meet our members
- ✓ Learn about our local and international projects
- ✓ Discover leadership and networking opportunities
- ✓ Hear how Rotary changes lives—in our community and around the world
- ✓ Ask questions with absolutely no pressure to join



*Who will you invite?*

Every Rotarian knows someone who would enjoy Rotary. Bring a friend, neighbour, colleague, or family member and help them discover what makes our club so special.



**THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2026  
6:30 – 8:00 P.M.**



CAA Niagara  
3271 Schmon Parkway  
Thorold, ON L2V 4Y6



Complimentary coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served.



Please help us spread the word!

Invite a guest and encourage them to register by emailing [rotarylakeshorestcatharines@gmail.com](mailto:rotarylakeshorestcatharines@gmail.com).



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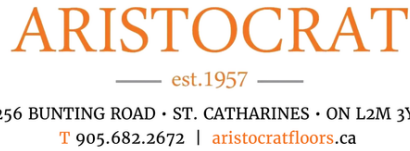
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# Clarice West Hobbs Garden

