

ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

Food Drive Nets Over \$4500 for Food4Kids!



Marlene's prayers to the rain gods were heard at Sobeys 400 Scott Street, St. Catharines. The rain held off on May 30th as teams of Rotarians collected, transported and sorted donations of food and cash for Food4Kids. The drive ran from 10:00-6:00 pm with packing and sorting continuing at Cushman Rd until 6:30 or so. We raised an estimated \$4500.00 in food and cash donations. As Marlene put it "Long day but very rewarding". Thanks to all who participated.



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

June 11
TBD

June 25
TBD



BINGO VOLUNTEERS IN JUNE

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

Thurs June 5 - Marlene and Beth
Thurs June 12 - Mary and Bob B.
Mon June 16 - Patricia and Anne

We now need two volunteers per session.

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

Clarice West Hobbs Contemplative Garden Update

Bob Morningstar Rock Dedication Well-Attended

Twenty-six Rotarians, significant others and guests attended the dedication of one of our Sitting Rocks at the St. Catharines Hospital site Garden to honour long-time member Bob Morningstar on May 21, 2025 at Mr Mikes Steakhouse. The family was represented by Bob's brothers Scott and Dan along with Bob's friends Josie and Debbie. Garden Chair Eric read out a brief history of Bob's time in Rotary and presented the family with a photo collage of Bob (including his Paul Harris Award from 2014 and glory days at the Lobsterfest Salad Bar); of the installed plaque on his rock and a "view from the Rock" of the Garden.



World & Community Spotlight Update on The Giving Bowl

The following is an update on The Giving Bowl from Isabella. The Club was pleased to support this incredible charity feeding the children of Uganda with \$1000 this Rotary year.

Half way through the school year! We're thrilled to kick off the second term! Despite rising costs, our incredible coordinator Dorothy continues to push forward, ensuring every child is registered for school and receiving nourishing meals each day. At The

Giving Bowl, once a child is registered at the beginning of the year, we guarantee our full support for the school year so long as they stay committed to their studies and keep their grades up!

With fluctuations in exchange rates and the ongoing rise in food and transportation costs, your consistent donations are more important than ever. They're the backbone of our program keeping meals on the table and kids in the classroom.

Thanks to our Bingo Volunteers!

Delta Bingo asked Mary and Sandi to do a post on Facebook for our Bingo volunteers. Congratulations to you all!



Our Condolences to Randi on Len's Passing

The Board and members of the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore extend their sincere condolences to past member Randi on the passing of her 25 year partner Len Eddie.



Many will remember Len as that big smile at the Cash Desk at recent Trivia Nights, right beside Randi or at our Weeding (and particularly at the After Parties at Mr Mikes) Events. As Garden Chair, I will always remember Len's cheerful volunteering of his trailer to get that last load of mulch for the Garden. The perfect size for one yard of mulch, not one piece more or less – and it never seemed to blow out as we flew back to the Garden through the Thorold Tunnel from Gauld's. You will be missed Len!

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 .



June LLL Roster

1	Marlene
8	Ellen
15	Trish
22	Patricia
29	Annette

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Clarice West Hobbs Garden Weeding
June TBD
Followed by Mr Mikes Steakhouse
(All welcome – weeders or not!)

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

June Blood Donation Date!



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 Wednesday, June 18th! There are still open times available. Thank you to those who have already signed up. And, mark your calendar for the July 17th date as well. Contact Beth at bethfleeton@hotmail.com for more information.

Rotary Foundation

Second Annual Paul Harris Event Honours Seven Local Community Leaders!

The Rotary Clubs of St. Catharines; St. Catharines South and St. Catharines Lakeshore were pleased to recognize seven local community leaders at their Second Annual Paul Harris Celebration Evening held at Amici's Banquet and Conference Centre. Five (Dr. Robert Cooper; Marko Bukovec; Ron Matsushita; Mario Divitiis and Korey Rorison) were recognized as Community Paul Harris Fellows (for individuals) and two (CAA Niagara – accepted by Marianne Wilson, Vice President of Marketing, Strategy and Member Engagement; and Start me Up Niagara – accepted by Board Chair Paul Miller and Executive Director Laura Dumas) were recognized with Community Certificates of Appreciation (for organizations) for their meritorious service.

The Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore recognized two community organizations/ individuals: A Paul Harris Fellow for Marko Bukovec of Cobs Bread and a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Start me Up Niagara.



DG Dave Alexander presents to Marko Bukovec.



Paul Miller and Executive Director Laura Dumas

Sandi and Gary Chard Achieve Major Donor Status!

Foundation Chair Elaine was pleased to announce at our May 14th Meeting that Sandi and Gary Chard have achieved Major Donor status - one of President Coral's Foundation goals. District Rotary Foundation Chair Lisa Bishop was able to join us for the recognition of their achievement.



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