What Does a Literacy Reading Program Mentor Do?

Help raise literacy levels for Grade 2 – 4 students with one-on-one attention, once per week. Students read to the mentors encouraging fluency, comprehension, confidence & the joy of reading. Have fun and give back as all mentors work together at a school of your choice:

- Edith Cavell, off Pelham Rd: Wednesdays 9:00 – 10:30
- Prince of Wales, Facer St: Thursdays 11:30 – 1:00
- Ste. Marguerite Bourgeoys, (Francophone) Burleigh Hill: Wednesdays 11:50 – 2:00

Should you wish to mentor or simply visit, contact Linda at 905-321-0506 or service@lindalandry.ca.

Note: “A Police Clearance for the Vulnerable Sector” is mandatory.
22nd Annual Trivia Night A Big Success!

On February 15, over 325 Trivia enthusiasts gathered at the Merriton Community Centre for our 22nd Annual Winter Trivia Night. The usual outstanding 100 questions were developed by Quizmaster Janet; Phil, Joy, Gary, Randi and Len kept the thirsty players well supplied; Bob Birrell kept the runners running; and Bob Morningstar had all other aspects clicking along like clockwork.

Despite being on the Family Day long weekend (with some of our usual loyal tables away on vacation), 42 tables took part. Once again we reached most purchasers via our email lists than any other way. Here is the sales breakdown:

- Rotary Email List – 30 Tables
- Club Members – 11 Tables
- Cogeco Ad - 1 Table

The hall is packed! The marking crew Heads and Tails semi-finalist Wayne Lack Event Chair Bob keeps a watchful eye.

Happy to feature Gino and his discount coupon books in support of the Walker Family Cancer Centre.

President Eric enjoys a fine vintage.

Another outstanding job by our Student volunteers.

Al obviously knows the answer!

The Winning Team

Left to right - Phil Dellio, Nadia Morrison, Dianne Marshall, Ron Banyai, Janice Beer, Auggie McGloin, Ian Meldrum, Sara Schell.
World & Community Spotlight
The RAFT
In 1992, in response to growing concerns associated with a lack of services for at-risk and homeless youth, an interfaith task force examined how the community could best meet their needs. Following consultations with education, social services, justice, the faith community and local agencies, the RAFT, operated by the Niagara Resource Service for Youth, became a reality. Since then the Raft has helped thousands of youth throughout the Niagara Region, by providing support services, programs and resources, helping them to become independent and self-sufficient individuals.

With funding from service clubs, community groups, the faith community and concerned individuals, the RAFT programs include a:

- 16 bed 24/7 Hostel
- Steps to Independent Living Program
- Regional Transportation Program
- Community based Youth Reconnection Program
- Community Development Initiatives aimed at strengthening stressed neighborhoods and empowering at-risk youth

For more information on The RAFT, go to http://www.theraft.ca/site/home.

What are the Criteria for Our Student Award Winners?
Rotary Medalist
Our club awards Rotary Medals to a Grade 12 graduating male and female student each year in 3 area high schools. The students, selected by each school, mirror our "4 Way Test" motto in their scholastic, volunteer and day-to-day activities. Each Medalist receives a framed certificate with their medals displayed, and $100 bursary. Their names are also displayed on a permanent plaque displayed at each school.

Vocational Excellence Award
The Vocational Excellence Award is bestowed to either a male or female student in their graduating year that have achieved high academic standing upon graduation, receiving an engraved wooden plaque and a $500 bursary.

For more information on the Rotary Medalist and Vocational Excellence Award Program, please contact Al Scales, Youth Chair.

Photo Caption: 2019 Award Winners (left to right) Club President Eric Jones, Tinashe Dandato (Holy Cross), Lucas Ferrante (Saint Francis), Sarah O’Rourke (Holy Cross), Club Youth Service Chair Dr. Albert Scales, and Nicholas Murray-Coplen (Governor Simcoe).
WHAT’S NEW AT DISTRICT AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

1. “Congratulations” to all who helped in meeting the “$25,000 to the Polio Plus campaign” challenge offered by District 7090 Honorary Rotarian Thie Convery. District 7090 raised the $25,000 required by December 31, 2019 on very short notice. Donations were made by clubs and individuals. Individual donations were given by Rotarians, non-Rotarians, former Rotarians, and guest speakers.

2. Rotary is working with Toastmasters International to enhance your membership experience through professional development opportunities and making connections beyond your club.

3. The Rotary International Convention is being held June 6-10, 2020 in Honolulu Hawaii. Register by March 31 to receive a preregistration discount.

4. Rotary International President-elect Holger Knaack has selected “Rotary Opens Opportunities” as his theme for 2020-21.

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. Niagara Rotary Clubs Joint Luncheon
   April 8, 2020 at 11:45
   Amici’s Banquet & Conference Centre

2. President’s Bash
   June 17, 2020
   Tentative Date

3. Rotary Golf Classic
   July 4, 2020
   Rockway Golf Club