

ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

25th Annual Winter Trivia A Blockbuster!

Our 25th Annual Winter Trivia Night was a banner event with the usual big crowd, great questions, 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 few more tables
- We doubled our sponsorship dollars
- We had lots of volunteers, all working very hard
- Our "customers" had a great time

And, congratulations to the 2025 Winning Team who were presented with the much sought after "Lighthouse Trophy" by President Coral: (left to right) Beth Shepard, Janette Holmes, Arden Phair, Erika Phair, Graham Phair, John Wessel, Wayne Shepard, Gerry Welsford!



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Mar 12
"Downsize & Simplify Your Life"
Amy Layton

Mar 26
Club Assembly
President Coral



BINGO VOLUNTEERS IN MARCH

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

Thurs Mar 13 - Ellen and Janet
Thurs Mar 20 - Marlene and Ellen
Mon Mar 24 - Trish and Marlene

We now need two volunteers per session.

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

World & Community Spotlight

Club Donates for Linhaven Resident Care Equipment



President Coral and Committee Chair Bruce were pleased to present a \$1,500 donation to Linhaven Long Term Care Program manager Heather Wild for resident care equipment. The cheque was presented in the existing building lobby's "Town Square". They hope to move into the new building under construction - a five-storey, non-combustible structure that will include 256 long-term care beds and have direct access to a new Seniors Community Hub - early in 2025.

Cape Floral Kingdom Project Update

Early in the 2024 Rotary year, the Club donated to a Global Grant to support the Sugarbird Project –which trains, equips and manages small teams of invasive alien plant warriors on Table Mountain National Park in South Africa. These teams protect the Cape Floral Kingdom, comprising mostly fynbos as the predominant plant species, the smallest of the world's six floral kingdoms, and the only one contained within the borders of a single country, South Africa. It has the highest concentration of plant species and is a UNESCO world heritage site.

In a recent report from the lead Waterfront Rotary Club, significant progress was reported, primarily in the Devils Peak site. There has been new emphasis on clearing bottle brush. It is hard to eradicate as it has an extensive root system and they have to be dug up. The Devils Peak area was divided into numbered sections. Several areas have been successfully cleared of alien vegetation. The team was very pleased to see indigenous flowers coming back where the smothering alien vegetation had been cleared.

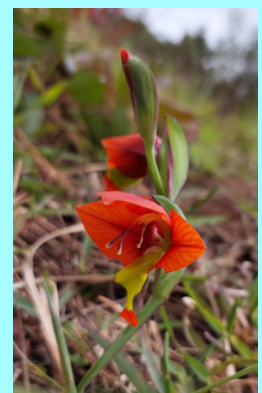
For more information, go to <https://sugarbird.org.za/>.



Bottle brush before.



After clearing.



The Flowers return.

Food4Kids

Baked Beans Food Drive March 17-25!



Keep your eyes open for those Baked Beans Specials! Food4Kids Executive Director Amber Hughes has been having difficulty getting canned baked beans in sufficient quantities so, as always, we are ready to step up and help out. The usual bin will be awaiting donations at 4-35 Scullers Way.



Our February 19th Pack Team hard at work.

Save The Date!

Paul Harris Celebration Event

Building on last year's very successful inaugural event, the three St. Catharines Clubs are again hosting a Paul Harris Celebration **May 1, 2025 at Amici's Banquet & Conference Centre.**

The format this year will be a cocktail evening with a light buffet.

Business attire.

Cost is \$50.00 per person.

Ticketing information will be available soon.

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 .



March LLL Roster

Please check website for the spring LLL list coming soon!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Club Social

Bowling Social Evening
March 19, 2025 6 p.m.

District Conference

April 5, 2025
Volunteering in the 21st Century

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

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March and April Blood Donation Dates Set!



**Canadian
Blood
Services**

BLOOD
PLASMA
STEM CELLS
ORGANS
& TISSUES

Canadian Blood Services is calling on people to be one of 450 Canadians needed to give blood each day this winter. Our next donation dates are **Thursdays March 20th and April 17th!** Contact Beth at bethfleeton@hotmail.com for more information.

Plan To Attend

Bowling Social Evening



The pins will be crashing once again on Wednesday March 19th at Parkway Social (or maybe just the gentle rustle of gutter balls, eh). Friends and family are welcome. Two costing options are available:

Wing Special:

2 Hours of Bowling including Shoe Rentals
2 Hours of All You Can Eat Wings
\$40.00 per person inclusive

Just Bowling

(you can also order off the menu):

2 Hours of Bowling including Shoe Rentals
\$19.99 per person plus 13% HST

Please contact Beth if you want to attend, and also let her know which option you prefer, at bethfleeton@hotmail.com.



Calgary, along with breathtaking beauty, is a big city with a small-town feel that warmly welcomes visitors. The 2025 convention theme is "Magic All Around," and from the moment you arrive, you'll feel it. The one-of-a-kind connections and friendships. The people with different backgrounds, experiences, and points of view. The energy of thousands of members with their spirits, hearts, and passions together in one place, creating lasting impact and changing the world. That's magic!

**Register before March 31, 2025
and Save \$70 USD!!**

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