

# ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

May 2021

Join Rotarians/Rotaractors from across the District ON-LINE



### Club Training Assembly 2021

May 15, 2021 8:30 am. – 12 Noon

[Click Here](#) to reserve your place.



Here's Every Rotarian's *Playbook*  
for Innovative Tips on All Aspects  
of Club Operations

If you are an incoming Board Member, Committee Chair or Rotarian/Rotaractor interested in the nuts and bolts of specific aspects of Rotary Club operations and Committees, this morning is for you. Twenty-two sessions on everything from Secretary or Treasurer to Fundraising, obtaining Foundation Grants, Hybrid Meetings, youth and Community Programs and much more, each carefully developed to provide:

- Actual Practical examples and Innovative Operations tips from other Clubs
- Actionable ideas on what works
- Valuable insights on where Rotary is going in the future
- Lists of resources and sources of information
- Takeaways you can apply in your Club tomorrow
- Q&A sessions with Rotarians "who have been there and done that"
- New ways to get involved personally

**Network, Learn, Grow at Club Training  
Assembly 2021**



TAKE ACTION: [www.rotarylakeshore.com](http://www.rotarylakeshore.com)

### Upcoming Meetings:

May 5, 2021

Dr. Bob Perry  
Rain Water Harvesting System

May 26, 2021

Sam Baio  
Socks for Change



### 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/>.

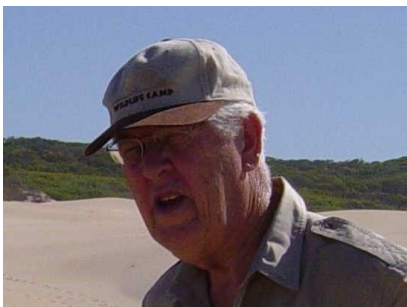
Just look for the "CLUB NEWSLETTER" area in the far left hand column, under Speakers List, on the Home Page!

# Charitable Blast from the Past: Dr. Ed Blair Malawi Orthopaedic Program

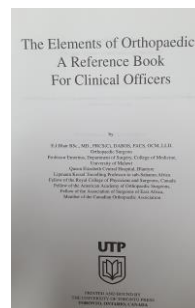
John Carter, a Rotarian/Paul Harris recipient and former Assistant now living in South Africa, recently contacted the Newsletter editor regarding Dr. Ed Blair's efforts in creating a Children's Orthopaedic Program in Malawi in the 1980's. "More seasoned" Club members will remember Dr. Blair as a long-term Downtown Club member whose program was also enthusiastically supported by the Lakeshore Club.

During a Rotary mission to Malawi, he was appalled to see large numbers of 'Polio' victims crawling or limping through the streets as a result of previous epidemics and the inability of local medics to repair the problems. He often found that with simple Orthopaedic work he could significantly rectify basic problems – so much so that he became regarded as a Medical Miracle Worker in Malawi. On his return to Canada, he set in motion a program that eventually led to his donating some 5 years of his life to work and train in Malawi. After an initial fundraising campaign at St Catharines and beyond, he set off for Malawi in the mid-1980s. The early years were not without their struggles – such as Power Cuts occurred while he was operating – forcing him to complete by torchlight, on his knees as the hydraulic operating table sunk to the floor.

Dr. Blair quickly realized that he could dramatically leverage his capacity by training some competent Hospital Workers in basic Orthopaedics to go to the farthest corners of the country. This also called for more money. Local, U.S. and African Rotarians all became "Friends of MOP (Malawi Orthopaedic Program)", raising some C\$750 000 over time (based on John's best recollection). Over 50 Ortho Assistants were trained and posted all over the country (up to 1000 kilometers from home base in some cases) carrying out 10's of thousands of operations. Dr. Blair also wrote and published a hugely important Medical Handbook, paying for it himself.



Dr. Ed Blair



The Medical Handbook published by Dr. Blair

## 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>

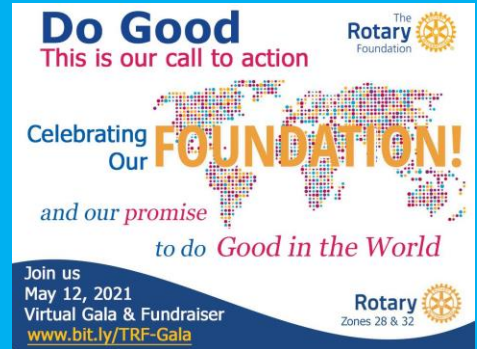
On Instagram? Check us out at [www.instagram.com/rotarylakeshorestcatharines](http://www.instagram.com/rotarylakeshorestcatharines)

# Celebrating our Foundation Virtual Fundraising Gala

Wednesday May 12 2021 8 p.m. with District 7090 preshow at 7:30

A 60 minute fast-paced virtual Gala, join Rotarians from across Rotary International Zones 28 & 32 (Bermuda, Canada, and the United States) for a variety show co-hosted by RI Director Valarie Wafer & TRF Trustee Dean Rohrs, featuring distinguished speakers, entertainers, a live auction, inspiring stories and much more!

## Program Highlights



- Rotary International President-Nominee (2022-23) **Jennifer Jones** hosts the "Red Carpet" opening.
- Rotary International Director **Valarie Wafer** & Rotary Foundation Trustee **Dean Rohrs** are our Hosts.



- Past Rotary International Director **Jeffry Cadorette** is our M.C. for the Gala.
- Past Rotary International President **Barry Rassin** & Chair of the PolioPlus Program **Mike McGovern** are our special guests.



### Matched Points

"Paul Harris Fellow match points to your donation"-donate now, attending this event and earn extra points towards your next Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

**Tickets begin at \$110.00 USD** (includes a live stream link for one plus a \$100 donation and tax receipt from the Rotary Foundation credited to your rotary number, club and district).

**For more information and tickets, go to**

<https://trellis.org/rotary-gala> or

<https://rotary7090.org/event/celebrating-our-foundation/>

## 2021 Rotary International Convention now Virtual!

June 12-16, 2021



### Registration is open!

Don't miss your chance to connect with Rotary members at the 2021 Virtual Convention: Rotary Opens Opportunities

**Special registration fee of \$49 through 7 May 2021 (Regular fee \$65).**

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) Zone Foundation Gala

Wednesday, May 12 2021

Visit <https://rotary7090.org/> for more information. Tickets available at <https://trellis.org/rotary-gala>

#### 2) Club Training Assembly 2021

May 15, 2021 8:30 am. – 12 Noon

[Click Here](#) to Register

#### 3) Earth Day Cleanup

Wednesday, June 9 2021

Charles Ansell Park

## Club Meeting Information

When: Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM  
Board Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:brucetimms@yahoo.com) for Zoom link

## WHAT'S NEW WITH ROTARY DISTRICT 7090 AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

### Rotary & UN Celebrate 75 Years of Joint International Service

- Rotary Districts in New York City, Geneva, Rome, Nairobi & Addis Ababa host UN Facilities.
- On 10 April 2021, they held joint celebrations of 75 year history.
- In April 1945, 27 Rotarians were delegates or technical advisors (five served as chairs for delegations) from 50 nations gathered to finalize and approve the UN Charter.
- U.S. delegation also invited 42 non-governmental organizations to participate in the UN Conference on International Organization – including Rotary.
- Today, Rotary holds highest consultative status offered to a nongovernmental organization by the UN's Economic and Social Council.
- Rotary International is a Department of Global Communications-associated Civil Society Organization.
- [Click Here](#) to view video.

