

ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

DG DAVE ALEXANDER VISITS CLUB



District Governor Dave Alexander attended our August 28th meeting with updates on what is happening at the District and new initiatives designed to help the individual Clubs and Committees better reach their communities at large. He was also pleased to present Past President Annette with our 2023-24 Rotary Citation from International President Gordon McNally recognizing the Club's efforts over the year. President Coral presented Dave with a cheque donating \$1000 to the Polio Plus Campaign in his honour.

Welcome New Member Amy Layton

Past President Annette met Amy at the Chamber of Commerce's Business After Five and invited her to visit our Club. After deciding to join, and having successfully completed the Provisional Member process, Amy was inducted by DG Dave during his visit.

Congratulations Ellen on receiving your latest Paul Harris

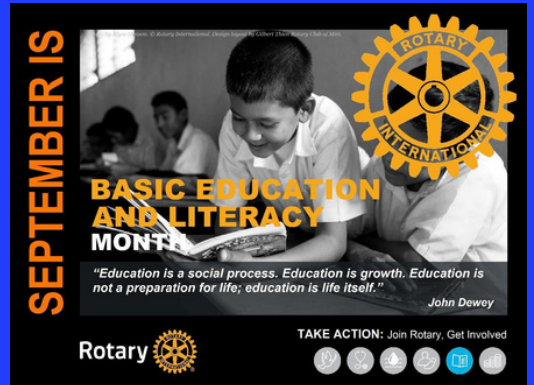
DG Dave was also pleased to present Ellen with a Paul Harris Award (plus 3) Pin. Well done Ellen.



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Sept 11
Rowan Young.
RYLA student.

Sept 25
Juliet Dunn.
Niagara Jazz Festival



BINGO VOLUNTEERS IN SEPTEMBER

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

Thurs Sept 5 - Bruce and Stewart
Mon Sept 9 - Anne and Trish
Thurs Sept 26 - Ellen and Patricia

We now need two volunteers per session.

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

NEW MEMBER AMY LAYTON – A PROFILE



A resident of Niagara Falls for most of her life, Amy lived in Northern Ontario (Elliot Lake) from about six years old to thirteen as her father got a job in the uranium mine. When the mine closed, the family came 'home' to Niagara.

Amy has always had ties to each municipality in the Region. She always focused her education and interest around communication and serving others since high school and has a Human Relations Certificate from Niagara College. She was a PSW from 2000-2014 and has been a REALTOR(R) since 2012. She has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Niagara Association of REALTORS(R) since 2020 and served as president in 2023.

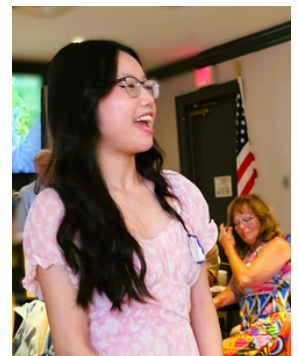
She is a firm believer that if you want your community to thrive and be a safe, vibrant place to live, you need to be an active participant. Amy has been volunteering with Birchway Niagara since 2019, raising funds through her own third party fundraiser since 2016. The event has raised just over \$50,000 since inception.

Rotary Medalists and Vocational Service Award Winners



The Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore congratulates our Rotary Medalist and Vocational Excellence Award winners for 2024. Rotary Medalists were from St. Francis Catholic Secondary School - Ciara Allington and Luca Rescigno; from Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School - Ava Randall and Raphael Osagie-Bright; and from Governor Simcoe Secondary School - Mirielle Okundaye and Artem Trusevich. Vocational Excellence Award winners were from Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School - Matt Li; from St. Francis Catholic Secondary School - Anne Le; and from Governor Simcoe Secondary School - Abby Ravazzolo

Joining us at our July 24th club meeting were Ciara Allington, Ava Randall, Abby Ravazzolo, and Anne Le. We wish continued success to all of our winners!



Club Loses Bob Morningstar

The Board of Directors is sad to announce that long-time member Bob Morningstar passed away at home on July 25, 2024 in his 75th year. Bob was an active member of the Rotary Club of St. Catharines for many years, a proud "Paul Harris Fellow", and a partner of the Douglas, Morningstar & Bonin LLP law firm. He was a member of the United Church of Canada, the Canadian Bar Association, and the Lincoln County Law Association.

Bob was a long-serving Chair of our Trivia Nights for a number of years and always supported our other events equally enthusiastically. Yet perhaps his greatest claim to fame (*at least in the opinion of the editor*) was his mastery of the Lobsterfest Salad Bar, both in preparation and the night of the event. Who can forget his yearly leadership and motivation of his arena vegetable prep team ("*Work with me ladies, work with me*") to ever greater weights of chopped carrot, celery, and radish all while wielding his own power cucumber chopper. The fruits of their labours graced seven tables laden with one of the best salad bars at any fundraising event.



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 .



Sept LLL Roster

The Roster Sign-up Sheet has been circulated. Please let Anne know if you can cover a week or two.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Back to School Food Drive

September 20, 1 – 5 p.m.
Lake St and Welland Ave NOFRILLS

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

TAKE ACTION: WWW.ROTARYLAKESHORE.COM

CLARICE WEST HOBBS GARDEN UPDATE

Doug and Else Weeks Garden Rock Event at Mr Mikes

Thirty-three current/past members, significant others, and friends (including son Ron) celebrated the dedication of one of our Sitting Rocks at the Garden, honouring long-time member Doug and spouse Else Weeks. The full Pub side of the restaurant was packed for a brief ceremony involving the presentation of a plaque, photos of Doug and Else on their rock and a bottle for Niagara's finest courtesy of Past President Steve Moors.

Mr Mikes joined in the celebration by picking up Doug and Else's dinner tab. Don't forget to support them for lunch, dinner, drinks, after weeding snacks, whatever. AND, every time you do, the Club will receive 10% of the value of your bill (before taxes and tip of course) as a donation. Just show them your Mr Mikes TeamFunder Card passed out to you over the past few meetings.



Food4Kids

Back to School Food Drive September 20!

Let's hope for nice weather and a fabulous day. Great way to kick off the school year and feed the kids! Here is the volunteer list and schedule:

Lake St NOFRILLS

1:00-3:00 Marlene and Annette
3:00-5:00 Trish and Stew

Welland Ave NOFRILLS

1:00-3:00 Bryan and Mary
3:00-5:00 Ann and Ellen

Drivers

Elaine and Graham

To unpack, sort and count at Food4Kids

3:30-5:30+ Marlene
4:30-5:30+ Janet
5:30+ Ellen

Tentative Pack Dates for 2024-25

Tentative dates are the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at 113-115 Cushman Rd Unit 27A (*Please Note: dates are subject to change*): Oct 16 Nov 20 Dec 18 Jan 15 Feb 19 Mar 19 Apr 16 May 21 and June 18. Please let Marlene know if you would like to help out at marlene.mader@hotmail.com.

Plasma Donation Date Thurs September 26th!

HELP is needed more than ever! The plasma clinic is only collecting about 50% of what is needed. Our next Plasma Donation date is August 15th. Beth has a full slate of openings available from 4 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Remember there is 4 times the need for plasma as there is for whole blood presently in Canada. Every ml (or drop as we like to say) is helping to save lives! Contact Beth at bethfleeton@hotmail.com for more information.

