

ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

April 2021

ZOOM Auction Garage Sale Raises \$390!

The Club's regular March 10 meeting was turned into a virtual Garage Sale Auction on Zoom. Rotarians donated their "treasures" and 20 members joined in the fun, bidding furiously to own them for themselves. No prisoners were taken on several items. Courtney was the closest guess beforehand on the amount of money raised (without going over) the night of the event. A \$25 donation was made in her name to Food4Kids by the Committee. All in all, a great time was had by all!

Thanks to Beth who capably filled in for Gary at the Zoom meeting controls, keeping us all on-screen and to the Committee (Courtney, Joy, Bob and Randi) who organized all the items! And, of course, what can you say about Auctioneer Phil.

The top three items by dollars generated were the Alexander Keith's wooden cooler box (enough room for 48 bottles of beer apparently) at \$75, the Gift Basket donated by Amber at Food4Kids at \$50 and the set of Ear Buds at \$30. The newsletter team's vote on the "most interesting and unique item" was the retro, solid wood, 2-piece 26" X 26" dollhouse with contents (allowing it to morph from house, to farm, to vet's clinic to zoo). And, who will forget the Covid Night In Basket. The Newsletter editor can only wonder how much sampling was done before the night of the auction — given that the package contained 2/3 of a bottle of Brandy and 1/2 bottle of Fireball!



Upcoming Meetings:

April 14, 2021

David Knoppert
Cross Canada bike ride

April 28, 2021

Crime Stoppers
Elder Abuse in Niagara



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!



TAKE ACTION: www.rotarylakeshore.com

Food4Kids

Food4Kids Now Feeding 388 Kids!

Just before our most recent pack on February 24, Food4Kids Executive Director Amber Hughes announced that Food4Kids was now feeding 388 children through the program. This is a big increase from the 301 count provided only a year ago when the Club applied for the COVID-19 Related Project special grant from our District 7090.

The need has never been greater. Thanks to Food4Kids Chair Marlene for her efforts in organizing food drives and, along with Grants Committee members Willy and Bryan, applying for additional District funding to support this very worthwhile Community effort.

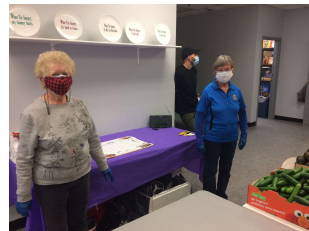
St. Catharines Clubs Join Forces to Feed Local Kids

The Rotary Clubs of St. Catharines and St. Catharines Lakeshore held a joint Food Drive at the end of February focusing on Sidekicks. Rotarians, friends and neighbours responded with a joint donation of over 600 packages of Sidekicks (plus a number of assorted items - cereal, tuna, soup, etc.). Augmented by cash donations, the total value raised exceeded \$1625 to help create food packages for the most “at need” elementary school aged children in the community. Thanks to Mary, Patricia and Milica for their bottle drive donation.

St. Paddy’s Day Shenanigans

Many thanks to Janet, Joy, Beth and Zack who attended our March 17th pack. Special thanks to Beth for her first pack and to Zack for stepping up during his Provisional Membership to donate food, give blood and pack for Food4kids. As more and more children are added to the program, our pack takes just a little bit longer each time. But this awesome team did it in one hour! Our next pack is set for Apr 21 at 10 a.m.

NOTE: Our next food drive will be the end of May/early June. We will be collecting canned tuna for anyone who wishes to look for sales.



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

Record Number at Club's 3rd Group Blood Donation



A record 21 Rotarians and friends signed up for our March 16th St. Patrick's Day Blood Donation Event — a big, and on-going, increase from the nine donors at our Inaugural Day. A special shout out to our “newbies” this time: Silvana, Carolyn, Shelly, Roseanne, Lisa and our prospective member Zach.



Thanks to Blood Donation Organizer and Chair Beth Fleeton, who got into the St. Paddy's spirit for the event, while greeting each and every volunteer as they arrived!

Our next Donation Day will be June 16th with a goal of 30 attendees. Watch for details.

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's FIRST female Rotary International (R.I.) President (2022-23) Jennifer Jones welcomes our VIP Participants.
- Past Rotary International President Barry Rassin.
- Chair of PolioPlus & Past Rotary International Vice-President Mike McGovern.
- Rock and Roll Hall of Fame guitarist for the band RUSH - Alex Lifeson.
- World Champion "Flair" bartender Tom Dyer.
- Barney Bentall - Pop/Rock Legend

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 [tickets-https://trellis.org/rotary-gala](https://trellis.org/rotary-gala) or <https://rotary7090.org/event/celebrating-our-foundation/>

Do Good
This is our call to action

The Rotary Foundation

Celebrating Our **FOUNDATION!**

and our promise
to do **Good in the World**

Join us
May 12, 2021
Virtual Gala & Fundraiser
www.bit.ly/TRF-Gala

Rotary
Zones 28 & 32

2021 Rotary International Convention now Virtual!

June 12-16, 2021



The Rotary International Convention, originally scheduled for 12-16 June 2021, in Taipei, Taiwan, will now be a virtual event in response to the ongoing threat of COVID-19.

Watch for details Coming Soon!

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) Joint Local Club Lunch Meeting

Thursday, April 8 2021
Details TBA

2) Earth Day Cleanup

Saturday, April 24 2021
Charles Ansell Park

3) Zone Foundation Gala

Wednesday, May 12 2021
Visit <https://rotary7090.org/> for more information. Tickets available at [tickets-https://trellis.org/rotary-gala](https://trellis.org/rotary-gala)

Club Meeting Information

When: Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM
Board Meeting 4th 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 for Zoom link

WHAT'S NEW WITH ROTARY DISTRICT 7090 AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Club Recognized at 2021 District Conference Kick-Off

- Honoured by PDG Bob Artis as one of 16 Clubs receiving 2019-20 Rotary Citation and 6 Clubs receiving Lighthouse Award.
- Club's three Blood donor events (organized by Beth) recognized by DG Frank Adamson,
- On a sad note: Clarice, Burke and Mary-Francis years of service recognized in the In Memoriam video presentation of Rotarians who passed away this year.

District 7090 Foundation Pre Gala

- Have you been missing our Foundation Dinners? This year we have a more exciting way to celebrate clubs and individual's involvement in Foundation with an online party at 7:30 for our district and then joining Zone 28 and Zone 32 Gala.

