

ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

BRING A FRIEND FOR THE GREAT LAKES WATERSHED CLEANUP

(SATURDAY April 20, 10 am at Charles Ansel Park)

The Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup initiative is an effort that has grown from a District 7090 service project covering a small portion of Lake Ontario and Lake Erie to a multi-District plan to focus Rotarians' attention on all five of the Great Lakes and the streams and waterways feeding them. Our goal every year is to make this the single largest cleanup event ever planned, coinciding with Earth Day (April 22).

The Great Lakes contains almost 20% of the world's fresh water and is arguably the largest source of fresh water on the planet. It borders eight states and two provinces and has 9,577 miles (15,323 kilometers) of shoreline. So far, 15 Districts, 100's of Clubs, and thousands of Rotary volunteers have agreed to participate.



Join the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore at our Charles Ansel Park (Bunting Road and Lakeshore Road beside Lock One on the Welland Canal) to save our small piece of the environment. We will be joining over one billion people worldwide working on projects together in their communities on Earth Day. The Club will be doing a litter clean-up covering the Park and its abutting lands along the Welland Canal Parkway and Bunting Road itself and north of the Park across Lakeshore Road to the end of the City's Lock One property. Pincher sticks, sweeper pans and litter bags will be provided.



Let Chair, and chief litter picker extraordinaire, Bruce Timms know if you would like to participate at brucetimms@yahoo.com!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Apr 10
Youth Exchange
Patricia Murenbeeld
- Apr 24
Autism Dog Services
Adele Alfano

APRIL DESIGNATION IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

"Every child deserves a chance at a life filled with love, laughter, friends and family."
Marlo Thomas

Rotary  TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary. Get Involved

BINGO VOLUNTEERS IN APRIL

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

- Thurs Apr 11 – Ellen & Marlene
- Thurs Apr 18- Elaine & Marlene
- Mon Apr 22 - Stewart & TBD

We now need two volunteers per session.

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

IT'S A PAUL HARRIS CELEBRATION!!!



Hosted by the three St. Catharines Rotary clubs, this evening event will honour six members of the community for their meritorious service.

Tickets: \$75 per person (plus applicable Eventbrite fees and credit card charges) (Total \$81.21)

Cash Bar

Go to [Eventbrite](#) for tickets and full details.

When ordering each individual ticket, you will also be asked to specify your applicable menu choice(s) from the following entrees:

- Vegetarian (Eggplant Parmesan)
- Salmon (Seared Salmon)
- Chicken (Garlic and Herbed Chicken)

Plan to Attend **Rotary Golf Tournament 2024** **Beechwood, Friday June 14th 12 PM start**

This year's registration fee is \$150, which will include:

- 18 holes of golf & cart
- Complimentary registration gift
- Prizes, Prizes, Prizes
- Hole in One Contest - Chance to win \$10,000.
- Closest to the Line & Closest to the Pin Contests
- Complimentary Driving Range
- Tournament Scoring
- Full Service bag drop
- Complimentary BBQ lunch starting at 11am
- Prime Rib Dinner with a garden salad, medley of vegetables, baked potato & tea & desert



To arrange for yourself or your foursome, Tournament Chair Marc can forward an entry form. He can be reached by phone at 905-934-3432 or by email at johnstonbroker@cogeco.ca.

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Marlene's "Blue Bin" Overflows at Food4Kids Canned Pasta Food Drive!



Amber Hughes, Food4Kids Executive Director, reports "This food drive (including the \$395 in cash donations) raised \$1432.97. Huge thanks to everyone that donated."

The canned pasta from the food drive was used for our March 20th pack.

Rotary District 7090
 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
 D7090 DISTRICT CONFERENCE
 April 26th & 27th
2024
SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 26 - 27
PEACE, HOPE & ROTARY
 PLACE:
 April 26th - TBD
 April 27th - Northwest Amherst Community Center
 220 N Pointe Pkwy, Buffalo, NY 14228, United States
 TIME:
 April 26th - 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
 April 27th - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CREATE HOPE
 in the WORLD

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!**



April LLL Roster

April 1	Marlene
April 8	Sandi
April 15	Stewart
April 22	Randi
April 29	Brenda

Just email her at annelanthier@yahoo.com and she will make the arrangements .

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup
 April 20, 10 am
 Charles Ansel Park

D7090 District Conference
 April 26-27, 2024
 Northwest Amherst Community Center,
 220 N Pointe Pkwy, Buffalo, NY 14228

Paul Harris Celebration
 May 2, 2024
 Rodman Hall Boutique Hotel and Events Centre

CLUB MEETING INFO BOX

When:
 Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month
 at 6:00 PM
 Board Meeting 4th Wednesday at 4 p.m. on
 Zoom

Where:
 In-person for dinner at Holiday Inn Suites

WORLD & COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Club Continues On-Going Support to Big Brothers Big Sisters Niagara

Current research suggests that young people are more likely to flourish when they are embedded in a web of relationships with supportive, caring adults. Big Brothers Big Sisters Niagara's no-cost to families mentoring programs strive to reach young people who are facing adversity and are in need of an additional, supportive relationship. Volunteer Mentors are professionally trained and supported to ignite the unique power and potential of each Mentee.

To learn more, go to <https://niagara.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/>



Committee Chair Bruce Timms and Coral Cutler present \$1,000 cheque to Erin Graybiel and Franklyn Seattle of Big Brothers Big Sisters Niagara.

Club Donates to Community Care

Community Care, St. Catharines & Thorold has been meeting the needs of the less advantaged in our community since 1919. The community need has grown, and to support the on-going aid required, they now have 20 programs including food and shelter security, clothing security and emergency services – each providing support to their clients as they journey towards the independence and self-sufficiency. Rotary Lakeshore is proud to be a long-term supporter of Community Care.

For more information, go to <https://communitycaresca.ca/>.



President Annette presents cheque to CEO Betty-Lou Souter at Community Care of St. Catharines & Thorold.

Can You Help with the New Generations Service Exchange?

New Generations Service Exchange is a short-term, customizable program for university students and professionals up to age 30. District 7090 is hosting Marina from Brazil currently. Marina is exploring Canadian avenues in law and enforcement. She will be residing in the Niagara area from April 10 -30th.

The Committee is seeking community service projects and job shadowing opportunities for her to participate in during her time here. In addition, they still have accommodation requirements to fill April 20-30th. This would involve 2-3 nights hosting her in your home.

Dinner or evening activities are sought April 17-20th. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in your understanding of Brazil and legal perspectives from our new generation of professionals.

If you have an interest in learning more about how you can support and host Marina, please contact President Annette at annettemarchionda@gmail.com.

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