

# ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

August 2021

### Welcome 2021-22 President Courtney!

Our first meeting of 2021-22 featured incoming President Courtney's inaugural address to the membership along with her induction as President and the induction of the Board by AG Milica. It was also our first true hybrid meeting with 17 meeting in person (referred to as the "roomies") in Rotarian Marc's backyard and seven "zoomies" attending from Peterborough, Ottawa and St. Catharines. The meeting was also highlighted with the presentation of a second Paul Harris to Beth in recognition for her work on the Foundation Gala. Happy dollars were retirements, business sold, new grandchild on the way and Marc's new puppy Mr. Bill was there too! Thanks to the Fellowship Committee (Joy, Randi and Bob Miller) for setting it up and to Milica for the after meeting goodies. For those who missed it, here is a synopsis of her speech. You can find Courtney's speech in full on the website:

*"And so, as we slowly emerge from our homes and out of lock down, my theme for this year is this - "It's Time to Inspire". It's time to inspire not only ourselves but our fellow club members. For once we inspire our own lives, we can then serve to change the lives of others which is Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta's theme for the Rotary year - "Serve to Change Lives". Now more than ever, we need to reach out and enthuse one another to become involved as active Rotarians once again. Because that is who we are, people of action, putting service above self...*

*...Rotary inspires me to do good every day. To serve those around me. And I am excited to serve as your Club President. Thank you"*



### Upcoming Meetings:

**August 11, 2021**

Isabella  
Giving Bowl

**August 25, 2021**

Club Assembly  
Joy Flegg and Gary Snider's home



### 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](http://www.rotarylakeshore.com)

## Phil's 2021 Wrap-up Poem: WHAT RHYMES WITH PANDEMIC?

When Randi asked me "what rhymes with  
pandemic"?  
I thought I should go ask Past President Eric  
He was the man at the front of the room  
Before we made the transition to Zoom.

It was February/March of only last year  
And word of the virus, it wasn't that clear  
It started in China.....but soon it was here  
Still most of us thought there was nothing to fear

Up until then, we all met in a room  
Not many, "if any" had heard of Zoom  
But soon it was clear that we had to take care  
And follow the science & maybe a prayer

We had to pivot and do our best  
And do everything virtual – it was really a test  
The first few months with Jones at the helm  
We experienced feelings of overwhelm

But we stayed the course and had to persist

But meeting in person is what we all missed  
There were technical hitches  
and then there were glitches  
We battled the online space  
But Eric kept us right on track.....the new  
normal we had to embrace

Eric concluded a successful year  
One that was different but still we could cheer  
We were not badly off compared to most  
That the virus ravaged from coast to coast  
There was no one in bars and no one in gyms  
A new leader emerged by the name of Timms

We were still unsure how things would progress  
Covid had made things a hell of a mess  
Bruce knuckled down and formed a plan  
Let's do online Rotary "the best that we can"

No meetings, no golf, no Bingo, no Ribs  
To eat in the park with our beer and our bibs  
We had to maintain a positive light  
And prepare for the future with all of our might  
Marlene led the charge with collecting Sidekicks  
That Food4Kids needed to put in their mix  
Next it was tuna we dropped at her door  
And I know she'll keep going cause we know  
they'll need more

Trivia online – who would have thought?  
That it would bring in the funds that it brought  
An online Auction was next on the slate  
Boy, that auctioneer – he really was great!!!

Fellowship managed to keep us together  
Regardless of all of the storms that we weather  
Beth got things rolling with blood donation  
Now it has grown to a large delegation

Speakers from all of the world we've been getting  
Wouldn't have occurred in our usual setting  
Great new members too – with Coral and Zack  
He hasn't left yet and we want him back!!

So, Bruce we can say that you led a great team  
In a challenging year that seems like a dream  
It was more of a nightmare, I think we could say  
But vaccines are here to save the day

A new Pres has arrived.....in all her glory  
21/22 is the year of Courtney.

## 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)

## Club First Back in for Food4Kids Pack!

June 30th saw Food4Kids re-open for hands-on packing and the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore was first in line to answer the call. Note the backpacks. St Catharines families received these this time with the other areas receiving them on subsequent packs. And, our very own tuna went into each package! Thanks to Milica, Randi, Gillian, Janet and of course, Committee Chair Marlene for looking so good in those new Rotary shirts for the photo op!



## Club Holds Another Successful Group Blood Donation!

Over 30 Rotarians, friends, and family saved almost 90 lives on Wednesday June 16 during International Blood Donor Week! Six first-time donors now know how easy and fulfilling the whole experience can be!

Under the direction of Chair Beth, the Club has now done four group donations (every 3 months) for a total of approximately 80 blood units, or donations, over the past year. That equals close to 250 lives saved from our Club alone. The group started at 9 donors and has increased steadily as new donors come back, usually after their first visit. Please contact Beth for our next event. Our group has grown to the point that **we now require two nights in September (September 14/15)** to ensure even more people can do their part, understanding that only 50% of Canadians can donate and only 4% do!!

Canadian Blood Services and Blood St Catharines are taking notice of our growing group! Here's a post from Canadian Blood Services:

*"Hello Rotary Club St. Catharines Lakeshore, Thank you for the sincere generosity of your group. We would not be able to meet the constant demand for blood without organizations like yours. We are truly grateful for your continued support and for your partnership. Your dedication to helping others will help ensure patients in your community receive the gift of life! Together, we are Canada's Lifeline."*



## We can now e-transfer funds to our Rotary Bank Account!

The e-transfer should be made from your bank account to [treasurer.rotarylakeshore@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.rotarylakeshore@gmail.com). There is no password required as it goes into the Rotary account automatically. Please note in the "message" part of the transfer why you are transferring the dollars (Examples: bottle drive, happy dollars, donation, trivia night, etc.).

# 2022 Rotary International Convention

Houston, Texas • June 4-18, 2022



Discover New Horizons!

Special Promotion Rate June 17 December 15<sup>th</sup>!

## Registration Fees and Link

<https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston/registration-fees>

## Events

<https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston/events>

## Program Highlights

<https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston/program-highlights>

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

## “Face to Face” Events Are Back!

(with Zoom Connection for those who cannot attend in person)

**Weather Permitting of course**

### 1) Club Assembly

August 25, 2021 @ 7:00 PM  
Joy Flegg and Gary Snider's home  
~ Please bring a lawn chair and your own drinks

### 2) Group Blood Donation

Sep 14 & 15, 2021  
To reserve your spot, contact Beth at  
[bethfleeton@hotmail.com](mailto:bethfleeton@hotmail.com)

## 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 Courtney at [courtneyusborne@gmail.com](mailto:courtneyusborne@gmail.com) for Zoom link

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

### Up Coming Dates for Area 6 and District

- September 18 – World Clean-Up Day
- October 2 – Ride for Polio
- October 21-23 – District Conference
- October 22 – Polio Flag Raising
- November 11 – Remembrance Day Wreath Laying

**The qualifying process for 2022-2023 grant applications takes place from July 1 to April 30 and has had significant changes!**

Clubs can start the qualifying process now and it is a combination of on line RI courses and other tasks. Be sure to get your foundation lead to review this or check it out yourself. All info can be found on the D7090 website - link below. Any questions, direct those to Lezlie Murch at [lezliemurch@gmail.com](mailto:lezliemurch@gmail.com).

