

# ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

## WELCOME PRESIDENT CORAL



A member of the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore for nearly four years, Coral was born in Welland and grew up in Wainfleet. She attended St. Elizabeth's Separate School and E. L. Crossley SS. A retired bookkeeper/payroll administrator, she has worked in many environments, partnered in a family heavy equipment construction company, ran her own bookkeeping company for 23 years and ran a concession stand for three years, all while raising three girls and going to Niagara College for Business and Accounting courses.

Her family has a history of service, with her maternal Grandfather serving on the school board in Wainfleet and father a lifetime member of the Lions Club giving back to his community while fundraising for a new arena and Zamboni as well as being scout master for several years. Following their example, Coral became involved with Skate Canada at the club and regional levels and as an accountant for Canadians Championship. Coral was Chair of the School Council for St. Elizabeths and was involved with fundraising events to install new playground equipment. She also volunteered at St. Elizabeths Church, and more recently, as Treasurer of St. John's Anglican Church in Port Dalhousie, now retired. Coral lived in Edmonton as well as Victoria. She "hung up my gypsy shoes" when she returned to Ontario, now a proud grandmother of 8 grandchildren ("Bruce and I spend as much of our spare time with them as possible"). As you all know, Bruce and Coral are getting married on August 24, 2024, and they are busy planning and worrying ("mostly me worrying").



## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

August 14  
Cathy Henry  
Ronald McDonald House

August 28  
Dave Alexander  
District Governor 7090

August is



Membership and New Club Development Month

## BINGO VOLUNTEERS IN AUGUST

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

Thurs August 1 - Janet and Mary  
Thurs August 8 - Ellen and Brenda  
Mon August 12 - Marlene and Coral

We now need two volunteers per session.

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

# CORAL'S INCOMING SPEECH



Good evening and thank you for your confidence in me to lead the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore for the year of 2024-2025.

The 4-Way Test of the things we say and do is my guide to follow in this role.

Is it the Truth: I would like to have each committee give an update on their progress, on a regular basis. So, instead of a quarterly Club Assembly, we will hear from a chosen committee monthly. A schedule will be introduced, so that each committee will be able to champion their progress regularly. We have entered the world of Global Grants with our water project in Nepal. It would be a wish to continue in this vein, and perhaps team up with other clubs in the Global Grant process, focusing primarily on water. I look forward to the inspiration and projects that the committee will introduce. One project in the works is the investigation of the completion of the rail trail between Thorold and Fonthill. Bruce has been in touch with the Rotary Club of Fonthill, the Rotary Club of St. Catharines, and the Rotary Club of St. Catharines South to engage them in this project and there is considerable interest. He has also had discussions with the Town of Pelham, the Town of Thorold, as well as the Fonthill Lions Club – all who will benefit and help financially with this trail.

Is it fair to all concerned: We have extended our scope of service to include the Senior population of our community, and any service projects or ideas that need attention will be considered in this upcoming year. It is also my hope that our club will reinstate the Hybrid Zoom meetings for members who cannot attend in person for reasons such as illness, travelling, weather restraints, and advertising in the club newsletter, as well as using social media such as Instagram and Facebook to encourage prospective members to visit a meeting online. Hopefully this will encourage people to join in and see what Rotary has to offer to enable them to make the decision to attend a meeting in person, and perhaps join.

Will It be beneficial to all concerned: Plans are in place to reach out to students at each of the 3 high schools that our club supports, to discuss the possibilities of student exchange and what the program has to offer. The St. Catharines Club and St. Catharines South are interested in collaborating with our club, and with support and input from Patricia and Al Scales in conjunction with their Youth Committee chairs, possibly sharing the costs of an inbound student for the year 2025-2026.

Will it build goodwill and better friendships: It is my wish that each member of Lakeshore Club will have an opportunity to introduce themselves to the club, a 2-minute introductory speech, to refresh our memories of the good things that we do in our lives, in our work, and in our community. This would be beneficial for the newest members of our club, as well as the oldies. One member per meeting, and each will be notified in advance, so be prepared. The Paul Harris Fellowship dinner was a huge success this year, with positive feedback from each of the clubs. The St. Catharines club has declined the continuation of the Joint Luncheon and are open to working with South Club and Lakeshore Club in another joint fellowship. This could be either a fundraising event, or just a social evening - an opportunity for our Fellowship committee to reach out and work with the 2 clubs in arranging this. Fellowship is an important part of our Club, to socialize and become better acquainted with each other, and their spouse/families. The Fellowship committee is working hard to keep us all connected on a personal level, and as a club we should support their efforts by joining these events as much as possible.

Finally, I wish to thank Annette for her year of presidency and guidance. She has filled at least a small part of her dash by giving joy to the members of Rotary Lakeshore. Meetings under the guidance of President Annette have been running smoothly, efficiently, and usually on time. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the previous Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication: Janet Allan – Treasurer; Elaine Richard – Past President/Governance; Ellen Wodchis – Secretary; Gary Chard – Director Foundation & Fellowship; Gary Snider – Director Fundraising; Marlene Mader – Director World and Community Services and Projects. I would also like to introduce The new Board members for 2024-2025 as follows: Annette Marchionda – Past President; Ellen Wodchis – Secretary; Janet Allan – Treasurer; Bryan Pett – President Elect/Admin; Gary Chard – Public Relations/Membership/Rotary Foundation; Beth Fleeton – Fundraising; Marlene Mader – Service Projects. This should be a “magical” and interesting year, and I look forward to working with each of the Committees and members of our club. Let’s create a little magic! Thank you.

# New Fundraiser with Mr Mikes Announced

**Our After Weeding host Mr Mikes** (4th Avenue by First Street) **will now include the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore in its TeamFunder program.**

Every time you go to Mr Mikes for lunch, dinner, drinks, after weeding, whatever, the Club will receive 10% of the value of your bill (before taxes and tip of course) as a donation.

**It's easy to participate.** Every Club member (and significant others if desired) will receive their own TeamFunder Card. Just write in Rotary Club Lakeshore in the space provided on the back and present it each time you go to Mr Mikes. They track it all on their computers, the total grows, and they give us a cheque at year-end.

If you haven't got your card yet, please let Eric Jones know at [ejones@vaxxine.com](mailto:ejones@vaxxine.com) and he'll get it to you!

Put the card in your wallet so when we gather for a Weeding Party for example, each member there (*weeding and/or after weeding*) will receive credit.

Couple of key points:

- This only applies at their St. Catharines location (not at the one in Welland)
- Only one Teamfunder card per bill



## 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](mailto:annelanthier@yahoo.com) and she will make the arrangements .



### August LLL Roster

August 5	Ellen
August 12	Marlene
August 19	Randi
August 26	Patricia M

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

#### Club Social at Mr Mikes

August 21 7 p.m.

Honouring Doug and Else Weeks

#### 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

# CLARICE WEST HOBBS GARDEN UPDATE

## *You're Invited*

**To a Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore Social  
Honouring Doug and Else Weeks  
with their own Hospital Garden "Sitting Rock"**

The Board of the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore and the Clarice West Hobbs Garden Committee is pleased to announce that one of our Sitting Rocks at the St. Catharines Hospital site Garden will be dedicated to honouring long-time member Doug and spouse Else Weeks. Club Members, significant others, guests (including past members you are in touch with) are all welcome.

**Date:** August 21, 2024

**Time:** Starts at 7 p.m.

**Location:** Mr Mikes Steakhouse (4th Avenue and First Street) (kitty corner from the hospital, beside Starbucks and Princess Auto on the corner)

**Details:** We have reserved the "Pub Room" and Patio to the left of the main doors as you enter the restaurant. Just ask for Rotary Lakeshore Even when you arrive.

**Menu:** As a Club Social, you can order food and drinks from the regular Mr Mikes menu. All attendees will be responsible for their own tab as usual.

**RSVP:** While there is no official sign-up, ***please advise Garden Chair Eric by Friday August 16th latest*** if you intend to attend (and how many are coming in your party) by email at [ejones@vaxxine.com](mailto:ejones@vaxxine.com) so we have a rough count for Mr Mikes.



Doug and Else at Lobsterfest 2013



Eric, Phil and Doug at 2001 dedication of Charles Ansel Park.  
None of us has aged a day!

## May and June Weeding Parties!

A small but savvy group of determined weeders defeated the dreaded prickly weeds at two Weeding Parties so far in 2024 on May 14 and then June 24 - followed by well-earned liquid refreshments at Mr Mikes.



## Plasma Donation Date August 15!

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](mailto:bethfleeton@hotmail.com) for more information.



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