

ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

December 2020

Christmas Memories

As we enter into the Holiday Season it is important, now more than ever, to be thankful for what is most important: our health and our loved ones.

It has been an interesting, challenging year to say the least but our club was able to adapt quickly and persevere. And although we may not be able to meet in person for our annual Christmas party, there is a glimmer of hope things will slowly begin to return to “normal” for next year. With that being said, please enjoy a trip down memory lane with the pictures below.



We Need Your Help!

There will be an in-house Trivia Night held Saturday December 5th. Help Our Trivia crew perfect their systems by entering your team of 4 (Cost is only \$10.00 for the Team). Please contact Sandi at sandichard@gmail.com for all the details!

Upcoming Meetings:

December 9, 2020

Brandy Van Gelder

Nepal Update

December 23, 2020

Christmas Surprise



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

Pedal for Polio Raises \$500,000!!!

On October 24th, 2020 the "Participate for Polio" event took place simultaneously on both sides of the border. Canadian Rotarians rode from the Rainbow Bridge to Queenston Heights in two waves, while their American counterparts rode from Niagara Falls, N.Y. to Lewiston. Later that evening, Niagara Falls was alight with the purple for polio colours!

Two members from our club (Beth Fleeton and Elaine Richard) cycled at the event "carrying the St. Catharines Lakeshore banner". Speaking to riders and the media at the end of the rides, DG Frank Adamson said the local Rotary Clubs had already raised \$55,000 to \$60,000 by Saturday morning. But including funds raised across the river and matching funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, upwards of half a million dollars was raised for Rotary's End Polio Now campaign.

Congratulations Beth and Elaine - and to all the Rotarians and friends who participated and donated.



Beth, Sandi and Elaine show how close we are to eliminating Polio.



The Falls are purple and red!

Lakeshore Launches On-Line Trivia Nights!

Despite having our normal in-person Fall November 2020 event cancelled due to the on-going pandemic, the Trivia Night Team is pleased to announce the launch of our new "Virtual Trivia Night" to be held Saturday January 9, with log-in starting at 6:30 p.m. and Trivia at 7:00 pm sharp! Still a fun night of 100 questions (10 rounds of 10 questions each) designed by our own in-house team of quizmasters.

Only 20 Team Reservations Available!

Compete for our new Virtual Team High Score Trophy. Lots of door prizes available as well - drawn at random so any player can win! Teams can be up to a maximum of 8 people only. Cost: Flat fee of \$100 per team. You can all play from one house or your team can be in 8 different locations - we are on-line!

TO REGISTER, all teams have to do is purchase a Team Ticket on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/new-rotary-lakeshore-on-line-trivia-night-tickets-129926879795) (<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/new-rotary-lakeshore-on-line-trivia-night-tickets-129926879795>) and THEN send the following detailed Team information to sandichard@gmail.com:

1. Team Captain Name and email address
2. Team Name (can be simple like Sandi's Team)
3. All team members names - for our door prize wheel
4. Email addresses of the locations that your players are playing from (i.e. if two playing out of one location, only one email address is required) so we can send everyone the link.

Let's make this as big a success as our in-person events!

Constant Activity at Food4Kids SideKicks Food Drive

Under the direction of Chair Marlene, the club is heavily involved with Food4Kids. On Wednesday November 18, six volunteers packed food at the Food4kids warehouse. Thanks to Gary Snider, Joy, Mary, Randi, Ellen and Committee Chair Marlene for their participation.

Also, we are in the process of completing another food drive during the last two weeks of November. Amber requested Sidekicks or Uncle Bens Fast and Fancy Rice. As always members have responded, keeping Marlene busy “emptying her bin” on her front porch! There’s still time to donate. Please try to include your friends, neighbours and relatives in the food drive. The more donations we receive, the more children we can feed, and right now that number seems to be increasing daily.



Vimy Oak Doing Well at Charles Ansell



You may remember back in February, a Vimy Oak was planted at Charles Ansell Park. The Vimy Oaks Legacy Corporation has been planting these oaks across Canada, including Victoria Lawn Cemetery and the front lawn of the St. Catharines City Hall. Oak, protective fencing and interpretive signage (which contains the history of this effort) were all provided at no cost to the Club.

While a brave little oak at planting, it certainly did not look its best. Now, after a summer in the park, it has started to take off – almost as tall as President Bruce!

Don't Forget December Blood Donation Day!

Wednesday, December 16

With the on-going pandemic, members will go to the Canadian Blood Services Clinic at specified times throughout the day. If you would like to sign up for a future Blood Donation Day, or if you have any questions/concerns, please contact Beth to see what slots might still be available.



2021 Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan

June 12-16, 2021



Feel the Energy in Taipei!

Special Promotion Rate -June 20 through June 26th midnight Chicago time

RIPE Holger invites all Rotarians to register for the Taipei Convention. The official registration site will open on June 20th and there are forms available for download if needed.

Registration link

<https://www.riconvention.org/en/taipei>

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) **Club Blood Donation Day**
Wednesday, December 16 2020
- 2) **First Rotary Lakeshore Online Trivia Night**
Wednesday, November 18 2020
Saturday, January 9 2020
- 3) **23rd Annual Winter Trivia Night - still on**
Saturday, February 20 2021

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

- Rotary's 2020 World Polio Day Online Global Update program on 24 October hailed this year's historic achievement in polio eradication: Africa being declared free of the wild poliovirus.
- Paralympic medalist and TV presenter Ade Adepitan, who co-hosted this year's program, said that the eradication of polio in Africa was personal for him. "Since I was born in Nigeria, this achievement is close to my heart," said Adepitan, a polio survivor who contracted the disease as a child. "I've been waiting for this day since I was young."
- He also noted that, just a decade ago, three-quarters of all of the world's polio cases caused by the wild virus were contracted in Africa. Now, more than a billion Africans are safe from the disease.

