

ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

February 2020

The Battle of Vimy Ridge

The Battle of Vimy Ridge, in which 3,598 Canadian soldiers paid the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the rights and freedoms of all Canadians, was a significant moment in our Nation's history and the development of a sense of Canadian identity. Where allied troops had struggled and failed, Canadian soldiers overcame great odds and captured the ridge after four days of fighting.

This tree has been gifted to the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore by the Vimy Oaks Legacy Corporation for Ansell Park as a living tribute to all Canadian soldiers who fought in the First World War.

Non Nobis Sed Patriae
Not for us but for our country

The History of Vimy Oak Trees

This oak tree is a direct descendant of acorns gathered from the many fallen oak trees that were destroyed in the Battle of Vimy Ridge, France, by Lieutenant Leslie Miller, Canadian Signal Corps, in April 1917.

He sent them home to Scarborough, Ontario with instructions to have them planted on his family farm. They were later named "The Vimy Oaks" and still flourish there today.

St. Catharines

Charles Ansell Park Update

"Rotary Polio Tulips" and "Vimy Oak" Both Planted!

The Charles Ansell Park Committee is pleased to announce a few enhancements to the Charles Ansell Park, created in conjunction with the City of St. Catharines Parks and Recreation Department and the Vimy Oaks Legacy Corporation. Now, to answer your question, what the heck are these?? Check out the information below!

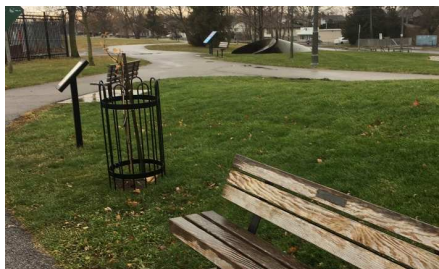
We will arrange for a suitable dedication ceremony (with Media releases) for both of these plantings in the Spring!



Rotary Polio Tulips

The Club has purchased 300 of these unique bulbs from Veseys Seeds of PEI. Veseys contributes 20% of the purchase price to the Rotary Foundation and Our Parks and Recreation Department has now planted them in the park. A great display in the spring!

[Click here](#) for the full story on these bulbs.



Vimy Oak

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.

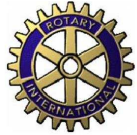
[Click here](#) for more information on Vimy Oaks.



TAKE ACTION: www.rotarylakeshore.com

Winter Trivia Night

The 22nd Annual February Trivia Night is coming up on **February 15 2020**. This date is fast approaching so make sure to contact Bob Morningstar for tickets at day 905-641-1902 (day) or 289-302-1066 (evening). Tickets can also be purchased online.



22nd Winter Trivia Night Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore

Cash prizes for the top 3 teams!!
Cash Bar – Wines of Niagara – Complimentary Munchies



*** SAME LOCATION AS LAST YEAR!!! ***
Merritton Community Centre, 7 Park Ave, St Catharines

Saturday, February 15, 2020

Doors open at 6:30 pm. Questions begin at 7:30 pm SHARP!!!

COST: \$160 per table – Max. of 8 people per table

TICKETS Available from:
Rotary Members

OR Call Day 905-641-1902 / Evening 289-302-1066

ORDER YOUR FULL TABLES ON-LINE

Click here for one of our two optional order sites:
(Or Search under "Game") OR [Giglit](#) (Search under "Events")

Profits go to support our Rotary projects
in our community and around the world!

Upcoming Speakers:

Amber Hughes

Feb 12, 2020

Executive Director of Food4kids

Dr. Barry Wright

Feb 26, 2020

Niagara 2021 Canada Games Update



Upcoming Bingo

Sun Feb 16th - 9:30 to 11:30

Janet Allan and Phil Horner

Thurs Feb 20th - 5:30 to 7:30

Patricia Boyko and Annette
Marchionda

Thurs Jan 2nd – 5:30 to 7:30

Ellen Wodchis and Gillian Reed



Literacy Reading Mentors Needed!

Our **SCHOOL TO HOME READING PROGRAM** is recruiting Mentors for its weekly Winter Term ending April 12th. Students from grades 1 – 4 read to Volunteers. Should you wish to mentor weekly, bi-monthly, monthly or simply visit, sessions begin January 11th & 12th. Note: "A Police Clearance for the Vulnerable Sector" is mandatory. Questions? Contact Linda @ 905-321-0506 or service@lindalandry.ca

SCHOOLS

Edith Cavell, off Pelham Rd: Wednesdays 9:00 – 10:30

Prince of Wales, Facer St: Thursdays 11:30 – 1:00

Ste. Marguerite Bourgeoys, (Francophone) Burleigh Hill: Wednesdays 11:50 – 2:00



World & Community Spotlight

Food4Kids - Amber Hughes, Executive Director at February 12th Meeting



Food4Kids provides packages of healthy food for kids aged 4-14 years with limited or no access to food on the weekend. The packages are prepared by volunteers and delivered to schools each Friday. School staff discreetly place a package into every participating student's backpack, which helps to shield the child from any stigma associated with hunger or receiving food assistance. Each child in the home receives their own food package. For more information, go to www.food4kidsniagara.ca.

FOOD DRIVE! Don't forget to bring Knorr sidekicks, Pasta and Uncle Ben's fast and fancy rice to the meeting!

Why Does Even One More Trivia Ticket Sale Matter?



Based on last 3 years history, every attendee accounts for \$36.09 in average revenue per person as follows!

Ticket	\$20.00	Bar	\$10.05
Duhs	\$1.22	50/50	\$4.18
Heads and Tails	\$.64		

As almost all of our costs are fixed no matter how many people come, once we sell say 35 tables, almost every penny of an additional ticket sold drops right to the bottom line!!!

**So, if you can't sell a table, ask those singles and couples who love Trivia to come on out.
We will make up tables to accommodate them!**

This Month in Pictures



Milica and Ellen presented a certificate to President Eric Jones which the club received during the Saleibrait District Conference.

The certificate was a thank you for a club donation to the Sr Marie Laurence School in Saint Maarten to help with relieve efforts from Hurricane Irma in September 2017.

Next Fellowship Event!



A Night at the Museum

St. Catharines Museum
1932 Welland Canal Parkway Lock 3

Wednesday March 4 2020
6:30. to 8:00 p.m.

Includes:

- 12 minute video
- Personalized tour of the museum

Cost: Only \$6:00 per person

Contact Bob Miller 905-932-6319!

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.

22nd Annual Trivia Night

February 15, 2020

Contact: Bob Morningstar

2.

A Night at the Museum

March 4, 2020

St. Catharines Museum

3.

President's Bash

June 17, 2020

Tentative Date

Club Meeting Information

When: Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:15 PM

Place: Holiday Inn
327 Ontario Street
St. Catharines, ON L2R 5L3

Mail: 191 Lockhart Drive
St. Catharines, ON L2T 1W8

Do You Know Someone for RYLA?

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership experience where candidates ages 14-30 develop their skills as a leader while having fun and making connections. Participants learn to:

1. Build communication and problem-solving skills.
2. Discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in their school or community.
3. Learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers, and peer mentors.
4. Unlock their potential to turn motivation into action.

Our Club has sponsored many young leaders for this program over the years. **If you know someone who would benefit from this experience, please contact Al Scales, Youth Chair.** Visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/rotary-youth-leadership-awards> for more information.

