

# ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

January 2022

### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

On December 22, Club members dressed up in their festive best and joined President Courtney and her family to toast all the club has accomplished in 2021.



The zoom meeting began with a competitive game of Christmas Jeopardy with Team 2 winning bragging rights this time. Courtney then took a moment to thank the Club member's spouses and partners for their continued support throughout 2021.

*"Thank you to our spouses and partners for supporting us. Rotary is both a financial and time commitment and our work would not be possible without your support."*

The meeting wrapped up with a PowerPoint to look back at all we have accomplished and done in 2021. Courtney left us with this final thought as we head into 2022:

*"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day." ~ Edith Lovejoy Pierce*

### Upcoming Meetings:

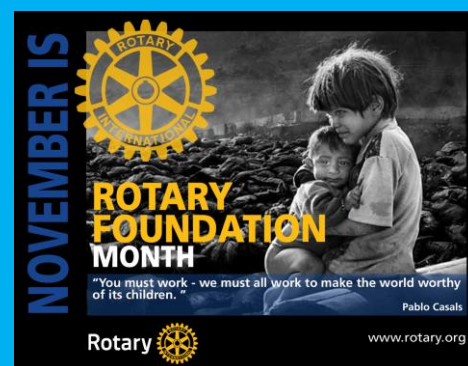
**January 12, 2022**

TBD

**January 26, 2022**

Courtney Usborne

Club Assembly



### BINGO Volunteers on Hold until February!

Once we start up again, it will be:

Mondays and Thursdays:

5:30 - 7 p.m.

Now only one volunteer needed per session!



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## World & Community Spotlight

### Tabitha Field Wells Installed!

As outlined in our October 2021 issue, the Club supported Tabitha in the creation of two fresh water wells. Although Cambodia is blessed with an abundant water table containing clean, potable water, much of its population is too poor to afford the construction of a water well. Field wells are constructed in the fields where crops are grown. Each well supplies two families with enough irrigation water to grow crops year round on an average of 4 hectares of land, along with water for daily living. Skilled local well drillers are contracted in each project area. There is a 6 month complete warranty on all wells and parts are easily replaced locally. Families are trained in maintenance and upkeep.

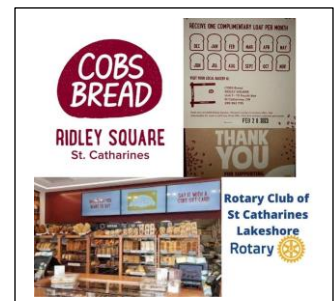
Yolanda Henry, Chair of Tabitha Foundation Canada recently sent photos our two families and their wells, writing *“Please find attached photos of the field wells that your Rotary Club’s donation has provided for these families. Thank you so much for your life changing gift of water.”*



### Cobs FREE Loaf A Month Fundraiser Outstanding Success!

Thanks to all Club members for making our December COBS BREAD fundraiser a sell-out. For \$20 participants received a voucher that gave them one FREE loaf per month for a year from COBS BREAD at the Ridley Plaza.

At least one of your newsletter team has already enjoyed their December loaf!



## 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)

## World & Community Spotlight

### Club Supports St. George's Church Breakfast Program

This fall has been a remarkably busy time for the St. George's Church Breakfast Program with over one hundred bagged breakfasts being handed out on many days. As a result, their inventory of basic supplies such as peanut butter, Cheese Whiz and red jams were getting low. To prepare for winter they conducted a food drive to stock up so they can continue to provide breakfasts to those in need.



The Club was pleased to support this much needed program with a donation of \$250 as presented by World & Community Committee member Elaine Richard.

### Food4Kids December Oatmeal Drive and Pack



The Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore recently held an Oatmeal Food Drive in early December to assist the Food4Kids Niagara Program. Club members "found" the 60 pack boxes of Oatmeal at "the Costco" so Marlene and Gillian could have built their own little Oatmeal fort with the donations. Thanks to all the Club members and friends for their cash donations as well - another successful food drive!

The Club also conducted another Pack at the Food4Kids warehouse later in the month. December 15th saw Randi, Gillian, Bryan, Janet (and Bob), and Joy (and her friend, Shirley) join Marlene in their Rotary shirts and festive hats – Nice Elf ears Bryan!

### Club Members "Make a Few Wreaths"

On December 1, four Club members gathered at BBBlooms Floral Studio new location (38 Academy St.) in downtown St. Catharines to create their Christmas wreaths. Owner Brad Baker treated the members to sandwiches and wine while Milica brought her usual Christmas cookies (*gingerbread were the best* says Janet).





# 2022 Rotary International Convention

Houston, Texas • June 4-18, 2022



## Dec 15 Deadline for Special Promotion Rate Approaching!

Sign up and pay today to take advantage of significant savings. You'll have the chance to cancel for a full refund until 30 April 2022, minus a \$50 per person administration fee.

- [Registration Fees and Link](#)
- [Events](#)
- [Program Highlights](#)

## Past Club Newsletters Available on Website

**NOTE:** This, and all past, newsletters are available on the [Rotary Lakeshore website](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### 1) District and Zone Gala

February 23, 2022

[Click here](#) for more details

### 2) Blood Donation

March 1 & 2, 2022

Email [Beth](#) to sign up

## 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.

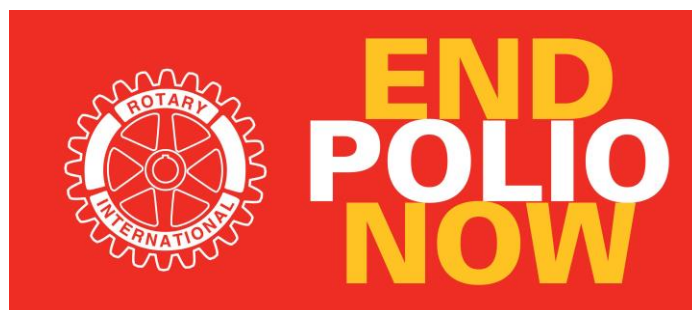
Where: In-person for dinner at Holiday Inn Suites at 6 p.m. (Pre-registration is required)

OR

Hybrid Virtual Meeting using Zoom at 7 p.m. Link will be sent to all members.

Non Members, contact President Courtney at [Courtneyusborne@gmail.com](mailto:Courtneyusborne@gmail.com) for Dinner invite OR Zoom link.

## WHAT'S NEW AT DISTRICT & ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



### 2021 was a great year for polio eradication!

- Can now count the cases of wild polio virus this year on one hand.
- Global number of vaccine-derived cases found in unvaccinated children is about 1/3rd of a year ago.
- Has been the unceasing focus of Rotarians around the world working with our partners to end polio once and for all
- We have never been closer.

