ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

CLUB ATTENDS THE CHRISTMAS TREE AT OLD PELHAM TOWN HALL



Thanks to the efforts of the Fellowship Committee, three tables of Rotarians and guests spent a Sunday afternoon in Fenwick enjoying the Foster Festival's The Christmas Tree.

The event kicked off with a Holiday Musical Performance by Bryce Moore followed by the play. Nature's Corner Bakery and Vineland Estates Winery were on-site offering Holiday treats, hot chocolate and mulled wine.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Jan 10, 2024 Niagara Region Senior Services. Linhaven.

Jan 24, 2024 Foundation Presentation



BINGO VOLUNTEERS IN JANUARY

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

Mon Jan 1 - Shannon and Mary Thurs Jan 18 - Elaine and Anne Thurs Jan 25 - Ellen and Beth

We now need two volunteers per session.

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









FEBRUARY TRIVIA NIGHT IS WELL UNDERWAY!!! FEBRUARY 10TH AT MERRITON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Let's move those tickets for our February Trivia Night! Here are a few key details:

Early Bird Special Order by January 10: \$210 per table January 12 to date \$235 per table

> Cash prize Top 3 Teams Plus: Door Prizes

Cash Bar Pop and Water available for purchase. No outside drinks allowed Free Hot dogs, popcorn, chip mix all included in the price

CLICK HERE for Full Details

Club Members:

Please Consider Buying Your Tickets via e-transfer or cash to Janet to save the fees!

Food4Kids December Food Drive and Pack!

The Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore recently held "Chili and Stew Food Drive" in early December to assist the Food4Kids Niagara Program. Club members donated 121 cans of chilli, 40 cans of stew, 20 hearty soups and a wide variety of other items. Food and cash donations totaled approximately \$1115.00. 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 on December 13th. *Nice festive hats Team!* After the pack, Treasurer Janet presented Amber, executive director of Food4kids Niagara, with a cheque representing our annual \$5500 in support.





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IN THE NEWS

First Plasma Donation Date for 2024 (*January 18*)

Our first Donation date for 2024 is January 18 between 3:30 - 6:50pm. 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 <u>bethfleeton@hotmail.com</u> for more information.



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 <u>annelanthier@yahoo.com</u> and she will make the arrangements .



January LLL Roster

Jan 1 - Ellen Jan 8 - Al Jan 15 - Beth Jan 22 - Anne Jan 29 - Randi

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Winter Trivia Night February 10, 2024

Bowling Night January17, 2024

District Conference April 26-27, 2024 Details to come from District

CLUB MEETING INFO BOX

When:

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM Board Meeting 4th Wednesday at 4 p.m. on Zoom

Where: In-person for dinner at Holiday Inn Suites

WELCOME NEW MEMBER BRENDA BAGLEY!

Brenda Bagley is a Brock University Alumni with a BA (Business) and a graduate of the Niagara College Human Resource Management Graduate Program. A retired Certified Human Resources Professional, Brenda is now CFO and Human Resource Manager for George Darte Funeral Chapel. She is the mother of twin daughters who are *"launched and learning to live their best lives"* so she is now able to devote her personal time to her own interests. An avid reader, Literacy is important to Brenda while her father was a polio survivor so that too is an issue close to her heart. A past member and Regional Council President of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, she currently wanted to volunteer in the community when she sees a need or opportunities that fit her schedule. Community is very important to Brenda and she *"welcomes the opportunity to join Rotary and be a part of our group"*.



World & Community Spotlight

Club Makes Annual Donations to RAFT!



Committee Chair Bruce delivered a car load of gifts donated by Rotary members along with our usual \$500 cheque in support of RAFT.

RAFT helps homeless teens connect to school, home, community, and confidence.

<u>Click here</u> o learn more about RAFT

"Comfort Cats" Donated to Linhaven Seniors



Heather Wild, Long term care program manager for Linhaven, received a comfort cat from Pres. Elect Coral and a cheque for two cats more from the Club.

Designed to bring comfort, companionship and fun to older adults living in senior communities. these mechanical cats have an authentic purr that sounds and feels just like real purring, are able to open and close its eyes, lift its paw, open its mouth and move its head and body.

Using the built in sensors, the companion pet cat responds to motion and touch such as petting and hugging, much like the real cats you know and love.