ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

July 2021

President Bruce Recognized by Club

At our June 9th Meeting, President Bruce was recognized by the Club with tokens of appreciation. Normally presented at the "President's Bash" each year, the on-going pandemic prevented that from occurring in 2021. However, Bruce was roasted in the usual style by the Past President. Part of Eric's remarks include:

"The sun is slowly setting on the Year of the Timms. A year which has Zoomed by! A difficult year with you having to deal with pandemics, numerous stops and starts on our activities, hybrid meetings or not - and everything we do. A year run by email and on computer screens rather than in-person. Yet, you steered us through it all, avoiding all the shoals of Covid-19 - with a ready smile — and perhaps a beer or two later.

So now you have added another Chapter to your legacy – Rotary Charter Member, Builder of Parks and Parkways, Politician extraordinaire and now President of Zoom."

Bruce received a gift certificate for Lock Street but more importantly, his much sought after blue denim, button down collar, Rotarylogoed shirt from the Club as recognition of a job well done! And, of course, what President Recognition event is complete without a poem from Phil! We'll reproduce "the poem" in its entirety next issue!







Upcoming Meetings:

July 14, 2021

Courtney Usborne A New Rotary Year

July 28, 2021

Al Scales Rotary Award Winners



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!



Congratulations Beth on Receiving 2020-21 Club Paul Harris!



Rotary established the Paul Harris Award in 1957 to encourage and show appreciation for significant contributions to Rotary. Since our inauguration in 1986, the President has had the honour of recognizing one of our members that has risen above and beyond expectations in their service to the club and the Community. This Paul Harris Award is requested and awarded by the Club itself as a symbol of recognition from one's own peers - the members of the Rotary Club of St. Catharines

Lakeshore. It is a thank you for a job well done and a closely guarded secret until the date of presentation.

On May 26th, President Bruce was pleased to present the 2020 - 2021 Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore Paul Harris Award to Beth Fleeton. Beth was inducted to this Club by Sandi Chard in December of 2016 but Beth was introduced to this club long before that. Born and raised in St. Catharines and attending Governor Simcoe, Beth was this club's very first outbound exchange student in 1987 to Barcelona Spain, starting her on a 30 year journey that brought her full circle back to this club. She first learned to speak Spanish in Barcelona and bitten by the travel bug, she moved to the Dominican Republic in her 20's, then on to Mexico, to return later to the DR working as a destination representative. Upon returning to Canada, she continued working in travel. She is presently the Director of Sales and Marketing for a Firefighters Health and Wellness magazine and hopes to return to the travel industry post-pandemic.

Beth's services to the club have been extraordinary this past year: helping to set up the protocols for hybrid club meetings, assistance with the online Trivia, managing our online Instagram presence, hosting the Foundation gala pre-show, taking a leadership role with District Governor Frank Adamson 's Ride for Polio, and most memorably, her determination to create and maintain a rapidly growing Club Blood Donor Clinic program. This coming year Beth will also be co-chairing the Membership Committee and hopes to keep present members engaged in the club and bring in new members.

Along with her parents Joyce and Ken Fleeton and sister Lisa Watson, the Club is pleased to congratulate Beth on winning the 2020-21 Paul Harris Award.









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



Food4Kids Tuna Drive Club Does Charlie Proud

It's a big shout-out from Charlie the Tuna to the Club. Our recently ended canned tuna food drive netted 553 tins with an estimated value of \$ 989.87!!! Thanks to all from Food4Kids Chair Marlene.







Clarice West-Hobbs Contemplative Garden Update Budget Approved Unanimously



At the May 26 2021 meeting, the Club took the first steps in making Clarice's dream of a garden at the St. Catharines Hospital site a reality by passing a Motion from the Board unanimously to fund the project in its first year. This allowed a Garden Committee to be formed for the 2021-22 year and clarified the financial parameters for plans to be developed, signage created and initial plantings to be arranged as well as a future commitment to the project by the membership. Full details

were sent to each Member in the form of a pdf presentation.

Running across almost the entire western side of the facility, the site is already fully equipped with the

hardscape (sidewalks, lighting, benches, etc.) allowing the Club to concentrate on the Garden itself. At this point, the Hospital has developed signage for the Garden as shown here in this article. Its placement location and style (on wall, on rocks, etc.) within the Garden area is now being discussed. At the same time, initial steps are being taken to analyze the site conditions, specify materials and develop a planting plan for presentation to the Hospital and Club. More details will follow as they are finalized.





Bottle Drive Ends June 30th Still Time to Drink More Than President Bruce!

There's still time to beat President Bruce's challenge to exceed his most recent return of 222 beer cans and bottles and 80 wine bottles, resulting in a donation of \$38.20 to the Club. Let's not let Bruce's sacrifice in having to consume all this go to waste!



Let's pick up the gauntlet and beat Bruce's totals! Drink up and return your empties by June 30th!

We can now e-transfer funds to our Rotary Bank Account!





The e-transfer should be made from your bank account by email to

treasurer.rotarylakeshore@gmail.com. There is no password required as it goes into the Rotary account automatically. Please note in the "message" part of the transfer why you are transferring the dollars (Examples: bottle drive, happy dollars, donation, trivia night, etc.).

Any questions, please contact Janet Allan at <u>ilallan.fcpa@gmail.com</u> or email <u>treasurer.rotarylakeshore@gmail.com</u>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

"Face to Face" Events Are Back!
(with Zoom Connection for those
who cannot attend in person)
Weather Permitting of course

1) Regular Rotary Meeting July 14, 2021 @ 7:00 PM Marc Johnson's Back Yard ~ Please bring a lawn chair and your own drinks

2) Club Assembly August 25, 2021 @ 7:00 PM Joy Flegg & Gary Snider's home ~ Please bring a lawn chair and your own

drinks

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 Courtney at courtneyusborne@gmail.com for Zoom link

WHAT'S NEW WITH ROTARY DISTRICT 7090 AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Rotary Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup

Organized by the Niagara Rotaract Club and the Brock Rotaract Club, the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore joined the cleanup for the Watershed Cleanup at Lock 2 to Lock 3.

Mobilizing Rotarians, Rotaractors and community partners, the Rotary Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup is one of the largest volunteer undertakings by Rotary International to support a clean environment! Originally scheduled for Earth Day on April 22, the initiative closing date has been extended repeatedly due to Covid-19 restrictions on both sides of the border. The Cleanup is also being promoted by District 7090 as part of its Healthy Communities Initiative.







