ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

July 2022

Club Bids Farewell to President Courtney



On June 15th, President Courtney was recognized by the Club with tokens of appreciation at our first post-Covid (we hope) in-person "President's Bash". Past President Bruce was pleased to thank Courtney on behalf of the Club and

presented her with her Past President's Pin along with a gift certificate to White Oaks. Courtney and family will be moving to the Peterborough area in the very near future so this was also a farewell party as well as thanks for a job well-done.

At our June 22nd meeting, Courtney passed the Presidential torch to incoming President Elaine. Here is a synopsis of Courtney's swansong speech:



It was hard to know where to start when I sat down to write out my year end speech. Because how do you sum up a year, how do you put into words what that past 365 days have meant, and more importantly, how do you adequately express yours thanks to everyone for helping you get through...

...Our club has been described as the fun and friendly dinner club but as you can tell from everything we accomplished together this past year, we are so much more than that. And I hope I was able to inspire you even if in the smallest way to find your Rotary passion once again if it seemed to get lost somewhere during the pandemic.

And now, I would like to leave you with my final quote as your Club President: **Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world -Harriet Tubman**

Upcoming Meetings:

July 13, 2022 President Elaine Incoming President's Address

July 27, 2022 Kim Rossi Pathstone Mental Health



BINGO Volunteers In July!

We will have two Thursdays and one Monday monthly, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

- Thur July 7 Ellen & Joy
- Thur July 14 Annette & Patricia
- Mon July 18 Marlene & Angela

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

Don't forget to update your online training.



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Phil's 2022 Wrap-up Poem



Well it's been a while since I read a poem Cause for a couple of years we've all been at home

So here we are in Marc's backyard The rain may come, so be on guard

Challenging times for one and all But still as Rotarians we answered the call

Bruce's term was all on Zoom So no need to book the meeting room

All through the year there was little to do Stuck inside – the frustration grew

We couldn't do bingo, play golf or meet Unless (like at Eric's) we stood out on the street

Courtney's year was here in a flash with questions on what we would do When could we get together – when would this lockdown be through?

Technology had become our friend and hybrid meetings began Gradually more and more in person – that was the interim plan Vaccinations masks and things no one really knew What to do to keep everyone safe when would this pandemic be through?

We did our best under duress with Courtney leading the way And Marlene still running Food for Kids so they could eat each day

One positive thing about this time I think we all could say

We had our choice of speakers from near or far away

Courtney's work to help Nepal is a credit to her year We should go to a meeting there – or bring them over here

Milica and Bryan are heading up a famous list of names To keep the big torch moving for the Canada Summer Games

The Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup was another club event

Bruce put out the challenge and many of us went

And Eric and the garden – he has found a fantastic space

Honouring our Clarice, it will be a beautiful place

And don't forget about Beth – she wants to be your bud And over time she'll convince you to give up some of your blood

The coming year is exciting – we should open some champagne As our leader changes once again and this year it's Elaine

Courtney's stint as President was nothing if not thorough And now we wish her all the best – good luck in Peterborough.

Food4Kids Update Another Record Number of Bags Packed

On June 8th, Gary Snider, Randi, Gillian, Joy, Janet, Marlene and Annette packed a new record 401 Bags of food! University student Hannah Daramola lent a helping hand. Hannah sent in a volunteer form from our website. She is a Carlton University student home for the summer requesting volunteer opportunities.





50 More at May 31 – June 1 Blood Donation!

Thanks to friends, family, and fellow Rotarian's our Club keeps saving lives! Once again, 50 donors attended our most recent donation event.

Please contact Beth at <u>bethfleeton@hotmail.com</u>for **our next event is August 30-31 with a minimum of 50 appointments available.**

Retired Teachers Donate to Clarice West-Hobbs Contemplative Garden!

Local District 14 Niagara of the Retired Teachers of Ontario presented a cheque for \$500 to Garden Committee Chair Eric following a PowerPoint slide show on the Garden to all the attendees at their Annual General Meeting on June 2nd. The Local District has also applied for a \$4000 Grant from the Provincial organization for the Garden. Fingers crossed on this application – supposed to hear by end of June!

We were also pleased to receive a total of \$950 from the Retired Women's Teachers of Ontario (St. Catharines branch), including a \$250 cheque from the local chapter itself and many donations from individual members.

Here is a copy of the Note that accompanied the Local District 14 donation which echoes what Clarice meant to us all:

This is a donation from RTOERO District 14 Niagara to the Rotary of St Contemplative Garden Project. He have donated "500 Towards the construction of the garden Clarice who Nolunteered many years and hours to RTOERO-Retered Teachers of Ontario Clarice believed in aiving back" and was dedicated to expancing the lives of Seriors in the Niagara Region. He support her dream. Thanks to Rotary for their commitment to making her dream a reality. RTOERO District 14 Niagan

Congratulations Courtney, Bruce, Marlene, and Annette on Receiving Multiple Paul Harris Award Pins

Congratulations to Bruce and Marlene who received their PHF +6 and to Annette who received her PHF +1.

President-Elect Elaine, on behalf of the club, presented Courtney with a



PHF +1 for her work this past year as club President.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **1) Outdoor Summer Meetings** July 13, 2022 Joy and Gary's
- 2) Outdoor Summer Meetings August 10, 2022 Annette and Len's
- **3) Shot Gun Golf Social** August 31 2022 Whisky Run More details to come

Club Meeting Information

When: Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:15 PM Board Meeting 4th Tuesday at 7:30 PM

Where: Hybrid Meeting

• In-person for dinner at the Holiday Inn Suites (Pre-registration is required)

OR

• On Zoom (Link will be sent out)

Non Members, contact President Elaine at <u>emmrichard55@gmail.com</u> for Dinner invite OR Zoom link.

WHAT'S NEW AT DISTRICT & ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

June 27 was the District 7090 Virtual Changeover

From "Serve to Change Lives" to "Imagine Rotary" District 7090 leaders, movers, and shakers celebrated our 2021-2022 Rotary year under the exemplary leadership of Anne Birmingham and prepared for the 2022-2023 Rotary year with Lisa Bishop at the helm.

We highlighted and applauded our outstanding Service Projects, Pedal for Polio, silly social events, giving the gift of Service Above Self to our local communities, and oh, so much more, during the annual D7090 Changeover Ceremony. What a year it has been!





