

# ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

## PRESIDENT ELAINE'S PARTY IS A "BASH!"

Members and guest all gathered in Marc's backyard to wish farewell to President Elaine after a very successful Rotary year! Thanks to Marc and the Committee for a great evening, featuring a delicious Greek-themed dinner.

As always, Rotarian Phil delivered his swansong poem to Elaine (*full text appears on page 2*) to resounding applause. And, we even found time to get a photo of the four remaining Charter Members of the Club (*left to right - Doug Weeks, Emilio Raimondo, Bruce Timms and Bob Miller*) who happened to all be present.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

July 12, 2023  
At Annette's.  
Incoming President's Speech.

July 26, 2023  
Al Scales.  
Rotary Award Winners.



## BINGO VOLUNTEERS IN JULY!

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

Thurs July 6 - Ellen & Mary  
Thurs July 13 - Ellen & TBD  
Mon July 17 - Janet & Shannon

We now need two volunteers per session.

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

# THE POEM!

## *THE REIGN OF ELAINE*

Another year has flown on by  
And we're here again at Marc's  
Gathered in this beautiful yard  
It looks like Niagara Parks  
Last year we were here for Courtney  
This year it's for Elaine  
We're thankful for this beautiful day  
And that there's no chance of rain  
We came out of the pandemic  
If nothing a little stunned  
But the commitment of this wonderful Club  
Will certainly not be out-gunned  
We've ploughed along with Food4Kids  
And made the program strong  
To ignore this need in our city  
Would simply just be wrong  
A hospital garden has emerged  
It's really a wonderful place  
Eric and his committee  
Have created a magical space  
BINGO BINGOBINGO  
It's bringing in lots of dough  
Credit to all of our volunteers  
And Mary for running the show  
We've welcomed some new members  
And it's great they're all on track  
We've also lost a couple  
And would love to have them back  
Our little lending library  
Has gotten a great new spark  
Books available at Happy Rolph's  
From sun-up until dark  
A fantastic matching grant  
For our project in Nepal  
When people are in need  
Rotary answers the call  
Trivia Night was back with a bang  
And it was a great success



Of all of our fundraising efforts  
It's always been one of our best  
Will Golf be back in '24 ?  
I hope the answer is yes  
The committee is working very hard  
And aiming for success  
The Blood Donation Clinic  
Was closed at it's location  
But that doesn't mean that giving  
Should go on a vacation  
Beth will drain your blood  
And she'll take your plasma too  
The new site will be opened  
And they'll say Merci Beaucoup  
So we thank Elaine for a fantastic year  
And a great job as our leader  
And even though her job is done  
She knows that we still need her  
She'll pass the baton to the next in line  
And boy is she all set  
Get ready for 2024  
It's called the Year of Annette

# WORLD & COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## Club Supports Community Care

Community Care provides food security, housing help, clothing and household goods as well as emergency, health and family support to those who are homeless, are receiving government assistance or are facing eviction. Rotary Lakeshore is proud to be a long-term supporter of Community Care.

For more information, go to

<https://communitycaestca.ca/>



President Elaine and CEO Betty-Lou Souter at Community Care of St. Catharines & Thorold.



## AND Big Brothers Big Sisters

The World & Community Committee was pleased to issue a cheque to Josh and Hilary from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara. Current research suggests that young people are more likely to flourish when they are embedded in a web of relationships with supportive, caring adults. Big Brothers Big Sisters no-cost to families mentoring programs strive to reach young people who are facing adversity and are in need of an additional, supportive relationship, formally matching young people with an adult, volunteer Mentor.

For more information, go to

<https://niagara.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/>

### 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) Upcoming Summer Outside Meetings

July 12 – Annette's

August 23 – Beth's

September 13 – Elaine's

#### 2) Golf Social

Wednesday August 16 - Details TBD

### CLUB MEETING INFO BOX

#### When:

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM

Board Meeting 4th Tuesday at 7 p.m.

#### Where:

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

**Non Members**, contact contact President Annette at [annettemarchionda@gmail.com](mailto:annettemarchionda@gmail.com) for Dinner details and invite.

# WHAT'S NEW AT DISTRICT AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

## July is Rotary New Leadership Month!

- In Rotary, July is a time of new beginnings, a time to reconnect with each other across distances and differences and to respond to change, a time to show Rotary Opens Opportunities.
- This is a time to reassess, to envision; a time to set goals and to determine how we will serve our Communities and the World, seizing opportunities for service.
- The ability to see and act on opportunities is what makes Rotary so very different. And the willingness of all Rotarians to serve, locally or globally, is what unites us.



## Garden Bench Donors Recognized!

The Clarice West Hobbs Contemplative Garden Committee is pleased to announce that the Donor plaques for the three existing benches sponsored in Phase 1 were installed on-site at the hospital Garden by Digitall Graphics of St. Catharines. The benches were sponsored by The Rotary Club of St. Catharines South, Friendship Force Niagara and RTOERO District 14 Niagara.



## Phase 2 Fundraising Campaign Continues

We Have "**Sold**" our first "Sitting Rock" location at the Garden to the Rotary Club of St. Catharines at a donation level of \$1500. If you haven't done so yet, please consider donating to Phase 2 of the Garden effort

- Donations in any amount are welcome.
- Donations of \$100 + recognized on virtual Donor Wall.
- Donations of \$250 or more acknowledged on Phase 2 Recognition Plaque at the Hospital Garden site.
- [**SPECIAL NOTE:** All Rotarians who previously donated an amount under \$250 to the Garden last year, and wish to have their name appear on the permanent Phase 2 signage at the Garden site, can do so by upgrading their donation to a total of \$250. *For example if you donated \$100 in 2022 and donate an additional \$150 this year, you will qualify for name recognition on the signage at the site.* Janet will also be happy to arrange a payment plan ending in June for those interested.]
- Tax Receipts provided for all donations over \$10.
- Five "Sitting Rocks" remain at \$1500 donation each!



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