

# ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

## THANK YOU PRESIDENT ANNETTE!

Members and significant others gathered at Al and Rose Scales home on Portmaster Drive to celebrate outgoing President Annette's 2023-24 Rotary year. Thanks to Al and Rose for hosting the group - and an outstanding menu! [See Pg 2 for Phil's poem and Pg 4 for Annette's speech]



## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

July 10  
Coral  
Incoming President's Speech

July 24  
Al Scales  
Rotary Award Winners

**JULY IS**  
**NEW LEADERSHIP MONTH**  
*True leaders don't create followers, they create new leaders.*



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## BINGO VOLUNTEERS IN JULY

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

Thurs July 11 - Elaine and Marlene  
Mon July 15 - Sandi and Gary C

We now need two volunteers per session.

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

# ANNETTE!!! THE POEM



Our Club poet laureate Phil delivered another world beating poem that had them out of their seats screaming “Annette” at the Year End Party on June 19. Here it is for those that couldn’t be there for the frenzy!

*This great year in Rotary became a year we’ll never forget  
So much happened every week and often because of  
“Annette”*

*Early on she spoke to all, to plan and get things set  
You must say being organized is a positive trait of “Annette”  
Raising funds responsibly and staying out of debt  
She ran things like a business – our CEO, “Annette”  
Motivation was her strength and she rarely got upset  
She cracked the whip with kindness, you know who I mean –  
“Annette”*

*She kept us well informed and she hardly broke a sweat  
You’d always know what’s going on with emails from  
“Annette”*

*We also saw some people that we never would have met*

*If they hadn’t come to meetings with an invite from  
“Annette”  
And if we didn’t pull our weight, did there ever come a  
threat?  
No, just very kind encouragement and understanding from  
“Annette”  
Making meetings lots of fun and nothing left unmet  
And words of wisdom at the end coming from “Annette”*

*Jones with Newsletter, Beth with Blood  
Marc with Golf – Rain, hail or mud  
Chards with Trivia, Janet with Cash  
Anne with books the library’s a Smash  
Marlene’s fantastic – Coral is great  
Her year is coming – we all cannot wait  
Gary & Brenda & Bryan Pett too  
Are always on hand when there’s good work to do  
Elaine with Grants and Al with Youth  
BINGO is flourishing – ain’t that the truth!  
Stew and Trish have joined the fold  
We know that the future will be good as Gold  
Ellen, Patricia, Shannon and Bob  
Working tirelessly doing the job  
Bruce is giving out lots of dough  
Let’s all make sure his budget can grow  
For years Emilio – on hand and willing  
When he has a break from poking and drilling  
And now this poem will stop and reset  
As we focus again on our leader “Annette”  
Cause not all of this would have happened I bet  
If not for the guidance of one named “Annette”*

*So remember this poem – it does have a moral  
And I’ll come back next year when we celebrate Coral.*

## **Plasma Donation Dates July 23 and August 15!**

HELP is needed more than ever! The plasma clinic is only collecting about 50% of what is needed. Beth has two upcoming dates. Tuesday July with a small group at 5:00 p.m./5:10 p.m./5:15 p.m. She can request more...The next date after that is August 15th. Beth has a full slate of openings available from 4 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

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 [bethfleeton@hotmail.com](mailto:bethfleeton@hotmail.com) for more information.



# Food4Kids

## 476 Bags at last pack of the Rotary year!

The Club was able to pack 476 bags on June 19th – the last pack of this Rotary year.

Food4Kids Chair Marlene has launched 2024-25 with an appeal from Amber for drivers on Friday August 2nd to deliver grocery store gift cards to individual homes. Pick up between 9 and 10. Deliveries take on average about an hour. Please let Marlene know if you would like to help out at [marlene\\_mader@hotmail.com](mailto:marlene_mader@hotmail.com).



## 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 [annelanthier@yahoo.com](mailto:annelanthier@yahoo.com) and she will make the arrangements .



### July LLL Roster

July 15	Anne
July 22	Bryan
July 29	Willy

## Club Celebrates 38 Years!

The Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore celebrated 38 years at our last meeting in June. Chartered in June 1986, the Club members still include four Charter members including Bruce, Emilio and Bob (along with Doug Weeks who was not present). The bell rung to call each meeting to order has the date of September 17 1986 as our first official meeting. This bell was donated by our sponsor club, the Rotary Club of St. Catharines.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

#### Rotary Award Winners

July 24  
Al Scales

#### 2025 Rotary International Convention

June 21-25, 2025  
Calgary, Alberta

### 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

# ANNETTE'S OUT-GOING PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH

It is hard to believe that this year has gone by so quickly. It seems like yesterday I was working on my incoming president's speech. My heart is filled with gratitude as I stand before you today as your outgoing president. Serving as the leader of our club for the past year has been a truly humbling and rewarding experience, and I am filled with appreciation for each and every one of you who has supported me along the way.

I am thankful for the dedication and hard work of our club members, who have shown unwavering commitment to our shared mission of service above self. Your passion for making a difference in our community and beyond is truly inspiring, and I am honored to have served alongside such a dedicated group of individuals. As a club, we have had an outstanding year in our fundraising efforts, service projects, collaborations with other clubs for local and international projects.

I am also grateful for the support of our Rotary district and the broader Rotary International organization. The resources, guidance, and camaraderie that we have received from our fellow Rotarians have been invaluable in helping us to achieve our goals and make a positive impact in the world.

As I pass the gavel to our incoming president Coral, I am proud in all that we have accomplished together. From our successful service projects to our engaging meetings and events, we have truly made a difference in the lives of those around us.

As you all know by now, when I have come across something to give thought to, I always like to share it. I thought this

poem might help express my year as president. Oddly enough it was shared at my dad's celebration of life :

*"How Do You Live Your Dash?"*

*I read of a man who stood to speak,  
at the funeral of a friend,  
He referred to the dates on his coffin,  
from the beginning... to the end.  
He noted that first came his date of birth  
and spoke the following date with tears,  
but he said what mattered most of all  
was that dash between those years.  
For that dash represents all the time  
that he spent alive on earth...  
and now only those who loved him  
know what that little line is worth.  
For it matters not, how much we own;  
the cars... the house... the cash,  
what matters is how we live and love  
and how we spend our dash*

I am thrilled that part of my dash was spent serving this club as president. I am confident that our club will continue to thrive under the leadership of our new president and that our collective efforts will continue to make a lasting impact on our community and beyond. Thank you for the opportunity to serve all of you, as your president, and thank you for all that you do to make our club a force for good in the world.

## Rotary Golf Tournament 2024 BEECHWOOD FRIDAY JUNE 14TH

A full slate of members and guests had a perfect day for golf at Beechwood Golf & Country Club! The volunteers organized by Shannon did an awesome job helping with the various activities and Beechwood capped it off with an outstanding Prime Rib Dinner.

Along with 14 individual Hole Sponsors, major Event Sponsors included Huntington Animal Hospital (Dinner); ServiceMaster (\$10000 Hole In One); First Response (Longest Drive Men's); Portage Mutual Insurance (Longest Drive Women's); George Darte Funeral Chapel (Closest to the Pin Men's) and Walker Brothers (Closest to the Pin Women's).

Marc arranged a raft of Raffle Prizes. Winners included Annette - Coolers of Booze (donated by our Club) ; Guest Jay Lee - Barbeque (donated by Canadian Tire); Willy - Golf Bag (donated by Colbey Custom Fabrication); Guest Andrew Jackson - \$250 Skincare & Aesthetics Gift Certificate (donated by - Capitiv8) Of particular note, 50/50 Winner Nancy Taylor donated her winnings (\$305) back to the Club.



**A BIG THANK YOU to  
Tournament Chair Marc and his team  
for a great event!**

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