

ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

June 2020

Rotary Celebrates 100 Years of Rotary in St. Catharines!



The Rotary Club of St. Catharines (aka “the Downtown Club”) will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary in Rotary Year 2020-21. Originally chartered in 1921 and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Niagara Falls, all three St. Catharines Clubs have been invited to share in the celebration so let’s spread the word!

A large sign has been placed at Pearson Park (on the corner) at the site of the Kiwanis Aqua Centre (corner of Carleton and Niagara) above the flower bed located at that location. The Rotary Wheel will also appear in flowers in the bed itself later in the season.



Upcoming Meetings:

Amber Hughes

June 10, 2020

Food4Kids Niagara

President Eric Jones

June 24, 2020

President Eric’s Swan Song

Board Meeting at 5



Upcoming Bingo

Delta BINGO is temporarily closed until further notice due to COVID-19 concerns



TAKE ACTION: www.rotarylakeshore.com

CLUB PURCHASES TWO TABLETS FOR LINHAVEN LTC HOME



Seven Rotary Clubs in Niagara (The Rotary Clubs of St. Catharines Lakeshore, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls Sunrise, Fonthill, Lincoln, Grimsby, and Welland) joined forces to supply Samsung Tablets to each of the Long-Term Care Homes managed by the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

As we are all too aware, the residents of these long term care facilities are in "lock-down", unable to see or speak to their loved ones outside of the home other than waving at a window. COVID-19 has imprisoned the senior generation of families, especially at a time when they need their family's words, smiles and love.

Our Lakeshore Club sponsored two 10 inch Samsung tablets for the two separate units at Linhaven (St. Catharines) - perfect for residents to share, contact and talk with their families and friends. Other tablets were supplied to The T. Roy Adams Regional Centre for Dementia Care (St. Catharines), Deer Park Villa (Grimsby), Upper Canada Lodge (Niagara-on-the-Lake), The Meadows of Dorchester (Niagara Falls), The Woodlands of Sunset (Welland), D.H. Rapelje Lodge (Welland) and Northland Pointe (Port Colborne).

Government of Canada Contributes to Global Polio Eradication Initiative

On May 12, the Government of Canada announced a new contribution of \$100 million over three fiscal years (2017 to 2018 and 2019 to 2020) to the Global Polio Eradication Initiatives' (GPEI's) Endgame Strategic Plan. Canada's support will be allocated to the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF, the two main implementers of the GPEI, as follows: \$70 million for global support to polio eradication efforts (\$40 million to the WHO and \$30 million to UNICEF) where the organizations feel it is best applied and \$30 million to support polio eradication efforts specifically in Afghanistan (\$15 million each to the WHO and to UNICEF).

While Rotary is not mentioned in the press release, this additional funding will be used to **increase vaccination campaigns, including improved social mobilization and outreach methods to reach every single child in order to achieve and sustain polio-free status** – which is certainly in line with Rotary's efforts.

This Month in Pictures



Vimy Oak pops new growth at Lock One, Charles Ansell Park.



Here at last are our actual Polio Tulips at Charles Ansell Park. The Club purchased 300 of these unique tulip bulbs from Veseys Seeds of PEI. Veseys contributes 20% of the purchase price to the Rotary Foundation and Our Parks and Recreation Department planted them in the park.

Foundation

Foundation Goal for Annual Fund Achieved!

Thanks to all who donated \$20 (the cost of one Meeting Meal) for April and May to meet our Foundation Goals. Thanks to your April donations we have met our \$2000 Polio Plus goal and with the \$20 each for May we have met the \$3000 goal for the Annual Fund.

Your gift to the Annual Fund helps Rotary clubs take action today to create positive change in communities at home and around the world. Your contributions help strengthen peace efforts, provide clean water and sanitation, support education, grow local economies, save mothers and children, and fight disease.

Your donation to Polio Plus helps Rotary and its partners reach every child with the polio vaccine. Thanks to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, your contribution will be tripled, getting us even closer to a polio-free world.

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979. We've helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. So far, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.8 billion toward eradicating the disease worldwide.

Fifteenth Anniversary of Greater Niagara Circle Route Bridge

Fifteen years ago, on May 27 2006, Rotary Clubs of Niagara pitched in \$50,000.00 to bridge the gap in the Greater Niagara Circle route along the Welland Canal between Thorold and Welland, north of HWY 20. The lead for the Circle Route Project was Regional Councilor Bruce Timms. Our own Rotary Lakeshore Charles Ansell Park Project was well underway at the time at Lock One as another key part of the Circle Route concept. Charles Ansell Park was led by Rotarians Gary Landry and Jon Asplin, sadly neither of them is still with us to see the Park today.





Mark your calendars for June 20-26 for an exciting opportunity to gather online with the family of Rotary for our first online convention.

Now More Than Ever, Rotary Connects the World: The 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention will join you with Rotary participants around the world during a time of unprecedented challenges. Together, we'll still experience the spirit of Rotary, be inspired by innovation, celebrate our resilience, and explore how clubs are addressing COVID-19.

We have never needed Rotary — and we have never needed each other — more than we do now. We hope to see you online, because Now More Than Ever, Rotary Connects the World.

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.

Niagara Rotary Clubs Joint Luncheon

Postponed due to Covid-19

2.

President's Bash

June 17, 2020
Tentative Date

3.

Rotary Golf Classic

July 4, 2020
Postponed due to Covid-19

Club Meeting Information

We are back to our Regular Schedule for June BUT Meetings on Zoom

When: Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:15 PM
Board Meeting every 4th Wednesday at 5 PM

Where: Virtual Meeting using Zoom
Link will be sent to all members
Non Members, please contact President Eric Jones at ejones@vaxxine.com for Zoom link

Mail: 191 Lockhart Drive
St. Catharines, ON L2T 1W8

WHAT'S NEW WITH ROTARY DISTRICT 7090 AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

- The #RotaryResponds Telethon raised over \$525,000, enough to fund at least 21 grants toward our COVID-19 related efforts around the world.
- The Rotary Foundation has approved more than \$4.7 million in disaster response grants to address the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Join the "ROTARY WEB TALKS - Open Mic Series" each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. Watch your email for new topics each week!

Rotary
District 7090
Best of Friends

