ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

June 2022

Club Presents Paul Harris Award to Claudia Konzelmann

The Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore was pleased to present its 2022 Paul Harris Fellowship Award to Claudia Konzelmann at our annual Paul Harris Evening May 25th.



The highest honour that a Rotary Club can bestow, this presentation continues our tradition of recognizing an individual non-Rotarian resident of Niagara whose contributions to our endeavours, whether internationally or at the local level, make St. Catharines a better place for us all.

Claudia has had a longtime association our Club, through her, and Konzelmann Estate Winery's, continuous sponsorship of many of our fundraising events such as Lobsterfest and Trivia Night over the past 20 years. This generous sponsorship has allowed the Club to support our local charitable efforts with organizations such as Food 4 Kids and, of course, the annual Rotary Medalists, Vocational Excellence Awards and Youth Exchanges. As Willy Heidbeuchel put it' "It has been a mutually beneficial relationship. While our club and patrons have enjoyed Konzelmann's outstanding and award winning wines over the years, with Claudia's support and sponsorship over our long history of working together, our fundraising efforts have been immeasurably enhanced".

The Paul Harris Fellow Award – A History

- Launched in 1957, it is intended to encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.
- At 1979 International Assembly, incoming RI President James Bomar challenged each Rotary club to make one non-Rotarian a Paul Harris Fellow
- Today there are over 1.5 Million Award winners.

Upcoming Meetings:

June 8, 2022 Nepal Update

June 22, 2022 Courtney Swan Song



BINGO Volunteers In June!

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

Thur June 9 - Ellen & Marlene

Thur June 16 - Mary & Marlene

Mon June 20 - Patricia & Gillian

We now need two volunteers per session.

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

Don't forget to update your online training.



Clarice West-Hobbs Contemplative Garden Update!

Things are moving fast at the Garden. Here is a quick re-cap for the members as per a recent report to the Committee and the Board:

Fundraising

- Total ("anticipated") to date is at approximately \$24,500 to date.
- Does NOT include two Grants in process (Rotary District Grant and Retired Teachers of Ontario)

Phase 1 Planting

- June Date still to be determined with Gauld Nursery depending on weather.
- They will be on-site for 6 days.

Watering In Phase 1 Plants over First Summer

- We will be watering in the initial plantings ourselves as a Club hands-on component over the summer with hoses from hospital (in cooperation with BGIS)
- Will be organizing Rotary teams to handle this task.

Benches

- Two categories of benches:
 - o Three existing (two of these with Trellises and one without)
 - o and up to six NEW installs possibly to come in Phase 2 and beyond.
- ALL existing bench sponsorships of \$1000 now taken (i.e., add a little plaque)
- ALL NEW benches MUST be the existing brushed steel rod design, absolutely no exceptions. Costing process through BGIS, the Hospital building management company.

Drip Irrigation System

- Two companies looked at site one decided to quote.
- Rain Barrels won't work as can't get sufficient height to ensure gravity feed
- Drip irrigation system will be connected to 4 in-ground valve boxes and Kwik connects for hoses.

Signage

- More elaborate signage and donor recognition for central brick wall at midpoint of the Garden.
- Design and Quoting underway with three firms (McGee Marking our own supplier of medals, etc.: Creative Signs and Digitall Signworks – both Hospital Suppliers now)

Promotion

- Standard article (also Regional Toronto Star, Niagara Falls Review, Welland Tribune and eventually Niagara This Week) published on May19.
- Resulted in roughly \$1000 in donations, including a sizable one from our own Doug Weeks.
- Hope to create a one-page newsletter we can send out periodically to all donors and interested groups with progress on the Garden.
- Please continue to spread the word at every opportunity!

Phase 2 and Beyond

- Need to begin to plan for additional Phase 3 components on the other side of the walkway in 2023:
 - o additional planting beds and additional benches
 - perhaps a hard edge border along the emergency road to grass
 - additional drip irrigation on that side



Little Lending Library Installed at Happy Rolph's

Ellen and the Literacy Committee are pleased to announce that the Little Lending Library, built by our own Bob Birrell, has been installed on site at Happy Rolph's.

Still to come - Plaques recognizing our Club and donors and, of course, some children's books



Plan to Attend "President's Bash 2022"!!!



Join Rotarians and guests on June 15th for a BIG party in President Courtney's honour. Just email Joy by June 1 and let her know you will be attending. Here are the critical details:

Place: Marc's backyard (17 Black Friars Rd)

Caterer: George's by the bridge

Menu: Individual take away - chicken skewer, salad, rice, potatoes, baklava

BYOB and chair

Price: \$20. Paid to Janet

Food4Kids - Update

The Number of Bags Packed Keeps Growing

On May 18th, Willy, Gary Snider, Randi, Mary, Angela, Marlene and potential new member Lauren Hundert packed a new record 399 Bags of food!







Food4kids is in need of drivers to deliver grocery gift cards during the summer months. The cards will be distributed on July 6 and August 3. Each route will require delivery to approximately 10 homes taking approximately 60-90 minutes.

Please contact Marlene if you are able to help deliver.

Are You on Social Media

Check out our Club pages!







2022 Rotary International Convention Houston, Texas • June 4-18, 2022





- Registration Fees and Link
- Events
- Program Highlights

Past Club Newsletters Available on Website

NOTE: This, and all past, newsletters are available on the <u>Rotary Lakeshore website</u>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

1) 2022 RI Convention

June 4-18, 2022 Houston, Texas

2) President's Bash

June 15, 2022 Mark's Backyard

3) Outdoor Summer Meetings
July 13 – Joy & Gary's

August 10 – Annette's

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 Courtney at Courtneyusborne@gmail.com for Dinner invite OR Zoom link.

WHAT'S NEW AT DISTRICT & ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

June is Rotary Fellowships Month

- International groups of Rotarians that share a common passion.
- A fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.
- Now 99 Fellowships and counting (everything from Beer to Gourmet Cooking)
- Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Go to this <u>link</u> for full details on all the Fellowships available.



