

ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

March 2021

Club Helps The Grantham House and Food4Kids Feed 100 Families/290 Kids

Food4Kids Executive Director Amber Hughes noticed a Facebook posting that The Grantham House restaurant (14 Secord Drive, St Catharines) was offering a free meal to any child that needed one, no questions asked. She reached out to see if they could work together to get a meal for the kids in the Food4Kids program. A win-win for all concerned - supporting a local restaurant that could provide a meal to all of the Food4Kids families, but at a much lower cost than Food4Kids would normally incur.

It certainly turned into a real win for Food4Kids! The Grantham House reached out to many of their contacts to get product donated, so Food4Kids actually paid VERY little. Feeding parents and children, each family received a tray of Penne pasta with chicken in a rose sauce. In addition, each child also received a hamburger with fresh fruit and vegetables on the side. They even included a treat bag for each family for dessert.

A number of Rotarians were able to help with the deliveries, along with many volunteers from The Grantham House, despite a change in the delivery schedule to accommodate the cooking times. All in all, it was a great afternoon with lots of positive feedback from the Food4Kids families.



Upcoming Meetings:

March 10, 2021

ZOOM Auction Sale
Fellowship Committee

March 27, 2021

Don Thorpe, Welland Rotary Club
100th Anniversary Legacy Project



Upcoming Bingo

Volunteering with Delta BINGO is temporarily halted until further notice.

Past Club Newsletters Available on Website

NOTE: This, and all past, newsletters are available on the Rotary Lakeshore website at <https://rotarylakeshore.com/>.

Just look for the "CLUB NEWSLETTER" area in the far left hand column, under Speakers List, on the Home Page!



TAKE ACTION: www.rotarylakeshore.com

World & Community Spotlight

At our February 10th meeting, Chairperson Bob Birrell outlined the charities supported to date in our 2020-2021 Rotary year. The World & Community Committee's mandate is to support youth-oriented activities/charities Locally (Community) and around the World. The Committee also tries to support smaller, hands-on groups where our dollars have some direct impact - as opposed to just being "a grain of sand on a huge funding beach". Here is a list of the charities supported:

Locally in our Community:

- RAFT
- Community Care St. Catharines & Thorold
- Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre Niagara
- Boys & Girls Club St. Catharines
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters St. Catharines
- Brock University Women in Medicine
- Poinsettia Campaign to LTC Homes (with Niagara Falls Rotary)
- Clarice West-Hobbs Contemplative Garden at St. Catharines Hospital site (in development)



Around the World:

- Nepal Community Schools Project (with Rotary Club of Huntsville)
- Creating Opportunities for Guatemala Garden Project (under consideration)
- Ryan's Bowl (under consideration)
- Niagara Health System Mask Cleaning Machine (with Downtown and Welland Clubs along with District Matching Grant – Brazil Club involvement allows as International project)
- Tabitha Foundation Canada (re: Cambodia) (under consideration)
- Cystinosis Research Foundation
- ShelterBox Canada



A number of these charities have been profiled in previous editions of our newsletter. Please go to our club website <https://rotarylakeshore.com/> for full details on these and other projects.



Are You on Social Media?

Check out our Club pages!

On LinkedIn? Join our Page at <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8620448/>

On Facebook? Join our Page at <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryStCatharinesLakeshore>

On Instagram? Check us out at www.instagram.com/rotarylakeshorestcatharines

Virtual DISTRICT 7090 CONFERENCE Week! MARCH 16-20, 2021

Experience, all from the comfort and safety of your home in four separate programs. Don't worry, if you can't make one session, it will be recorded for future viewing.

THE COST - FREE. **NOTE: PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

Monday, March 15 (7 to 9 PM): Conference Week Kick-Off and Virtual Happy Hour Social

- *Showcasing the Little Lending Libraries (LLL) Challenge* with Literacy Service Experience & District Literacy Chair: Rotarian Margaret Andrewes

Tuesday, March 16 (7 to 9PM): "Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)" with:

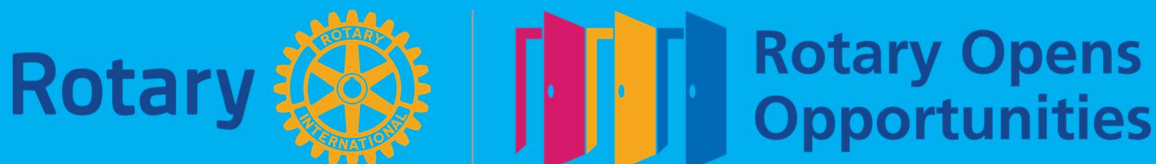
- Key Note Speaker: RIPN Jennifer Jones: nominated as the first woman named President Nominee to serve as RI President in 2022-23.
- Valerie Wafer, RI Director, Zone 28/32, RI VP in 2021-22, Chair of RI DEI Committee.
- Michael Jacques, Inspirational Speaker on Inclusion, and author.

Thursday, March 18 (7 to 9 PM): "YOUTH, the Future of Rotary" & Engaging Breakouts

- Key Note Speaker: Barry Rassin, Past RI President
- Key Note Speaker: Rotarian & Inspirational Speaker, EVAN BURRELL, "Service Minded Super Hero"

Saturday, March 20 (9AM to 12PM): "International Service Project Saturday"

- Key Note Speaker: Rotarian Elaine Hernandez, Past Exchange Student, and Internationally Acclaimed Service Rotarian
- Projects presented from Argentina D4921, Bolivia D4690, Brazil D4590, Canada/US D7090 - Kenya and Uganda, with a special update from St. Maarten D7020 Sister Marie Laurence School.
- Conference International Service Experience Chair: Rotarian Lezlie Murch



ZOOM AUCTION STYLE GARAGE SALE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2021 • REGULAR MEETING TIME – 7:00 PM

HERE IS WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:

1. Find one or even two of your finest 'treasures' to put up for sale
2. Submit a picture and brief description to Courtney via email
3. Assign a suggested price but note that all prices will be reviewed by the committee
4. Be prepared to attend the March 10th regular meeting
5. Be prepared to part with your precious heirlooms
6. Be prepared to have lots of laughs
7. All proceeds will be donated to our Club

REMEMBER - ONE PERSON'S TRASH IS ANOTHER PERSON'S TREASURE!!!

2021 Rotary International Convention now Virtual!

June 12-16, 2021



The Rotary International Convention, originally scheduled for 12-16 June 2021, in Taipei, Taiwan, will now be a virtual event in response to the ongoing threat of COVID-19.

Watch for details Coming Soon!

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) ZOOM Auction

Wednesday, March 10 2021
Starting at 7:00 PM

2) Club Blood Donation Day

Wednesday, March 16 2021
Email Beth at bethfleeton@hotmail.com
if interested

3) District Conference

March 16-20 2021
Visit <https://rotary7090.org/> for more information on the virtual conference

Club Meeting Information

When: Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM
Board Meeting 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Virtual Meeting using Zoom
Link will be sent to all members

Non Members, please contact Bruce Timms at brucetimms@yahoo.com for Zoom link

WHAT'S NEW WITH ROTARY DISTRICT 7090 AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

2021-22 Food4Kids Grant Conditionally Approved!

- \$2000 Matching Grant application conditionally approved by the District Foundation review committee.
- Next step is for 2021-2022 District Grant Spending Plan to be approved by The Rotary Foundation (TRF).
- Their response expected no sooner than August 30, 2021.

Virtual DISTRICT 7090 CONFERENCE Week!

- MARCH 16-20, 2021
- The conference team and Governor Frank will be rolling out more about the conference in the few short weeks to come.
- Please note there is no cost to register, but please register, don't delay.
- Registration for each event will close in the hours ahead of the event to send Zoom link.

