

ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

May 2020

Emergency Grant Purchases Arrive for Food4Kids!

Through the efforts of Amber Hughes, Executive Director and our own Marlene Mader, the special Food4Kids order has been placed, and after the supplier was able to resolve some difficulties in sourcing some items, delivered to the Food4Kids warehouse in St. Catharines. Food Packages have been prepared and were delivered the last week in April.

As you may remember, formally a weekend food program only, the closing of schools (and their on-site food programs) during the Covid-19 pandemic has led to a needed expansion of Food4Kids to provide more food per child, augmenting their nutrition through the week as well. The Club received a \$1000 U.S. grant to assist the Food4Kids Program. The club matched the grant with an additional \$1000 U.S., above and beyond our usual level of support.



The shipment arrives.



Ready for delivery!

**NOW MORE THAN EVER,
ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD:
THE 2020 ROTARY
VIRTUAL CONVENTION**

20-26 June 2020 | Learn more at riconvention.org

Upcoming Meetings:

Dr. Patricia Liaw & Ellen Coffey

May 13, 2020

Sepsis and the Canadian Sepsis Foundation

Paul Harris Evening Postponed

Mar 25, 2020

Speaker to be determined



Upcoming Bingo

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



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COURTNEY TO SERVE AS CLUB PRESIDENT FOR 2021-22

(Submitted by Eric Jones, Communications Chair)



Courtney presents Nepal Trip.

Our thanks to Courtney Usborne for agreeing to serve as Club President for Rotary Year 2021-2022. Courtney will follow President-elect Bruce Timms.

Courtney comes from a “Rotary Family”, as both her mother Susan and father Tony are Rotarians and members of the Bridgenorth Ennismore Lakefield (B.E.L) Rotary Club. Married to Darcy with two young children and a graduate of Brock University, she is employed as a Senior Associate at Ratkovsky Wealth Management of RBC Dominion Securities in St. Catharines. Courtney has been involved in many Rotary activities both as a member of the B.E.L. club serving on the Foundation Committee and sending out the weekly minutes and here with us as Newsletter Editor.

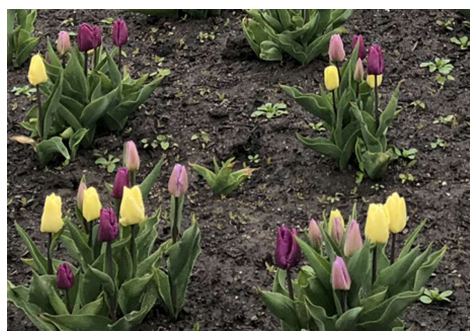
Members will remember Courtney’s audiovisual presentation covering her May 2019 one week trip to Nepal to assist the country in rebuilding after the devastating April 25, 2015 earthquake. Courtney, Susan and other Ontario Rotarians teamed up with the Rotary Club of Dhulikhel, Nepal to give some hands on help by providing physical labour and donating school supplies including desks and computers in rebuilding the country.

“Rotary Polio Tulips” Are Blooming!

Thanks to Sandi Chard who took these photos while passing 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.



Tulips in bloom as a ship passes by Charles Ansell.

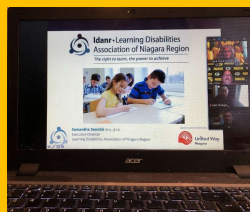


While not quite as advertised yet, still an impressive display.



Rotary Polio Tulip photo from catalogue.

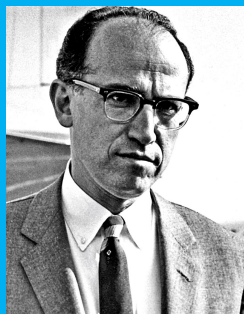
This Month in Pictures



Our first virtual club meeting on April 22, using Zoom was a huge success! Thank you to Gary Chard for setting this up and a great presentation provided by Samantha.

Foundation

Profile of Dr. Jonas Salk, Inventor of Polio Vaccine



On March 26, 1953, American medical researcher Dr. Jonas Salk announced on national radio that he had successfully tested a vaccine against poliomyelitis, the virus that causes the crippling disease of polio. In 1952—an epidemic year for polio—there were 58,000 new cases reported in the United States, and more than 3,000 died from the disease. For promising eventually to eradicate the disease, which was known as “infant paralysis” because it mainly affected children, Dr. Salk was celebrated as the great doctor-benefactor of his time. In addition, Dr. Salk insisted that his vaccine not be patented, so it would be available to all.

In honour of this past World Immunization Week (April 24-23), we recognize Dr. Salk for his outstanding achievement and his humanitarianism.

Foundation Goal for Polio Plus Achieved!

Thanks to all who have 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 are well on our way to meeting the \$3000 goal for the Annual Fund. Still want to get in? Just let Janet know!

Fellowship – Museum Visit a Big Success!



Club Members enjoyed “A Night at the Museum”, organized by the Fellowship Committee at the St. Catharines Museum on Wednesday, March 4 2020.

After a private tour of the museum, members and their partners enjoyed a social dinner at a nearby establishment.





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
Rockway Golf Club

Club Meeting Information

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

In a Joint Statement issued April 6, **Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International** are leveraging the strength of our combined networks of 3.2 million members to provide comfort and hope to those feeling the effects of isolation and fear. We are focusing our collective skills, resources and ideas to support frontline health workers and first responders as they battle Covid-19 and save lives.

Rotary and the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** are renewing their longstanding partnership to end polio, announcing a joint commitment of up to \$450 million to support the global polio eradication effort.

Join the **“ROTARY WEB TALKS - Open Mic Series”** each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. Watch your email for new topics each week!

