

ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

November 2020

Charles Ansell Clean-up and Malcomson Park Walk

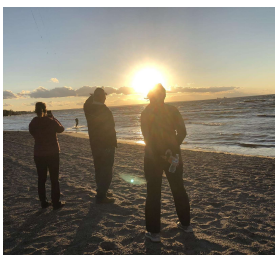
On a perfect Wednesday evening, 15 Club members and partners met at Charles Ansell Park for a bit of a cleanup... with one group having to return to get more garbage bags as the first ones quickly became filled... then took a walk under the canopy of trees in Malcomson Park and the Waterfront Trail to Sunset Beach. It was a great chance to get caught up with other members on a beautiful Fall evening, while still socially distancing and getting some fresh air and exercise. The group then headed back to Charles Ansell Park where Milica was ready with a hot cabbage/sweet potato soup and, of course, fresh focaccia bread, banana bread and carrot cake...because she loves our club. Thanks to Randi, Joy and Bob for organizing another great fellowship/community service event.



President Bruce and Coral with quite a haul.



Gary searches for litter everywhere!



Rotarians enjoy the sunset at the beach.



Milica is ready for the hungry crowd!



Socially distanced "litter pickers".

Upcoming Meetings:

November 11, 2020

Paul 'Pitch' Molnar

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #350

November 25, 2020

Valarie Wafer

Rotary International Director



Upcoming Bingo

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



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Next Club Blood Donation Days Scheduled

Twelve Club members recently participated in our inaugural Blood Donation Event organized by Beth. With the success of this first event, additional dates have been scheduled:

- Wednesday, November 18
- Wednesday, December 16

With the on-going pandemic, members go to the Canadian Blood Services Clinic at specified times throughout the day. If you haven't signed up already, or if you have any questions/concerns, please contact Beth to see what slots might still be available.



Upcoming Food4Kids Food Drive

Four volunteers packed food October 15 for Food4kids. Thanks to Milica, Bryan, Janet and Committee Chair Marlene for their participation. We were the first group of public volunteers allowed to pack since the beginning of the Covid -19 shutdown in March. **Our next packing date is Wed Nov 18 at 10 a.m.** We are looking for five volunteers – please contact Marlene. Precautions and protocols have been put into place to make the environment as safe as possible. Your temperature will be taken, you will be asked to fill out a health questionnaire and of course masks are mandatory. The packing procedure has been modified to allow for physical distancing and plenty of hand sanitizer is available.

We will also be doing another food drive in November. It will be limited to the last two weeks in the month. Amber has requested Sidekicks or Uncle Bens Fast and Fancy Rice so if you see those items on sale between now and the end of November, please pick some up. Reminder e-mails will be sent by Chair Marlene as we get closer to a start date. Please try to include your friends, neighbours and relatives in the food drive. The more donations we receive, the more children we can feed, and right now that number seems to be increasing daily.



Club Loses Two Past Members A Few Days Apart

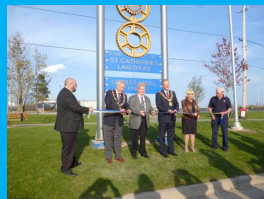
Burke McNeill

Burke joined the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore in January 1987, shortly after it was formed, remaining a member until 2012. In October 1990, he was honoured with a Paul Harris by the Club in recognition of his service. In 2010, Burke was made an Honorary Member by the Club, continuing under that status until he moved to Milton with wife Margaret in 2012. Margaret predeceased Burke several years ago. He passed away in Milton on Sunday September 27, 2020 at the Milton District Hospital and leaves behind children Lorna Schindler, Jayne Brown (Doug), Patti Nowak (Rick Sampson), JoAnne Clement (Brian Ferri) as well as 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

A long-time employee with the Department of Agriculture, and most recently at the Vineland Agricultural Research Station, Burke was passionate about tender fruit of all types, grapes and above all apples. The Club may have been among the first in Canada to sample the now famous Honey Crisp apple when Burke brought in a sampler basket fresh from the tree to a Club Meeting. Along with Rotary, Burke spent countless volunteer hours tending to the greenhouses and their contents at Malcomson Park. The path that members walked after the recent Charles Ansell clean-up is there in no small part due to Burke's tireless efforts.



Honouring Burke and Margaret prior to their move.



Burke (far left) at dedication of Charles Ansell Park.



Burke and Margaret, Rotary Christmas Party

Mary Frances Richardson

While Mary Frances was only a member for a brief time, joining in April 2007 and leaving end of August 2008, members will remember her as the moderator and “exotic beer buyer in chief” for a number of years prior to that during our beer tasting evenings. Mary, Jim Cunningham and Eric Jones would pile into Jim’s car on a Saturday morning each year and head for the LCBO Fine Wine outlet off Front Street in Toronto – the only place you could buy beers not called Blue and Canadian. Mary would direct the eager shoppers to pick out 5 or 6 different beers (the “Chili” Beer is well-remembered by the author), 6 bottles or so of each. Packed back into Jim’s car they would then head for a memorable lunch (at Jim’s expense I might add) before heading back to St. Catharines for the evenings pizza, wings and beer tasting.

Beyond Rotary, Mary Frances was a member of St. George's Anglican Church, serving as a warden, lay reader and chair of the very popular Beer Tasting Committee there as well. She was an award winning Chemistry professor at Brock University in addition to her involvement in many other organizations. A bit of research lead to the discovery that Mary Frances was on an 8 minute 1993 CBC TV segment “Beer: Brewing your own” as a person who “who loves to experiment with different brews”. The link still exists – here it is <https://www.cbc.ca/archives/entry/beer-brewing-your-own>.

2021 Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan

June 12-16, 2021



Feel the Energy in Taipei!

Special Promotion Rate -June 20 through June 26th midnight Chicago time

RIPE Holger invites all Rotarians to register for the Taipei Convention. The official registration site will open on June 20th and there are forms available for download if needed.

Registration link

<https://www.riconvention.org/en/taipei>

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) 3rd Annual Fall Fun Trivia Night~~

~~Cancelled till 2021~~

2) Club Blood Donation Days

Wednesday, November 18 2020
Wednesday, December 16 2020

3) 23rd Annual Winter Trivia Night

Still on

Saturday, February 20 2021

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

World Polio Day, October 24

- Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years.
- 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.
- Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.
- Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.

