

ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

September 2021

Club Recognizes Student Award Winners

The Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore focuses on youth in our charitable giving and community support programs. Perhaps one of the best known of these programs is the Rotary Medalist. Each year a Grade 12 graduating male and female student at one of three north-end high schools is awarded a Rotary Medal. These students, selected by each school, mirror our "4 Way Test" motto in their scholastic, volunteer and day-to-day activities.

For more than 30 years, the Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore has also presented the Vocational Excellence Award at the same three high schools. As identified by their school, the award is bestowed to either a male or female student that has achieved high academic standing in their graduating year.

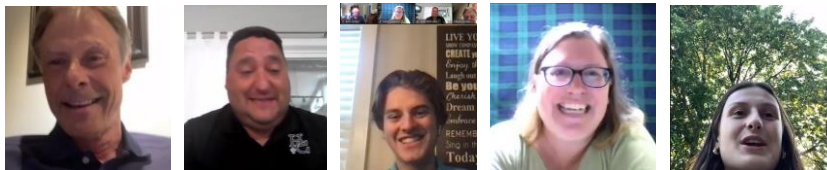
Our July 28th Meeting was highlighted by the recognition of our 2020-2021 Rotary Medalists and Vocational Service Award Winners from our three schools: Holy Cross, St. Francis and Governor Simcoe. The full list of 2021 Award Winners were:

Governor Simcoe

Rotary Medalist Jack Rupcic, Jane Bellefleur
Vocational Service Taylor Chira

Holy Cross

Rotary Medalist Gage Meller, Maisie Rappitt
Vocational Service Emily Cassibo



PLEASE NOTE: The St. Francis Rotary Medalists and Vocational Service Award winner are being kept a closely guarded secret at the schools request until their Convocation October 10th when they will be revealed to the students and ceremony attendees.

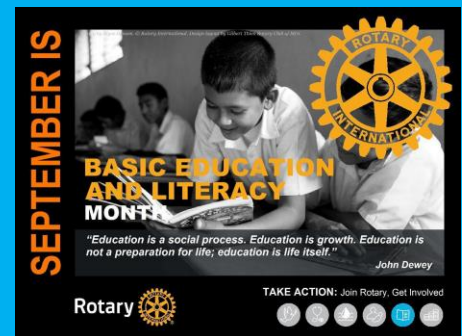
Upcoming Meetings:

September 8, 2021

Tanya McCready
Winterdance

September 22, 2021

Carolyn Ferguson
Senior Major Gifts Officer
The Rotary Foundation



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/>.



TAKE ACTION: www.rotarylakeshore.com

Clarice West-Hobbs Contemplative Garden Update

Draft Planting Plan Being Developed!

After consulting with a variety of commercial landscape contractors and arborists in the area, the universal recommendation for an individual to assist us in the development of a draft planting plan for discussion was Alex from Gauld Nurseries. Gauld also had the advantages of being a commercial nursery used extensively by commercial landscapers for supply of their planting materials and has an outstanding reputation for highest quality, guaranteed plant stock.



Alex has agreed to complete the formal planting plan and budget at no charge with the understanding the final agreed plant stock (or at least the majority thereof) would be purchased from the nursery. The plan is now underway and will hopefully be ready for presentation by early September.



Food4Kids District Grant Approved!



Committee Chair Marlene is pleased to announce the District Grant we applied for (\$2000.00 U.S. from the District matching \$2000.00 U.S. from our club) has been approved and we will be starting to work on it next week.

Initially, the Club received a special Covid-19 grant for Food4kids for \$1000.00 US. An application for a subsequent grant required that we use the new funds for students added from the time of the initial Covid-19 grant was awarded to the time of applying for this subsequent one. Therefore, under this later grant, we will be purchasing, packing and delivering food to 35 students for 8-10 weeks (depending on food costs) who have been added to the program. We also need to help pick up food from orders placed to stores or vendors.

On August 25th, the Club conducted the first of these packs. Pictured in the group are (left to right): Milica, Volunteer Martinne Oliver, Randi, Marlene, Gillian and provisional member Angela Wycimaga.

Future Packing Dates: Sept 29, Oct 13 and 27; Nov 3 – all at 10:00 a.m. 6 volunteers for each pack date.
Future Delivery Dates: Oct 1, 15 and 29; Nov 5 - Times vary, usually 9:00 or 9:30 a.m. 3 volunteers for each delivery date.

Contact Marlene to sign up!

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

World and Community Spotlight

Isabella from Ryan's Bowl Updates the Club

Ryan's Bowl founder, Ken Walsh, went on a trip to Uganda with a non-profit organization in 2006. Seeing first-hand the poverty of the area and sad condition of the children he knew he personally had to do something. What initially started out as sending money to feed and care for five children, quickly grew into the organization it is today. In 2019, Ryan's Bowl fed 1,185 students, medically helped over 15 cases, supplied books/pens to over 100 children and gave numerous girl hygiene products to keep them in school. With the passing of Ken Walsh in March 2019, Isabella Bujor has taken over the organization but the organization's mission remains the same: to provide meals, education and medical care for the children of Mbale Uganda region who, without it, wouldn't be able to have basic necessities met!

Isabella is originally from Romania and her husband Billy from Albania; being able to have the opportunity to come to Canada for a better future and more opportunities they both have always looked at ways to give back to others. You can normally find her & Billy working at their restaurant called The Lemon Tree. After establishing the restaurant and having a few years under their belt, they were ready to take on another dream they had which was to dive into a charity to help kids in developing nations. When they met with Ken and spoke to him about Ryan's Bowl Isabella knew it was meant to be as their next step! Now having visited Uganda and meeting everyone she is excited to be able to continue on.

When you give a child a chance to obtain a proper education and access to food each day, that child will be able to do great things for their family and community! Visit Ryan's Bowl online at www.ryansbowl.ca for details, videos and more information.



Next Group Blood Donation, Sept. 14 & 15!

Please contact [Beth](#) for our next event. Our group has grown to the point that we now require two nights in September (September 14/15) to ensure even more people can do their part, understanding 50% of Canadians can donate and only 4% do!! Did you know there's no maximum age to donate?



We can now e-transfer funds to our Rotary Bank Account!

The e-transfer should be made from your bank account to treasurer.rotarylakeshore@gmail.com. There is no password required as it goes into the Rotary account automatically. Please note in the "message" part of the transfer why you are transferring the dollars (Examples: bottle drive, happy dollars, donation, trivia night, etc.).

2022 Rotary International Convention

Houston, Texas • June 4-18, 2022



Discover New Horizons!

Special Promotion Rate June 17 December 15th!

Registration Fees and Link

<https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston/registration-fees>

Events

<https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston/events>

Program Highlights

<https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston/program-highlights>

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

“Face to Face” Events Are Back!

(with Zoom Connection for those who cannot attend in person)

Weather permitting of course

1) Group Blood Donation

Sep 14 & 15, 2021

To reserve your spot, contact [Beth](#)

2) Regular Club Meeting

September 22, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

Annette Marchionda's backyard

3) World Clean-Up Day

September 18, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

Charles Ansel Park

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 Courtney

at courtneyusborne@gmail.com for

Zoom link

WHAT'S NEW WITH ROTARY DISTRICT 7090 AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Participate for Polio - October 2, 2021

This year, you can cycle with fellow Rotarians on two bike routes - one on US side of border and one on Canadian side of border. We are also encouraging clubs to organize their own bike or walk. Invite non-Rotarians to support us and join us. Share the news of what we are doing to eliminate polio from the face of the earth. Click on the link for more information.

<https://rotary7090.org/page/participate-for-polio/>

7090 District Conference - Oct 21-23, 2021

- Thursday October 21 – a virtual evening celebration of clubs and some dynamite speakers / interactive sessions.
- Friday October 22 - we are encouraging clubs in each area to come together for a service project followed by evening social. More details on this coming to your Presidents very shortly.
- Saturday October 23 - an in-person conference in Hamilton Ontario.

There will be something for everyone so save the date.

