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Welcome to the world of Rotary in Norfolk County

Rotary International is a worldwide network of service clubs celebrating more than 100 years of global community service with a convention in Toronto at the end of June. Among the thousands of attendees will be representatives from Norfolk County's three clubs, as well as an affiliated Rotaract Club.

Rotary has had a presence in Norfolk County for more than 90 years. Over that time, countless thousands of dollars have been donated to both community and worldwide humanitarian projects.

The motto of Rotary is "Service Above Self" and local Rotarians have amply fulfilled that mandate.

This special publication is designed to remind the community of Rotary's local history and its contributions from its beginning in 1925 to the present.

Rotary has left its mark locally with ongoing support of projects and services such as Norfolk General Hospital, the Delhi Community Medical Centre and the Rotary Trail. Equally important are youth services and programs highlighted by international travel opportunities.

In addition to community causes, local Rotarians also contribute to international projects such as the eradication of polio and providing fresh water to Third World countries.

We hope you enjoy reading about Rotary's good works and if there is interest in joining there are four options outlined on the back page on how to get in touch.

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Join us and make Rotary a way of life for you, "Doing good in your community and the world." Come to a local meeting soon and find out for yourself. We welcome you! ■



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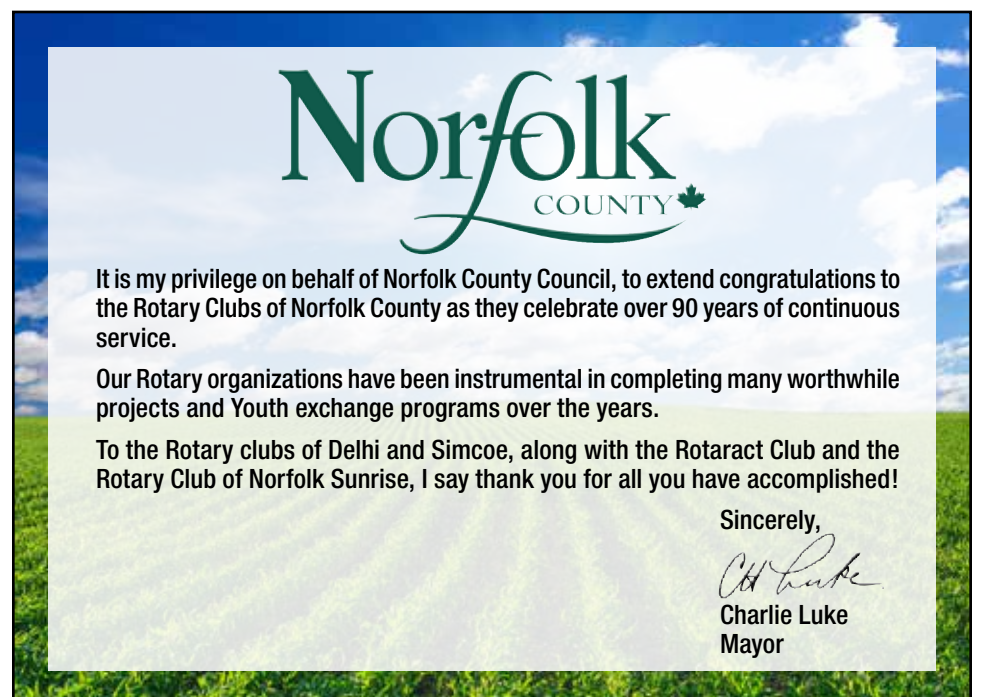
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THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

THE FOUR WAY TEST

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:

Of the things we think, say or do

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- **Club Service** focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.

- **Vocational Service** calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society. Learn more in *An Introduction to Vocational Service* and the *Code of Conduct*.
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- **International Service** exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.
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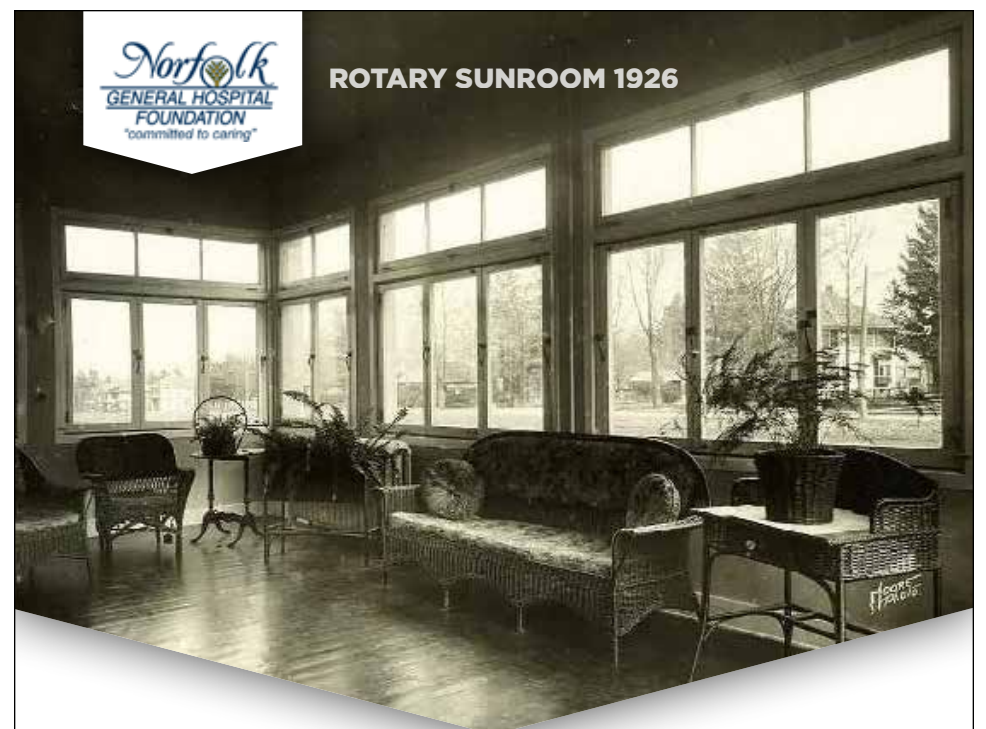
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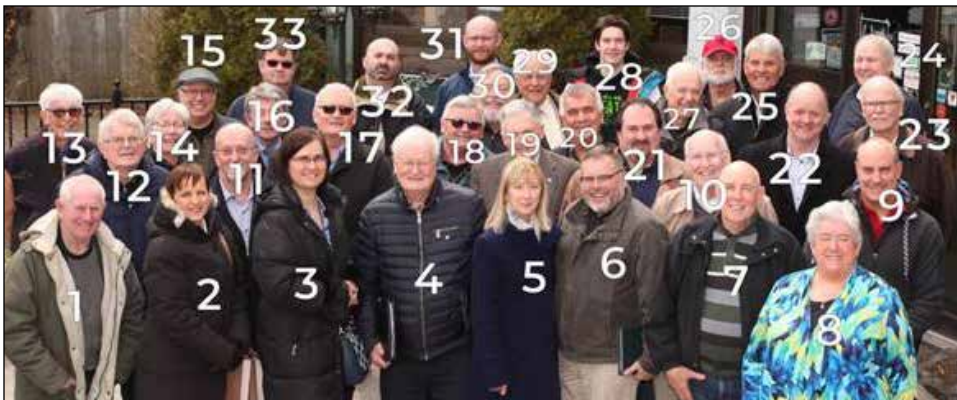
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Rotary Club of Simcoe

Dr. Gordon C. Watts Scholarship

Gord, as he was known to his fellow Rotarians, was a long-time member of The Rotary Club of Simcoe.

In 2012, an arts scholarship was established in his name. Gord, died from cancer in 2007 in the prime of his life. He was devoted to his family, carrying on a busy dental practice in Simcoe while finding time for many community activities. One of his passions was water colour painting, especially landscapes. The Rotary Club of Simcoe recognized his rotary and community service by awarding him a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2007.

Our Rotary Club decided that establishing a scholarship fund to help aspiring student artists would be an appropriate tribute to our dear friend. It

seemed to be particularly fitting, considering Gord's longstanding work in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

The Rotary Club of Simcoe's Dr. Gordon C. Watts Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating Norfolk County secondary school student who is planning to study art and design at a recognized post-secondary institution.


To achieve this goal, The Rotary Club of Simcoe has developed an endowment fund in partnership with the Norfolk Community Foundation. People interested in contributing to this fund are asked to contact Mike Cobb at mcobb@cobbjones.ca.



Rotarian Mike Cobb on left, 2015 recipient Tristan Atkinson and Rotarian Gerry Goddard on the right. Tristan attended Sheridan College.




Holy Trinity student receives inaugural Watts scholarship. Garry McMillian on left, Mike Cobb in background and 2012 recipient Daniel Kiernan on the right. Daniel attended Emily Carr University of Art and Design in British Columbia.




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Rotarian Mike Cobb on the left with 2016 recipient Alyssa Suderman. Alyssa attended Conestoga College.



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Rotary Wally

The Rotary Club of Simcoe has been serving the community and beyond for generations.

Chartered in 1925, 30 local businessmen and professionals joined the worldwide network of community and international service clubs.

Rotary International was founded by a group of friends from Chicago in 1905 with the simple purpose of "doing some good in the world." The concept took hold and today Rotary boasts 35,784 clubs with a total membership of 1,230,399 members.

Rotary clubs are divided into districts throughout the world. Simcoe is in District 7090 which is unique because it has clubs in both Canada and the United States

The Simcoe club was originally sponsored by Brantford and approved by Rotary International. Throughout much of its history, membership in Rotary was by invitation from classifications largely defined by occupation.

Wally Anderson, who owned a hardware store, ("I'm senior active now"), followed in his father's footsteps and joined the club in 1968. His father was a charter member in 1925 and Wally's three sons have also been involved in Rotary.

Anderson said Rotary's slogan is "He profits

most who serves best" and members subscribe to a four-way test: truth, fair to all, build goodwill and friendship and be beneficial to all concerned.

"If you live life like that, you won't go too far wrong," he said. "It also builds a good community."

Rotary recognizes individual outstanding service with the Paul Harris Fellow award which was first presented to a Simcoe member, John Irving, in 1975. Anderson received the award in 1987.

Anderson said some of his most memorable moments in Rotary was his term as president where he attended a Rotary International convention in Hawaii as well as hosting Simcoe's first Rotary International Youth Exchange in 1967.

He said the student was from Argentina and did not speak English when she arrived for a term at Simcoe Composite School. But thanks to tutoring by Anderson's wife Estelle, who was an English teacher, the student became fluent in just two months.



"She was brilliant," Anderson said.

During his term as club president, Anderson visited the student in Argentina and met her family.

Anderson said Rotary membership is a great way to network throughout the world and, more importantly, serve the community.

The first project of the newly formed Simcoe club was to build a sunroom at Norfolk General Hospital, an association which continues to this day.

Over the subsequent years, the local club has contributed to hundreds of local projects as well as Rotary International commitments, such as providing water wells throughout developing countries around the world.

"I have no idea of how much we've donated over the years but its a hell of a lot of money," Anderson said. ■



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Bingo a Fundraiser Extraordinaire



Standing is former Rotarians Mike Martin and Douglas Vallee (deceased). The unidentified lady is receiving her prize. Date unknown but the photograph was again taken at the former Bingorama on Park Road.

About the year 1984, the Rotary Club of Simcoe embarked on the sponsorship of Bingo as a fundraising project. Little did we know at the time that this fundraiser would still be operating in the year 2000!

For the first few years, we sponsored about 40 events per year, each event being manned by a team of approximately 15 Rotarians. The club was divided into 4 teams and with some scheduling care, each Rotarian was responsible to work about 9 events per year. In later years our share of the Bingo events increased to somewhat greater than 53 events per year and has now settled back to about 46 events per year.

The revenue earned from this project has been nothing short of fabulous. In the early years of the project, the profits were in excess of \$25,000 per year increasing each year until 1993 when we reached a record of \$77,000 for the year. It is estimated that we have earned a total of something greater than \$700,000 during the life of the project. There has been considerable erosion of profits in recent years due to competition from other Bingo Halls in the area, the opening of casinos in Niagara and Brantford and the opening of a Bingo operation on the Six Nations lands which due to privileged location is not subject to the same standards (licensing) that legitimate Bingo operations must adhere to.

The profits from Bingo have been directed to the Norfolk General Hospital (ICCU - \$150,000 and Mammography Unit - \$50,000), Norfolk Agricultural Society (Lloyd S. Culver Grandstand), Simcoe Composite School Computer Lab (\$75,000), Rotary Walkway (Footpath through Simcoe Park), Norfolk Music Festival (\$3,500 - 6,000 per year for recent years), Haldimand-Norfolk Women's Shelter (\$25,000), Silver Lake Rowing Club (\$8,000), the Lynn Valley Trail and countless other smaller gifts to assist those less fortunate than ourselves.

One of the sacrifices that Rotarians make when working at a Bingo is the inhalation of second hand tobacco smoke due to the fact that the vast majority of bingo players seem to be heavy smokers. One of the benefits is the enjoyment of rotary fellowship with your co-workers during Bingo and particularly after the event when many of us congregate at a local pub to wash out the smoke and enjoy spicy delicacies (appendages for flying).

The future of Bingo as a fundraiser extraordinaire is somewhat clouded but we will likely be working bingo well into the future. ■

John Dodd circa 2000

Simcoe Caring Cupboard
aka The Local Food Bank

Rotary President Hadley Jackson presents a cheque to Al Martens Chair/Administrator of the Simcoe Caring Cupboard.

Contributions of the Rotary Club of Simcoe go far beyond the community. Like all Rotarians, local members support causes and projects around the world.

Mike Cobb, chairman of the Simcoe club's international service committee, said one of their major commitments is the ShelterBox organization.

ShelterBox is a long standing international initiative which provides emergency housing and necessities of life to people whose lives have been disrupted by conflicts and natural disasters. Recently they've been involved in the Middle East, Haiti and Yemen.

Cobb said Rotary of Simcoe has been involved in ShelterBox for several years and has donated at least one box annually. He said each box contains a tent, sleeping bags and water purification kits at a cost of \$1,300.

"The organization stockpiles them and they are ready and waiting where needed," he said.

The Simcoe club has just donated \$1,000 to support mothers in remote areas of Guatemala and has a long association with an orphanage in Tanzania which was helped established by a local woman Cherie Szucs.

In recognition of her efforts, Szucs was recently named a Paul Harris Fellow, the highest honor in Rotary.

Other international commitments by the local club are Operation Smile, which provides surgeries for children in the Dominican Republic with cleft palates and collaboration with the Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise on Operation Eyesight which provides cataract surgeries in India.

"We have a healthy relationship with Norfolk Sunrise," said Cobb, who was president of the Rotary Club of Simcoe when it sponsored the charter of Norfolk Sunrise in 1996.

Of course, both local clubs contribute to Rotary International's best known project Polio Plus which, with the support of the Gates Foundation, has virtually eradicated the disease around the world.

Altogether, the Rotary Club of Simcoe has an international service budget of \$12,500 in addition to the club's contributions to local community projects. ■



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**Rotary Club
of Delhi**



ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI

Backbone of the Community

*Rotary Club of Delhi has been the **BACKBONE** of the town since it was chartered in 1970.*

Joe Murphy, a charter member, recalled the club's initial meeting at the German Hall attended by governors of Rotary districts around the world who were holding an international convention in New York State.

"I still have a pin given to me by a governor from Australia," he said.

Murphy's involvement in Rotary stemmed from his father Don's

membership in the Rotary Club of Tillsonburg.

"It was my way of giving back to the community," he said.

One of the first projects of the fledgling Delhi club was a planned medical centre. While the initial project was shelved, the club picked up the ball and helped revive another similar project which today is an acclaimed success.



Joe and Barb Murphy
Charter members of the Rotary Club of Delhi



Norm and Ann Sheidow
Charter members of the Rotary Club of Delhi

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Murphy said the club also undertook a major initiative, Rotary Heights, a senior housing project to which they contributed \$1.2 million.

Norm Sheidow, another charter member, recalled going door-to-door collecting contributions for the initial medical centre.

Over the years Sheidow and his family have been involved in many Rotary programs. His daughter went on the International Student Exchange for a year in Spain and the Sheidows hosted students from New Zealand, Australia and France.

"It was great to participate," he said.

Murphy said the Delhi club's first

fundraising effort was hosting an annual Debutantes Ball. They've also held an annual Loonie Night for the past 16 years and conduct a bicycle safety program for local youngsters. Rotary in Delhi has also contributed the local arena and provided the tobacco kiln information centre at the Ontario Tobacco Museum.

Despite currently having only 10 members, the Delhi club was honored last year by their Rotary district for having the highest donor per capita contribution to the Rotary Foundation. Each of their 10 members are recipients of the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship awards. ■



Nancy Lasko
President Rotary Club of Delhi

President Followed in Her *Father's Footsteps*

*The Rotary Club of Delhi
may be **SMALL**,
but it's **MIGHTY***

Although membership has hovered at 10 for about the past decade, activities and enthusiasm remains high.

President Nancy Lasko first joined the club in 2005, following in the footsteps of her late father Les who was a charter member in 1970.

"I saw what he did and thought I'd give it a try," she said.

Lasko began volunteering for the club when she was younger and learned the satisfaction and value of community service. But it wasn't until several years later on a trip to Australia that she received the impetus to become a Rotarian.

She recalled meeting a couple in a cafe who asked her to visit their local Rotary Club for a meeting.

"I thought that was pretty cool," Lasko said.

The hospitality and friendship shown to her by Rotarians on the other side of the world prompted her to formally join the Delhi club when she returned home.

In addition to community service, the international reach of the Rotary Club was the aspect which most attracted her to the club.

As an "empty-nester" seven years ago Lasko offered to host a Rotary International exchange student for six months.

"Her first choice was Niagara Falls, but once she got to Delhi she wouldn't be anywhere else," Lasko said, citing the small town atmosphere and unique rural educational opportunities.

"She had a ball," Lasko said.

The pair bonded so strongly that

they kept in constant touch and last year Lasko attended her wedding in New Zealand.

"Hosting exchange students is my highlight of Rotary," Lasko said. "I love working with young people and seeing what we have through their eyes."

Lasko has served two terms as president and another highlight was awarding her father with a Paul Harris Award, the highest honor bestowed by Rotary.

"It was nice to do it for him," she said.

While only having 10 members ("I'm hoping for two more"), Lasko said the Delhi Rotary Club continues to be extraordinarily active in the community.

The latest club project has been helping the Delhi Public Library with shelving for the new facility as well as supporting the Delhi Community Health Centre, Norfolk General Hospital Foundation, Rotary Foundation, Community Access Living, Delhi District Secondary School Friday Night Lights game,

Delhi Public School bicycle safety rodeo, Delhi Chamber of Commerce Trivia Night, Delhi Minor Hockey, Delhi Public School geography award, Delhi Sharing Pantry, Haldimand-Norfolk Child Nutrition Network, Legion Poppy Fund and Turning Point Scholarship.

"All these projects have been

made possible with our annual fundraiser called the Loonie Auction, now in its 16th year," Lasko said.

The newest fundraiser is the Rotary Club of Delhi Community Shred in conjunction with Hazardous Waste Saturday on May 26 at the corner of James and Argyle from 9 a.m. ■

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Karen Oakes District Governor in 2010

Rotary is a massive, and yet, well coordinated service organization. As of May 2018, Rotary International is in almost every country of the world and has some 1.2 million members in 35,633 clubs.

Rotary Club of Simcoe, Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise and Rotary Club of Delhi are part of Rotary District 7090, which is an international district having clubs in both Canada and the United States. It is interesting to note, that of the 68 clubs in District 7090, almost half of the clubs are located in Western New York State and the other half reside in Southern Ontario.

The Rotary club of Delhi, while small with a current membership of 10 active members, had the honour of having a member serve as District Governor in the Rotary year 2010-2011. Karen Oakes joined Rotary in 1995 when she was a bank manager. Oakes was honoured to serve as President of the club for a two year term, from July 1999 through June 2001. Various roles, at the district level in the following years, provided the opportunity for Oakes to be selected as district governor in 2010-2011. "I was blessed to have the opportunity to lead this district," she said. "It was a wonderful experience."

At the district level, she remains involved in the work of Rotary International and, with her "passion",



Rotarian Karen Oakes

the Rotary Foundation, which is the charitable arm of Rotary International. Presently, Oakes is working at the zone level as Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for a territory of 9 districts that cover portions of 6 provinces and 3 states.

"I enjoy the international component," she said, while reflecting on the experience of visiting Rotary Foundation supported programs. These programs in other parts of the world, improve the lives of others less fortunate. Oakes is very supportive of the number one priority of Rotary International, that being the eradication of Polio. She pointed out, that their campaign has been almost totally successful, with only three

countries still considered endemic, namely Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.

As the demands of family, work and life increase, Oakes is pleased to note, that Rotary's 2016 Council on Legislation, passed resolutions to allow clubs to be "more flexible" in their organization. "We value inclusiveness and flexibility," she said. A growing recent innovation by Rotary in response to new technology is the creation of "e-clubs", whose members conduct their meetings on-line to accommodate busy schedules, limited mobility, or residence in an area without a local Rotary club. ■

Service to the Community

The Rotary Club spear-headed the building of Delhi's first medical centre, located on the east side of town, in the 1970's. It contained a lab for blood work and is currently a dentist office.

One of the Club's accomplishments that we are very proud of is the Rotary Heights retirement apartment complex, built in the early 1980's. Rotary Club members remain active on the Board of Directors.



As you enter Delhi from the west, on Highway 3, you will see the Rotary Information Centre - an old tobacco kiln converted into a tourist information booth. It is located right next to the Ontario Tobacco Museum and Heritage Centre.

In 2002, community members established a committee to begin plans for a brand new Health Centre in Delhi to attract much needed



doctors to the area. They would have to raise 1.2 million dollars to do this - and it was done, through corporate, municipal, individual and service club donations. Today, the new Delhi Community Health Centre (DCHC) is up and running, with several practicing doctors, a walk-in clinic 2 evenings per week and Saturdays, a lab and a pharmacy.

The Delhi Rotary Club was a major supporter of this initiative. Our original commitment to the project was \$50,000 and we've exceeded that, having donated over \$100,000 so far. This year we have been successful in obtaining a \$2,000 district matching grant which will go towards the Phase 3 expansion of the DCHC. ■



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ROTARY CLUB OF NORFOLK SUNRISE

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ROTARY CLUB NORFOLK SUNRISE

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Rotary Club Norfolk Sunrise is indicative of the depth of commitment to Rotary in Simcoe.

While many other service organizations have declined over the past couple of decades locally, Rotary has held its own and indeed, expanded.

The first Rotary Club in Simcoe was chartered in 1925 and flourished to the point where another club was formed in 1996.

Known as Rotary Club Norfolk Sunrise, the club was created in response to overall interest in Rotary throughout the community, changing times and demographics.

Incoming president Keith Jones, a charter member, said the idea of forming Norfolk Sunrise was to accommodate those interested in Rotary but were unable to attend weekly noon-hour meetings because of, largely, work commitments.

Sunrise charter president Keith Flexman added that the Simcoe club was also growing out of its traditional meeting place at the Norfolk Golf and Country Club. Discussions were held about creating a new club and among the 58 recruited members were eight from the Simcoe club.

Flexman said the new club meets at 7 a.m. to accommodate members who found it difficult to attend noon-hour meetings during the work day.



Keith Jones
Charter Member Norfolk Sunrise

Jones himself, now a retired lawyer, was recruited into Rotary by Norfolk County stalwart, the late John Race.

"I wanted to give service to the community and I liked the people (in Rotary)," he said.

Jones was particularly interested in youth programs and the Rotary International youth exchange.

He recalled taking part in a winter Rotary district camp at Temogami for youth leadership development."



Gail Catherwood
Norfolk Sunrise President
2017-2018

"Even at -40 the kids loved it," Jones said.

A unique association of Sunrise Rotary is its "twinning" with a Rotary Club in Welshpool, Wales.

Jones said the relationship started when a local non-Rotarian, educator John Blakemore, was visiting a relative in Welshpool and was invited to a Rotary meeting there. The suggestion that the Rotary clubs in Welshpool and Simcoe host 10-day student exchanges was adopted.

"It's a fabulous success and a great exchange and friendship thing," Jones said. "The kids and parents have got real close and even holiday together."

Meeting new people is one of the great aspects of Rotary, Jones said.

"It's a personal journey to get to meet people you would never come into contact with," he said.

One of the reasons Rotary Sunrise has flourished is its "forward thinking."

Traditionally, Rotary was a male-only organization aimed at businessmen and professionals. Today, Jones said occupational classifications for membership have "gone by the wayside" and Norfolk Sunrise, for example, is gender equal.

Flexman said 35 per cent male-female membership is now the Rotary average, while Norfolk Sunrise is about 50-60 per cent female.

New technology has also been embraced by Norfolk Sunrise and Flexman noted that the club's website was judged to "rock" by a user.

Flexman personally remains as enthusiastic about Rotary as he was when he first joined in 1979.

"I get a feeling of excitement about every meeting," he said. "Something's happening every week." ■

Operation Eyesight prevents blindness worldwide

Simcoe Rotary and RC of Norfolk Sunrise have been actively supporting eye health programs around the world for over 30 years.

John Wallace, the Norfolk Sunrise Rotarian who has spearheaded these projects has travelled many times to India and Africa and where we have helped or supported many operation eyesight programs such as surgical buses and water wells. John said after a recent trip "It is fantastic to see the huge difference it makes

in peoples lives- we met one farmer who had cataracts in both eyes and was unable to support his large family group so having his sight restored was truly life changing"

We currently have two active Global Grants- one in Udampur India which is a community-based eye health program designed to prevent avoidable blindness in remote mountain communities near Udampur India in the Jammu/Kashmir province in Northern India.

This \$56,000US project (including \$25,000 raised locally) is set to be complete in June and has surveyed 76,000 people, provided 2500 spectacles and identified 2250 people with cataracts and have completed 681 surgeries.

Our most recent project which has just been approved is a \$72,000US project to provide five self-sustaining eye health clinics in Kanpur India. With funds from Simcoe Rotary, Norfolk Sunrise and Brantford

Sunrise as well as two clubs in Kanpur, this project illustrates the ideals of Rotary to foster world peace through service. The clinics provide free eye testing and spectacles for people who cannot afford to pay. People who have the means to pay for the eye exams and glasses pay at a reduced rate but the income allows the ongoing cost of space rental and staff salaries to be paid so once set up these clinics are completely self-sustaining. ■

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ROTARY PROJECTS



Keith Flexman
Norfolk Sunrise Charter President

Although its members are local, Rotary Clubs serve both their communities and the world at large.

Over the years, Simcoe has made substantial contributions to both local and international projects.

One of Rotary's first projects when it formed a club in Simcoe back in 1925 was an association with Norfolk General Hospital. That association continues to this day as both Simcoe Rotary Club and the Rotary Sunrise Norfolk Club have contributed to a variety of hospital projects over the years.

As a member of Rotary International, the local clubs also contribute to far reaching humanitarian projects. One of its most widespread and successful

efforts over the years is the eradication of polio. That campaign has been bolstered by the Gates Foundation and incidents of polio throughout the world have been virtually eliminated.

Operation Eyesight is another highly successful Rotary campaign with \$80,000 donated to build a clinic in India to perform cataract surgeries.

In the late 1980s a devastating hurricane hit Jamaica. At the time, a local doctor from Jamaica was a member of the Simcoe club which took on relief efforts that eventually amounted to almost \$600,000.

Locally driven projects have included an association with the Pikanjikon First Nations Reserve in northern Ontario which provided recreational equipment and musical instruments to the indigenous community. They also donated \$8,000 to provide lifesaving fire alarms in the community.

"They help save lives and create goodwill," said Rotarian Keith Flexman.

Over the years, Rotarians have supported a myriad of local causes and community projects.

A signature endeavor has been what is known as The Sunrise Trail through Simcoe which cost \$150,000 with partnering with Norfolk County and a \$90,000 Trillium grant.

"We're pretty proud of the trail," said Flexman of Norfolk Sunrise. "It put the Rotary stamp on the community." ■



For the last 15 years, the Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise has been supporting Rotarian Jim and Linda Peters' micro credit program.

They have visited clients that sell hot food from a propane grill on the back of a pickup truck, a bakery in the home, a mini mart in their neighbourhood, a clothing alterations enterprise, a grocery store in the front of her home, a hair salon, a pig farm, fruit and vegetable farms. One lady started with one sewing machine making clothing and built her business within three years designing and making wedding dresses with a clientele wait time of 18 months.

This program brings families out of poverty by both educating and loaning funds with as little as \$200.00 to small businesses. The business owners meet each week in small groups creating their own business plans. This concept is successful because many do not have fixed assets, and they are required to guarantee each other's loans. The success rate is over 98%.

Families who were once living in poverty are now active in demanding healthcare, education for their children and better living conditions.

In Puerto Hondo Ecuador, Nixida borrowed \$45.00 to purchase a used gas stove. She started cooking and selling her products to the community. She now operates a truck stop restaurant. Often profit for one weekend can exceed \$400.00. ■

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
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ROTARY MEDIA

The Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise is taking advantage of ever evolving communication tools.

Jenni Mudge-Winters, of the club's public relations and communications committee, said they are now on popular social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



Jenni Mudge-Winters

"It's a way to increase awareness of Rotary events and projects," she said.

Mudge-Winters said platforms like Facebook and Twitter allow the public to get information in real time and is a way to communicate in an interactive way.

She cited the club's popular Catch the Ace lottery that can be accessed in real time as the draw takes place.

"It's pretty exciting," she said.

Norfolk Sunrise is unique among local Rotary clubs in reaching out via the new social media platforms.

"It engages people in a different way about who we are and what we're doing," she said.

Mudge-Winters first joined Rotary in her '20s and belonged for 10 years before moving out of the area to pursue her career. After 10 years she returned and re-joined Norfolk Sunrise last year.

"I missed these guys," she said.

Originally, she joined Rotary to learn about the worldwide service club.

"It's really great," Mudge-Winters said. "Their reach is incredible."

She was initially attracted by Rotary's youth programming.

"One of the good things about Rotary is that they let you operate in your own lane," she said.

"Personally, I'm all about fun, hospitality and parties. It's what I like to do." ■



Jim and Marjorie Dawson of RC Norfolk Sunrise flanking Lynn Mitson of Algonquin Outfitters showing PFD's and packs for the outdoor program.

Pikangikum First Nation Youth Programs

International Rotary projects are focussed on improving the health and wellbeing of disadvantaged people around the world. When Rotarians Jim and Marjorie Dawson were on a water project in Honduras that

they realised that there were many First Nations in Canada living in third world conditions and were lacking access to clean water so they thought - why not try to help a First Nation in Canada? When RC of Norfolk Sunrise was looking to do a project with a First Nation community, that they saw a chance to really make a difference.

As wilderness canoe trippers, Marjorie and Jim have travelled to many remote parts of Canada and had paddled through Pikangikum First Nation on a couple of their trips to NW Ontario north of Red Lake. So it was natural when the idea of a service project in first Nation community came up that they suggested contacting Pikangikum.

In meeting with the First Nation community where only about 20 of 450 homes have access to clean water, Marjorie and Jim who are both Professional Engineers, expected the community would ask for a water project. However, the Band wanted to ensure that their children got a good education with a focus on their outdoor programs to help re-connect the students to the land and music programs both of which build their confidence and self esteem.

Five years later, RCNS has provided almost \$12,000 of supplies such as snowshoes and canoe equipment, musical instruments, Battle of the Band prizes and this year we were able to have a Rotary District Grant to provide \$4500 worth of canoe gear- backpacks and PFD's so that the school can do their own canoe and hike outfitting.

Marjorie and Jim travel to the community every summer to train students on canoe skills in preparation for the highlight of the school year a 5-day canoe trip for the outdoor program students and attend the Community wide Battle of the Bands concert. ■

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Norfolk Rotaract Club



ROTARACT

a different mindset and atmosphere

A new energy has been injected into Rotary Clubs in Norfolk County. Rotaract is a branch of Rotary aimed at 19 to 30 year olds with the same tenets of "service above self."

Established in 2014, Rotaract has already proved to be an important asset in the community at large.

Alanya Simpson is the current president of Rotaract.

Simpson returned to Simcoe after attending university in Peterborough and taking a post graduate course in St. Catharines.

"I felt Rotaract was a good way to get involved," she said.

She described the club as a "positive, fun, energetic group."

"It's a great way to meet people and help the community," Simpson said. "Club members become a second group of friends."

With an average age of about 60, Rotary Clubs in Delhi, Simcoe and Norfolk Sunrise are happy to take advantage of the youthful energy and enthusiasm of Rotaract for many of their fundraising and community projects such as Friendship Festival, Friday the 13th, Eat Drink Norfolk and the Rotary Trail.

In addition to Rotary community projects, the club donates to several

worthy causes, including a hydraulic lift at the Waterford Old Town Hall.

"Many of us have a passion for the arts," Simpson said.

Rotaract holds their own fundraising events, including an information series dubbed Re-Think Norfolk which outlines what the county has to offer, and a euchre tournament.

The club currently has about 20 members who meet twice a month throughout the county.

"Rotaract is a different mindset and atmosphere," Simpson said. "Each of us has a passion for the community and a lot of ideas." ■



Alanya Simpson is the current president of Rotaract

Why I Joined Rotaract

LISA CROWDER, 30, I am a community Occupational Therapist working in Haldimand and Norfolk. I joined Rotaract almost 3 years ago when I moved to Simcoe. I joined Rotaract because it gave me the chance to give back to the community and meet like-minded people. But I stayed because I see daily the difficulty that people in our community face and want to be able to do something to help. My favorite event to help out with is the Pancake Breakfast in the park during the Lynn River Music and Arts/Friendship Festival. ■



Lisa Crowder

CHRIS BAUER — I like to think of Rotary as a hobby, second career and healthy habit wrapped into one. It's a hobby because it's a social activity to look forward to outside of work/school/family that brings needed variety to my otherwise routine life. It's a second career in ways because it offers a lot of opportunity to network and develop all kinds of useful skills. It's a healthy habit because there's not many things as rewarding as executing a plan together with others to make a positive impact on peoples lives in my own or distant communities. ■



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Left to right: Jordana Armstrong, Aisley Ellis, McKenna Campbell, Jordan Johnson, Erica McKay, Karsten Horton, Trisyn Snow, Jacob Mels, Sierra Demaere, Cheryl Peck.



The 2013/14 Welshpool Exchange with the Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise comprised of seven students and two chaperones. They traveled to Wales in March of 2014, all students about to enter grade 12. One student, Adam Nigh was so thoroughly taken by his experience and by the friendship with his host, Huw and family, that upon his return to Canada, Adam applied for and was accepted into an Automotive


Technician course at a college in Shrewsbury. Huw's family offered to billet Adam during his time at college. Adam decided to remain in Canada and defer his place in Shrewsbury. After high school, Adam started at Fanshawe College in London in the automotive program. In November of his first term at school, Adam died in a drowning accident. He was almost 19. Adam embodied the Welsh/

Norfolk Exchange program. He was an excellent representative of his school, County, Rotary and Canada. He made friends easily with his Welsh family and friends. He was the perfect host to Huw. To honour the memory of Adam, and to acknowledge the caliber of students accepted into the program, the Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise has established the Adam Nigh Award at Waterford District High School, where Adam graduated from. It is given to a student in the automotive program who demonstrates excellent skills in the field. From 2018, for the next five years, all Norfolk students travelling to Wales as part of the exchange will wear a team jacket bearing "In memory of Adam Nigh" on the sleeve, again to honour the life of





Adam Nigh

Adam and the qualities he brought to the program. ■



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Front Row: Kristen Forsyth (going to Brazil), Ana Vandenhurk-Cooke (going to Argentina), Daichi Ishikawa (in bound from Japan)
 Back Row: Albin Jung (in bound from Switzerland), Sydney Buis (going to Belgium)

International Student Visitors Get Buis Family Welcome

The welcome mat is always out for international exchange students at the Buis household in Port Dover.

Mom Lisa, along with her husband Roger, and children Garrett, 22, who now lives on his own; Cam who is 19, and daughter Sydney, 18, have opened their front door and welcomed young people from various parts of the world into their own household to share Canadian family life with them.

Some of the visitors have experienced their first snowfalls and watched their first hockey games; some have attended their first Friday the 13th motorcycle rally; some have experienced their first tastes of locally-produced maple syrup smothering a plate of pancakes; some have thoroughly enjoyed shopping trips to Toronto and all have been amazed by the roar of cascading water at Niagara Falls.

"I love having kids in our home who can teach us about their unique cultures and also learn about life in Canada", Lisa said.

It all started when son Cam went

on a Lions exchange for a month to Finland in 2015. It was life changing for him, she recalled. He met so many wonderful kids from all over the world and he returned home with a strong desire to continue seeing the world before settling down for post-secondary education. In July 2016, Cam moved to Hannover, Germany for a year on a Rotary Youth Exchange. He was hosted by three wonderful families, she related. While there he attended high school and also became fluent in German.

Daughter Sydney also caught the travelling bug. She participated in a Lions youth exchange to Italy for a month in 2016 and then went to Austria for a month in 2017. This coming August she's off to Belgium on a year-long Rotary exchange. "She is unbelievably excited to learn about the Belgian culture and become fluent in French," Lisa said.

Realizing how great the youth exchange programs had been for her own children, Lisa thought it important to give back. Consequently they became a host



The Buis family has welcomed several international exchange students to their home in Port Dover while two of their children have been exchange students themselves. Lisa Buis (centre) is shown with son Cam who travelled to Finland for a month and then to Germany for a year; and with daughter Sydney who spent a month in Italy and a month in Austria, and who will be heading to Belgium for a year starting in August.

family for inbound youth exchange students.

As part of the Rotary program, the Buis family has welcomed Emil, 17, from Germany; Wayne, 18, from Taiwan; and Daichi, 16, from Japan. They were with us for four months attending school in Simcoe and going to church with us on various occasions, she said.

Last summer, they then welcomed two Lions exchange students – Adele, 17, from Belgium; and Inken, 18, from Germany. Both were hosted for a month.

This year in June, the family is

again opening their front door to Kata, 18, from Hungary; and to Serena, 17, from Italy. Both will stay in Port Dover for a month.

Hosting exchange kids, Lisa said, has opened up her own kids' eyes to other cultures. "It has expanded their world view and made them desire to learn about others. Canada is only a small part of the world and my kids are hungry to see the rest."

Lisa absolutely would encourage other families to put out their welcome mats to international exchange students. The benefits far outweigh the costs, she said. ■



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Year Away in Brazil Was *Life Changing* for Simcoe Girl

When Kareena (Martin) Ivanis looks back on the year she spent in Brazil as a Rotary International Exchange student, she reminisces with both enthusiasm and gratitude.

She was 17, a student at Simcoe Composite School, thinking about a future in health care, and looking forward to new experiences in a foreign country that was far away from home.

So in July 2001, she started her trip, never having been on an airplane before. By the time she

had completed the 26-hour journey, she'd been on three different planes with the longest flight lasting 13 hours.

Once in Brazil, there was another couple hours in a car before she arrived at her final destination in the city of Pato Branco, located in the south west portion of the country with a population of about 60,000. She was billeted with three different families for about four months at a time, all living in the same city. All were professionals and their lifestyles



Kareena (Martin) Ivanis, now a pharmacist at Roulston's in Port Dover, travelled to Brazil in 2001-2002 as a Rotary International Exchange student where it was necessary to learn Portuguese to be able to communicate with her host families and her new school friends. /submitted photo

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were comparable to what she was familiar with in Canada. She would eventually observe the amount of extreme poverty in existence close to where she stayed, as well as in the rest of the country.

Another reality was that everyone speaks Portuguese only. English words were few and far between so she began in earnest to learn their language.

School there is in session from March through December with summer holidays in January and February. She settled into her grade 12 year at a local school, but because she had arrived in the middle of their

year, she actually completed two half years, she said.

Classes started at 7:30 a.m. Teachers came to her classroom with students staying put. Similar to the American education system, there was a lot of emphasis on preparing and writing the SAT for college admission, she said.

School dismissed at 1 o'clock and Kareena would head back to her host family where everyone would sit-down together for a hot meal. The night meal was something like biscuits and jam, she recalled.

Their emphasis on family has stuck with her. Here, she said,

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family time seems to be a struggle or a race, but that's not the case there. The things we do in Canada and the U.S. and the way we live, are not necessarily the right way.

As well, Brazil is predominantly a Roman Catholic country, and one host family always went to morning mass every single day. Their celebration of Christmas is definitely different, she said. The over-commercialization of Christmas that takes place here and in the U.S., does not happen there where there is a lot more emphasis on family and the church.

And, it was truly unusual for Kareena to be outside tanning in the bright sunshine on Christmas.

As the year progressed, she made several girlfriends, many of whom seemed to be obsessed with American culture as portrayed in movies and on TV. She laughingly recalls watching English-speaking movies about proms and homecomings and translating them into Portuguese for her friends.

The language barrier that was always with her, was felt even more on Sept. 11, 2001 – the day the twin towers of the World Trade Centre in New York City were attacked and brought to the ground. Watching it on the Brazilian version of CNN made it seem as though the whole state of New York was under attack.

Knowing that her home town of Simcoe is about 50 miles from the American border, Kareena tried several times to call her family to check on their welfare. For at least two days, there was a complete shut off of (transatlantic) telephone service.

It was her worst moments, she recalled, and it made her realize just how big of a language barrier she was living in.

Regardless of the momentarily setbacks she faced, her year-long exchange is remembered with fondness. "I went down there being a pretty naïve child, born and raised in a small town with every opportunity. I figured the whole world was like that. The year away was 100 per cent life changing."

Back in Canada, she headed off to seven years of post-secondary education eventually becoming a pharmacist. She currently works at Roulston's. She's married and has a family.

Would she recommend the Rotary International Student Exchange program to today's teens? Yes, she said, cautioning that it has to be the right person. "There's a lot expected of you. You can be put into uncomfortable situations and you have to be able to excel."

And the travelers must always remember that they are representing Canada and Rotary International, she said. ■



November, 2017 Rotary Quilt On Display at the Simcoe Public Library

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Over the years, being some 90 years, The Rotary Club of Simcoe has acquired hundreds of these Rotary banners from around the world. There are several sources but the primary ones are our globetrotting members, incoming and outgoing youth exchange students. The above photograph is one of two that we know about that were made by local artisans with care, patience and skillful needlework.



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The Rotary Club of Simcoe and The Rotary of Norfolk Sunrise have undertaken a new initiative which is both innovative and appealing to members and the general public.

Hoping to capitalize on the growing popularity of craft beer, the two Simcoe clubs are promoting a

new brand of beer called Local Lager. Produced by the well respected Wellington Brewery of Guelph, the beer has just gone on sale at Beer Stores in Simcoe and Port Dover. Negotiations are also underway to have sales at the LCBO.

Touted as a "beer with a cause", 50-cents of the sale of every can of Local Lager will go towards projects of the Rotary Club of Simcoe.

Incoming president of the club Dave King is enthused by the venture.

"This is right up my alley," quipped King.

He said the beer sales are a "win-win" for the community and the club.

"It's good beer and customers will be doing something good for the local community," King said.

Local Lager is described as a crisp, blond, German-style beer that has a broad appeal. Local Lager has a unique label featuring the Rotary tenets, known as the 4-Way Test, on the back of the can. The 4-Way Test is: "Truth, Fair to All, Build Goodwill and Friendship, and Beneficial To All concerned."

Local Lager was officially launched at the recent Eat, Drink Norfolk celebration and sample sales were well received.

King said Rotary clubs across Ontario are joining up to sell this great tasting beer and to give back to their local community.

"It's not really a get-rich-quick project but hopefully will raise the profile of the club," he said. ■

Zortech is a manufacturer and wholesaler of commercial LED lighting products.

Paul Zorad owner of Zortech is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise and serves the community through Rotary in Norfolk County and beyond.



Local Launching of Rotary Lager

Representatives of the Rotary Clubs in Simcoe, Ontario are planning to launch Rotary Lager at an upcoming Eat and Drink Norfolk Festival which celebrates the culinary aspects of Norfolk County. Rotary Lager has been brewed by a prominent craft brewery and canned featuring the Rotary wheel along with the Four Way Test.



Standing: Gerry Goddard, Rotary Club of Simcoe, Gail Catherwood, President, Norfolk Sunrise Rotary, Yvonne Di Pietro, Norfolk Sunrise Rotary.

Sitting: Hadley Jackson, President, Rotary Club of Simcoe, Dave King, President-Elect, Rotary Club of Simcoe.

Absent from photo, but equally involved is Alayna Simpson, President of Simcoe Rotaract.



Paul Harris Fellows

Anyone who contributes – or in whose name is contributed – a gift of US\$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund may become a Paul Harris Fellow. A new Paul Harris Fellow receives a commemorative certificate, a Paul Harris Fellow pin, and a medallion.



Simcoe Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellows

1975 John B. Irving	1997 G. Harley Clark	2005 Gary Cooper
1979 David "Ben" H. Gilbertson	1997 Dr. Ernie Kerr	2005 Margaret Santo
1981 W. Douglas Staulker	1997 Chris L. Lee	2005 Gail Catherwood
1982 Dr. Keith M. McIntosh	1997 John Race	2005 Vic Gibbons
1985 Elmo Riddle	1997 Hazel Race	2006 Nigel Birnie
1987 B. Wallace Anderson	1997 George A. Renshaw	2006 F. Albert Madill
1988 Dr. Kenneth R. McGavin	1997 Harold Shantz	2996 Leighton Peach
1988 Dr. Louis Grant	1997 Dr. D. Keith Sutherland	2006 Angus McLeod
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1989 Harold Cowie	1998 Russ Chard	2007 Larry Kormos
1990 Dr. Eric Hoskins	1998 Bob Jackson	2007 David Ferris
1990 Ernest "Ted" E. Westcott	1998 Alisa Green	2007 Dan Hill
1991 Dr. N. Raymond Kallie	1998 Arthur Loughton	2007 Gordon Watts
1991 Ivy D. Kallie	1999 Bob Winch	2008 Mary-Lou Norman
1992 Rev. J. Stanley Cox	1999 Betty Smith	2008 Henry B. Barrett
1992 Dr. Sie-Chin Chow	1999 Pam Shantz	2008 Dr. Tim Cruise
1992 Brock B. Smith	2000 Gary Ireland	2008 John Hastie
1992 J. Bart Jackson	2000 Mike Cobb	2008 John Macaulay
1992 Roy G. Williamson	2000 John Cruickshank	2008 Tom O'Neill
1993 John A. Ellis	2000 Wayne Campbell	2008 Dave King
1993 G. Jay McKie	2001 Craig Hunter	2008 Bob Stevenson
1993 William A. Hoskins	2001 Bill Burt	2008 Dolf Wynia
1994 Arthur W. Batty	2001 Bob Castles	2009 Hadley Jackson
1994 James C. B. Jackson	2001 Wayne Green	2009 Paul McGoveran
1995 J. Douglas Sheppard	2002 Betty Goode	2009 Jean Kerr
1995 G. Alvin Robinson	2002 Gordon Maskell	2009 Bob Perks
1995 John B. Dodd	2002 Wayne MacDonald	2012 Bill Jappy
1995 Yoshihiro Tagari	2002 Audrey McGavin	2012 David King
1996 Thomas A. Cline	2002 Dr. Sumi Peeris	2013 Bob Hill
1996 Kenneth G. Smith	2003 Tom Pidduck	2013 Ron Judd
1996 John R. Wallace	2003 Robert H. Lanning	2014 Jeff Scott
	2004 John Featherstone	2014 Garry McMillian
	2004 Ron Lusher	2015 Stephen Smith
	2004 Tom Haskett	2017 Tom O'Neil
		2017 Bob Stevenson

Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise Paul Harris Fellows

1996 John Wallace	2006 Gwen Emerson	2011 Linda Peters
1997 Ede Pos	2007 Marjorie Dawson	2011 John Platt
1997 Hazel Race	2007 Deena Denton-Wojtowicz	2011 Gloria Thomas
1997 John Race	2007 Yvonne Di Pietro	2011 Abe Wall
1998 Bernie Crawshaw	2007 John Matecsa	2011 Peter Wheatley
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1999 Keith Flexman	2007 Colleen Phillip	2013 Brian Dargie
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2000 Regina Homeniuk	2007 Clarence Wheaton	2013 Deborah Ellis
2000 Dr. Larry Kramer	2008 Dan Barker	2013 Blair Harrison
2000 Thomas Millar	2008 Roger Cruickshank	2013 Carley Lindsay
2000 Dr. Sevis Thompson	2008 Joyce Flexman	2013 Karen Lindsay
2001 Ton Dicke	2008 Ross Gowan	2013 Pat Meiklejohn
2001 Helen MacLean	2008 Gerry Hamill	2014 Ian Bell
2001 Angus MacLeod	2008 Karen Matthews	2014 Jim Carroll
2001 Lucine McKay	2008 Brian Reicheld	2014 Larry Dawson
2001 Sue O'Dwyer	2009 Keith Ashley	2014 Shawn Swartz
2001 Paul Zorad	2009 Bill Clevette	2016 Chris Arnell
2002 Jeff Mereweather	2009 Eva Main	2016 Brendalee Engelhardt
2002 Doug Montgomery	2009 Peter Main	2016 Lisa Engelhardt-Robinson
2002 Jean Montgomery	2009 Amy McLaren	2016 Don Gardner
2003 Rhonda Clarke-Bruyn	2009 Stewart McLaren	2016 Heather King
2003 Carrol Lambert	2009 Gord Pennington	2016 Andy Kooistra
2003 Alan Plater	2009 Barry Ross	2016 Susan Roach
2003 Donna Raytrowsky	2009 Elaine Thomas	2016 Kim Scoyne
2004 Dave Bradshaw	2009 Carolyn Wiens	2016 Nancy Sherwin
2004 Dave Douglas	2010 Lynn Post	2016 Elaine Widmer
2005 Ray Danley	2010 Sarah Reardon	2016 Gerry Wiebe
2005 Bob Foster	2010 Susan Thompson	2017 Gail Bouw
2005 Keith Jones	2011 Douglas Armstrong	2017 Carol Greentree
2005 Gail Catherwood	2011 Gloria Collier	2017 Barb Tanner-Billings
2005 Steve Malo	2011 Kit Julian	2018 Jim Oliver
2006 Deborah Ellis	2011 Martin Kiefer	
2006 Jim Dawson	2011 Phillip Ogden	
2006 Don Emerson		

Rotary members support projects around the world

Contributions of the Rotary Club of Simcoe go far beyond the community. Like all Rotarians, local members support causes and projects around the world.

Mike Cobb, chairman of the Simcoe club's international service committee, said one of their major commitments is the ShelterBox organization.

ShelterBox is a long standing international initiative which provides emergency housing and necessities of life to people whose lives have been disrupted by conflicts and natural disasters. Recently they've been involved in the Middle East, Haiti and Yemen.



Cobb said Rotary of Simcoe has been involved in ShelterBox for several years and has donated at least one box annually. He said each box contains a tent, sleeping bags and water purification kits at a cost of \$1,300.

"The organization stockpiles them and they are ready and waiting where needed," he said.

The Simcoe club has just donated \$1,000 to support mothers in remote areas of Guatemala and has a long association with an orphanage in Tanzania which was helped established by a local woman Cherie Szucs.

In recognition of her efforts, Szucs was recently named a Paul Harris Fellow, the highest honor in Rotary.

Other international commitments by the local club are Operation Smile, which provides surgeries for children in the Dominican Republic with cleft palates and collaboration with the Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise on Operation Eyesight which provides cataract surgeries in India.

"We have a healthy relationship with Norfolk Sunrise," said Cobb, who was president of the Rotary Club of Simcoe when it sponsored the charter of Norfolk Sunrise in 1996.

Of course, both local clubs contribute to Rotary International's best known project Polio Plus which, with the support of the Gates Foundation, has virtually eradicated the disease around the world.

Altogether, the Rotary Club of Simcoe has an international service budget of \$12,500 in addition to the club's contributions to local community projects. ■

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Jeff Scott member of Rotary Club of Simcoe

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*Established in 1925, The Rotary Club of Simcoe
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Club of Delhi

*Established in 1970, The Rotary Club of Delhi
meets alternating Thursdays at 6pm
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162 Main Street, Delhi.*

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Rotary



Club Norfolk Sunrise

*Established in 1996, The Rotary Club Norfolk Sunrise
meets each Tuesday morning with the exception
of holiday weekends, at Riversyde 83,
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Norfolk Rotaract Club

*Norfolk Rotaract holds meetings every 2nd and 4th Monday
of the month at Art with Heart, located in Port Dover.
Some meetings are held off site for a more "social" evening.
We like to not only help our community, but also network
and be social with one another.*

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Membership: \$20 per year

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