

Newsletter

Renfrew
Rotary



August 2025



Board Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Click the link above for the most recent Agenda and Minutes from the last Board meeting of July 10th ([CLICK HERE](#)) and August 21st ([CLICK HERE](#)).

Upcoming Community Events & Announcements

November 4th - Visit from District Governor

- Join us for a special lunch meeting on Monday, November 4th with District Governor Graeme Fraser. We will be presenting our club profile.

*** Please note: our regular meeting of November 11th is cancelled.

Upcoming Meeting & Guest

- Next meeting is Wednesday, September 24th (speaker TBD).
- On Tuesday, October 14th our evening guest will be Charlene Riopelle from Renfrew County Voices.

August Features

Renfrew Rotary Celebrates 75 Years of Rotary Homes with Theatre, Dinner, and Community Spirit!



Renfrew Rotary marked the 75th anniversary of Rotary Homes with a special Dinner Theatre evening on July 9th featuring a delightful performance of *Annie Jr.*, presented by the local theatre group *Really Cool Initiatives!*

We were thrilled to welcome 98 guests, including six Rotary Homes residents, for whom we arranged transportation to and from the event. The evening began with a delicious dinner catered by Andie Marcus of *Babbling Gourmet*, followed by the heartwarming production.

Guests also enjoyed a small silent auction and a 50/50 draw, with winner Nevis McLaren generously donating back her share of the prize. During intermission, John Wilson gave a moving solo performance that added an extra touch of magic to the evening.

A wonderful time was had by all, and while final profit numbers are still being tallied, the event was a resounding success in both spirit and community engagement. Thank you to all who attended!

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Supporting Seniors with the Angel Fund at RVH

The Angel Fund is a dedicated group of nurses from Renfrew Victoria Hospital (RVH) who work across all areas of senior adult care. Led by Angie Lepine-Charbonneau, the fund originally received its support through RVH's annual Angel Tree project at Christmastime. With the backing of Renfrew Rotary, the Angel Fund has now expanded its reach to support even more seniors in our community.

Why has Rotary chosen to support the Angel Fund? Quite simply, it aligns directly with our Club's commitment to caring for seniors. Even more importantly, it offers a practical, meaningful way for us to assist seniors who may be struggling - often quietly - with basic needs. The front-line nurses who lead the Angel Fund are in a unique position to assess individual needs, both within the hospital and in seniors' homes throughout the region.

This partnership has been a great opportunity for Rotary to support experienced healthcare professionals who can not only identify those in need but also provide immediate, targeted assistance.

Sometimes that support is as simple - but as impactful - as covering the cost of a Sunshine Coach ride so a senior with mobility issues can enjoy an afternoon at the Golden Age Centre, playing cards or bingo and staying socially connected. In other cases, it might mean paying for a few groceries until a senior can get caught up on rent or bills, or covering the repair or co-pay cost for a CPAP machine - critical equipment that helps improve sleep, reduce the risk of stroke and heart attack, and enhance overall quality of life.

The list of needs the Angel Fund helps address includes many things most of us take for granted. Through our support, Rotary is helping to ensure no senior in our community feels forgotten.

We want to thank the nurses and staff at RVH for their hard work in supporting seniors in our community!

For more information on the Angel Program at RVH, contact Doug Ryan at 613-460-5862.

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Dunbar Family Receives Paul Harris Fellow Recognition Award



The highlight of our Annual Change Over night this year was the presentation of the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow Recognition Award to the Dunbar Family, honouring their longstanding commitment and tireless fundraising efforts for Hospice Renfrew.

Their dedication exemplifies Rotary's core value of Service Above Self and serves as an inspiration to all.

Frances Wilson Community Scholarship Recipients

Renfrew Rotary was proud to present the \$3,000 Frances Wilson Community Scholarship - awarded as \$1,000 per year over three years - to two outstanding local students who are beginning their journey toward a career in nursing.

Congratulations to Eady Horvath of Renfrew Collegiate Institute and Alex Brennan of St. Joseph's High School on being this year's recipients. We commend their dedication to healthcare and community service, and we are honoured to support their educational goals.

This scholarship, made possible through the estate of Frances Wilson, reflects Rotary's ongoing commitment to fostering future leaders in our community.



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Other Updates

The Start of Stephanie's Place

Renfrew Rotary is proud to support local community champions Charlene Nolan and Carrie MacMillan, who dedicate their time each week to working with a group of developmentally disabled adults. For some time, Charlene and Carrie have been searching for an affordable and welcoming space for their group to gather and grow.

We're delighted to share that Renfrew Rotary has been able to offer them access to our meeting space at The Wing - providing a place they can now call "home." In addition, Rotary is covering the cost of their space rental as part of our ongoing commitment to making a positive impact in our community.

Newsletter, Press Releases, and Media Features

If you have a story, event, or recognition opportunity that you would like shared with members and the public, please provide all details in a single email to Hannah MacMillan at hannahmac@live.ca. Be sure your submission is clear and complete, and includes the [attached form \(linked here\)](#).

- Event details (date, time, location, etc.)
- A photo (with names of those pictured)
- Renfrew Rotary's involvement
- Any additional information needed for communications

The more details you provide, the better! We love sharing all the great things Renfrew Rotary is doing!