



## Rotarian-owned gym takes in wildfire evacuees

When a Rotarian-owned fitness center housed evacuees and firefighters during the blazes in and around Paradise, California, USA, the overwhelmed local government was able to provide cots but not much else.

Members of the Rotary clubs of **CHICO** and **CHICO SUNRISE** stepped in to address basic needs, donating hundreds of blankets and pillows, cases of water and days worth of food.

"When the stuff hits the fan, there is nothing that Rotary can't do," said Tony DeLuca, a member of the Chico Sunrise club and owner of Fit One Athletic Club in Chico, about 15 minutes from Paradise. "Anyone in the country who would question that, come out here and see. What we did was impossible."

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athletic center, and Rotary club members throughout the area showed up with cases of water and nonperishable food.

After the evacuation, blankets, pillows and food were donated to the local homeless shelter. But less than a

week later, the winds picked up and fanned the flames again, and the facility was used as a rest spot for firefighters coming in from all over the country to battle the flames.

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**ROTARIANS HELP:** Firefighter Tyler Coney of Bend, Oregon, USA, eats dinner in a gym filled with cots. The facility is owned by Tony DeLuca, a member of the Rotary Club of Chico Sunrise, California. Photo by Doug Keister.

### COMING EVENTS

#### August

- 8 Rotary Club of Windsor  
St. Clair Kids of Steel  
Triathlon, Ganatchio Trail
- 17 Governor's Picnic,  
Bob-Lo Island
- 28 Rotary International  
Foundation Kick-Off

#### September

- 24 District Governor's Golf Outing  
Kingsville G. and C.C.

## A message from the President...



**Jim Grundy**

It's hard to believe that almost a month has passed in my year as President.

Even though we are in the midst of summer, much work has been done already. The

committees have begun meeting to set priorities for the year, the process has been started to research a new local project, a new fund raising idea working at the new arena is being explored, TV Auction is well under way and we've already had a successful dinner to raise money for RELAY.

July also presented challenges as well with the passing of Past President,

Linda McKay. It was very nice to hear about all of the work that Linda did as President as well as behind the scenes for Rotary. Linda was a true Rotarian in every sense of the word. Hardy has outlined in his comments (See Page 2) the countless ways that Linda was involved in our club, in the things that she was passionate about including the Athena scholarships and her work in the International committee. I believe that these are the legacies that Linda will leave with our club.

I should also mention that it was Linda who approached me a couple of years ago to be President. I was very flattered at the time, and now that I am in my year, I hope that I and we can all live up to the great example Linda set and continue to live and lead through our ideal of Service Above Self.

## In Memoriam

# A tribute to Dr. Linda McKay September 13, 1940-July 20, 2008

Thank you asking me to talk about Linda's time as a Rotarian. Linda joined Rotary in 1990 and transferred to the RC of Windsor-St. Clair five years later. For 18 years she cared about the local and global work of Rotary and thoroughly enjoyed its social aspects.

Coming to weekly meetings does not make one a good member of Rotary International. What does is participation in local and international projects, and committee work. Linda was actively involved in many committees over the years, especially Vocational Service which oversees our club's scholarships, business ethics and vocational excellence and she chaired that committee in 2000 and 2001. Under her guidance in 2000, our club, along with the other two Rotary Clubs in Windsor, partnered with the Chamber of Commerce and created the Athena Scholarships and we continue to fund scholarships for three young women to assist them to become leaders in the community and business. Equality and leadership by women was a cause that was extremely important to Linda. Within our club the growing involvement of women in leadership positions gave her great satisfaction.

Linda served on our Board of Directors for four years and as President from July 2005 to June 2006, a normal one year term. Initially she wanted to serve as president after she retired from the Faculty of Education but typical of Linda there was a need so she stepped forward to serve as President during her last year as a professor. It was during that year that she started to experience severe pain that was finally diagnosed as bone cancer. In her many positions on committees or leading our club she showed a quiet grace, confidence, determination, respect for others, good humour and firmly held views. She was always a lady and always respected by others and if that is her legacy I believe that would make her happy. Linda was a very private person and did not often share her feelings but willingly she shared her talents to serve this community and the world. Her contribution to the good work of Rotary was shown by her service. She helped select international Rotary scholars. She attended many annual Rotary District Conferences in Michigan, Ohio and Ontario. She attended International Conventions in Japan and Chicago to experience the good news of helping others. She went to Nicaragua to help



the "Children of the Dump" break their cycle of poverty. She was instrumental in getting our club to undertake projects in Vietnam and India. She is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and as such contributed significant money to the Rotary Foundation to fund Third World projects involving education, clean water and health. She made the world a little bit better.

We will miss you Past President Linda. Thanks for sharing part of your life with us and making our Rotary club better.

*Hardy Wheeler*

## GOVERNORS'S PICNIC

Mark Sunday, August 17 on your calendar and plan on a day of family fun and entertainment at the Governor's Picnic on Bob-Lo Island. The fun gets underway at 10 a.m. and runs through 6 p.m. There will be a family barbecue, family games and much more. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. For tickets, contact Arnie Charlton at 519-977-3706 or by email at arniecharlton@gmail.com. See you there!

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Members are urged to visit the website [rotarywindsorstclair.com](http://rotarywindsorstclair.com) for a comprehensive list of committee assignments for 2008-2009. Committees will be meeting over the summer months.

## KIDS OF STEEL TRIATHLON

Don't forget to sign up as a volunteer for the Rotary Windsor-St. Clair Kids of Steel Triathlon, which will take place on Saturday, August 9 along our Ganatchio Trail.

Additional volunteers are required and if you're interested in this fun event, please contact Bob Morand.

## BINGO

There are only 32 opportunities to sign up for bingo—4 hours for a single shift or 8 hours for a double. The next available Bingo opening is August 22, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon, 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm. Please make sure you sign up as soon as possible.

## Service Above Self

The Rotary Club of Windsor-St. Clair  
Founded: November 20, 1975  
Regular meetings every  
Thursday at 7:15 a.m.  
Windsor Yacht Club  
9000 Riverside Drive  
Windsor, Ontario



**FOUR WAY TEST: Is it fair to all concerned?**

# PAY IT FORWARD

**JULY 10**

**DAVID LABRANCHE**

When President Jim announced Pay It Forward project would continue, David was the first to volunteer. With strong connections in Cozumel, Mexico, he has become familiar with a charitable organization called *The Chrysalis Group* which helps poorer students in Cozumel to continue attending school. David decided to match the Club's money and donated \$50 to the group.

**JULY 17**

**KAREN CICHON**

Karen knows many people stay at the Salvation Army to try to get themselves "cleaned up" and back on track so they can find work and enjoy a better life. Karen called the staff at the Salvation Army and asked if they could identify someone who was staying there who had been making progress, but who could use a leg up with an extra \$25. She was assured they could identify an appropriate recipient, so Karen dropped off her \$25 to the Salvation Army.

**JULY 24**

**SHELLY DUBEN**

Shelly was speaking with her superintendent who commented he had noticed someone standing on a street corner holding a sign which said "will work for food". Shelly decided to stop and speak to the man and offered to buy him groceries. He said he had no place to keep as he lived in Jackson Park. He really wanted to work so he could earn the \$7 needed to stay at the Salvation Army because it was due to rain. The Salvation Army would also provide 3 meals. Shelly gave him \$25 so that he could afford a few nights at the Salvation Army. An hour or so later, Shelly and her son, Marcus, picked up supper from a nearby restaurant and dropped it off to the man.

**July 31**

**ALAN DROUILLARD**

Alan has many contacts at the YMCA, including one of his neighbours. In a casual conversation Alan asked if there was a program at the 'Y' which could benefit from a small donation. His neighbour was quick to explain they have been trying to help a group of Karen refugees from Burma to settle in Windsor. Fishing is a big part of Burmese life so, the 'Y' arranged a fishing excursion for the group. They found the expenses than anticipated for cover poles, lines, tackle and fishing licenses. Alan gave his \$25, together with other donations from his colleagues to help cover the expenses for the excursion.

## AUGUST SCHEDULE

**August 7 John Stevenett**

**August 14 Michelle Moro**

**August 21 Ilias Kiritsis**

**August 28 John Ferguson**

## PR TRANSITION

With the implementation of the new club committee structure this year and the leave of absence of Danielle Steubing—club public relations is going through a transition. Additionally, there has been a change in the process members need to follow to have material posted to the website.

The Public Relations Committee hopes to build on the tremendous PR success Danielle has generated for the club. If there is anything which requires advertising or promotion please forward it to me or a member of the committee.

Please also be aware that Al Santing is taking a step back from involvement with the website and will be playing a reduced but equally important role. So please forward material for the website to me also.

I would also appreciate comments and suggestions for the website, Rotatel and other PR initiatives.

*-Chris Woodrow-*



## Program Schedule for AUGUST

DATE	SPEAKER & TOPIC	INTRODUCER	THANKER	GREETERS
August 7	Bob Gallagher / Photography	John Stevenett	Al Santing	Panos Sechopoulos Lea-Ann Suzor
August 14	TBA	Chris Woodrow	Dennis Arrand	Bruce Taylor Hardy Wheeler
August 21	Kristin Ives Bill Bastianon/Outbound GSE	Meg Bang	Roger Brothers	Carlo Abati Ann Marie Athavale
August 28	Club Celebration			Frank Batal Mike Browne

Rotarians assigned duties of introducer, thanker and hosts are responsible for finding their own replacements if they are unable to fulfil their duties.

**FOUR WAY TEST: Will it build goodwill and better friendships?**

## Dinner raises big bucks for African projects

The July fundraising dinner featuring Cardinal Peter Turkson, Archbishop of Cape Coast [Ghana] was a tremendous financial success for both the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Rotary Club of Windsor St. Clair.

A total of **\$18,787.79** was collected from various sources—including ticket sales, donations and miscellaneous contributions. After subtracting the expense of planning and holding the

event—both organizations were left with cheques totaling **\$7,535.96**.

Monies raised at the South Windsor Arena event will go to R.E.L.A.Y. and St. Vincent de Paul projects in Africa.

Consensus amongst the organizers of the joint fund raising initiative is positive and both organizations believe other joint projects should be explored in the future.

## A primer on the ROTARY Alphabet

AG	Assistant or Area Governor
DDF	District Designated Funds
DG	District Governor
DGE	District Governor Elect
DGN	District Governor Nominee
DGND	District Governor Nominee Designate
DT	District Trainer
GETS	Governor Elect Training Seminar
GSE	Group Study Exchange
MOP	Manual of Procedure (revised every 3 years)
OD	Official Directory (revised yearly)
PDG	Past District Governor
PE	President-Elect
PETS	Presidents-Elect Training Seminar
PHF	Paul Harris Fellow
PP	Past President
PPE	Preserve Planet Earth
PPP	POLIOPLUS Partners
PRID	Past Rotary International Director
PRIMC	Past Rotary International Membership Coordinator
PRIP	Past Rotary International President
RFE	Rotary Friendship Exchange
RI	Rotary International
RIBI	Rotary International Great Britain & Ireland
RID	Rotary International Director
RIDE	Rotary International Director Elect
RIMC	Rotary International Membership Coordinator
RIMZC	Rotary International Membership Zone Coordinators
RIP	Rotary International President
RIPE	Rotary International President Elect
RRFC	Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator
RRIMC	Regional Rotary International Membership Coordinator
RV	Rotary Volunteers
RYE	Rotary Youth Exchange
RYEO	Rotary Youth Exchange Officer
RYLA	Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
TRF	The Rotary Foundation
TRFT	The Rotary Foundation Trustee
WCS	World Community Service

## BOARD NEWS

- ◆ The board approved a leave of absence for **Geri Souilliere** from July 29 to September 30, 2008 while she works in Florida.
- ◆ The Board accepted the transfer of **Steve Daley**, classification - Hospital Chaplain from the Trenton, ON club. Steve has been a Rotarian since 2001. With Steve joining the club our membership is 55.

### New Member Proposals:

- ◆ Ruth Coursey, classification Public Administration, proposed by Terri-Ann Hurst;
- ◆ Errol Swan, classification Environmental Engineer, proposed by Shelly Duben;
- ◆ Nombuso Dlamini, classification Post-Secondary Education, proposed by Michael Duben;
- ◆ Rob Grainger, classification Pastor, proposed by Ann Fama.

### BEREAVEMENT FORM

If you have not already sent in your Bereavement Form to Secretary, Hardy Wheeler please do so soon. Either indicate your wishes concerning Rotary on your passing or that you do not wish to complete the form. To date only nine members have sent in the form.

## Celebrations

### Happy Birthday...

August 2	Roger Brothers
August 7	Ken Lepain
August 16	Laura Gray
August 18	Ed Link
August 18	David LaBranche

### Happy Anniversary...

August 21	Lee-Ann and Ken Suzor
August 24	Meg Bang Richard Suek-Jin Ko
August 26	Ed and Lee Ann Link
August 28	Ann and Carl Fama