



## Volunteers put a lid on the food drive *can* campaign

The old adage, 'when the going gets tough, the tough get going' capsulates the **2008 WE CARE...WE CAN Food Drive**, a partnership between local rotary clubs, The Greater Essex County DSB, the Windsor Spitfires Junior Hockey club, local food bank associations and Mayflower/Rose City Moving Company.

"Windsor and Essex County are going through some pretty tough economic times...the need this year for food banks has increased by 20 percent over last years numbers. Folks that gave food last year are coming to the banks this year as users...an ironic twist of fate for sure," said Windsor St. Clair Rotarian Arnie Charlton, the primary organizer and driving force behind the success of the food drive.

Last year, the food drive collected over 250,000 pounds of non-perishable food and this year the total jumped to over 280,000 pounds - which equates to approximately 320,200 cans. Volunteers estimates they visited 51 different locations and delivered the



**RIVERSIDE H.S.:** Organizer Arnie Charlton and Student Council President Melissa Deneau, are upstaged by enough donated food in the vacant gym to fill a *canyon*!

donated cans to one central food bank location.

Area Rotary Club's collected different types of food. A club with a morning meeting collected cold and hot cereals, clubs meeting at lunchtime collected proteins such as tuna and salmon and clubs meeting in the evening collected peanut butter and pasta. This year there was a far greater diversity of donated foods with an emphasis on healthier foods, said Charlton. Additionally, many Rotarian's dedicated a great deal of time at the main food bank sorting and stacking all the foods being delivered.

### Spitfire fans donate

On December 16, the Windsor Spitfires hosted the **WE CARE...WE CAN Food Drive** at the new Windsor Family Credit Union Centre. Mayflower trucks were parked at the front entrances and collected over 3,700 cans of non-perishables. The Spitfire Organization deserves thanks for giving game tickets to all the volunteers working the event.

The success of the whole project hinged on the participation of area

schools. They were asked to participate in the food drive as a component of the school board character development program which teaches the value of sharing and caring. Many of the participating schools were located in areas affected by the economic downturn but they still proved to be generous with their donations. Many schools rewarded students with pizza parties for the classes that donated the most food.

"I would declare that our food drive campaign was a total success from every possible perspective. You get a wonderful feeling when you realize just how many people you've assisted in these tough times. Someone mentioned to me that they were only one pay cheque away from having to use the food bank themselves..... that comment really hit home with me. We should all be very thankful for what we have," said Charlton.

Kudos to Arnie Charlton and his volunteers for their tireless work and commitment to the project. Well done all!

### NEWS FROM R.I. District 6400



Congratulations to our own Michael Duben who was selected as District Governor Nominee Candidate for 2011-2012. Way to go, Mike!

### COMING EVENTS

January 27 Board Meeting

## Rotarians serving up holiday cheer at the North Pole

*-Rotary International News-  
17 December 2008*

About 150 gravely ill children and their families embarked on a special "flight" to the North Pole on 13 December, aboard a Boeing 777 out of Dulles

International Airport in Washington, D.C..

For the second year in a row, members of the Rotary Club of Herndon, Virginia, USA, were there to see them off and help the children

make holiday crafts as they prepared to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus.

"It's magical for the kids," says Steve Cohen, a member of the Herndon club and one of many United Airlines employees who volunteer for the annual Fantasy Flight. "Everyone forgets what's happening in their lives, and for a couple of hours, including for the parents, it's a winter wonderland."

Since 1990, United Airlines has partnered with Children's Hospice International to bring the joy of the holidays to children battling terminal illnesses. The children, selected from hospitals and hospices in the region, were shuttled from the main terminal to Gate D7, where they and a few family members boarded United Flight 9908. The plane headed onto the runway and the pilot throttled up, simulating a takeoff.



**NORTH POLE:** Yvonne Hoffman, a member of the Rotary Club of Herndon, Virginia, USA, helps a Fantasy Flight guest make a holiday craft. Photos by Mary Drum/Rotary Club of Herndon.

The pilot then threw the engines into reverse before taxiing back to Gate D29, decorated as the North Pole. Cartoon characters, musicians, face painters, and other entertainers joined Santa and Mrs. Claus, who distributed gifts selected from the kids' wish lists.

Cohen, a flight attendant, has taken part in the Fantasy Flight for five years. When organizers faced a shortage of volunteers last year, Cohen suggested members of his Rotary club could help. Cohen hopes to encourage clubs in other cities where United has a hub to get involved in the program. Other Fantasy Flights were planned this year in Denver, Colorado; Phoenix, Arizona; Chicago; and Los Angeles.

### A Message from the President Elect

### ALAN DROUILLARD

Santa left me a new coffee mug in my Christmas stocking; it's a simple flat black mug [it's colour could be called coal, uh oh!]. Printed on the mug is the famous Ghandi quote, **Be the change you wish to see in the world.** I have read the phrase many times but never stopped to contemplate the meaning. With it now on my morning coffee mug, it's becoming a daily reflection.

On first reading, it can be interpreted many ways: dealing with world changing activities; founding a country; bringing peace to a troubled region; or eradicating a cruel childhood disease. Let's say it again, **"Be the change you wish to see in the world."** It could mean people joining together to travel half-way around the world to build schools and clinics, deliver much needed medical supplies and services, or people working together to refurbish and ship equipment to improve the safety of a city and its residents thousands of miles away.

**Be the change you wish to see in the world** could mean building a fully accessible playground to allow special needs children to play with their peers or swing for the very first time, or building a gazebo in memory of a great world changer to beautify a public space.

**"...think about what you were able to accomplish as a Rotarian..."**

**Be the change you wish to see in the world** could mean working on a fundraiser selling tickets, or working a bingo or a concession stand, all raising much needed funds for projects such as breakfast programs and scholarships.

**Be the change you wish to see in the world** could mean working on a food

drive, or helping to collect and sort donations for the needy at Christmas, or ringing a bell at WalMart.

**Be the change you wish to see in the world** could mean reading to children or serving soup on a Saturday night, helping make a decision at your monthly committee meeting, paying it forward or simply saying 'Good Morning' with a smile to a stranger.

**"The Rotary Club of Windsor St. Clair has done great things"**

**Be the change you wish to see in the world** could mean one idea from a small group of people who get together simply for fellowship and end up helping eradicate a cruel childhood disease.

The start of a New Year is usually a time for reflection on the past and planning for the future. **Be the change you wish to see in the world.**

As 2008 ends, I would encourage you to take a moment to ponder those 10 simple words, and think about what you were able to accomplish as a Rotarian, remembering that every action from a kind word, an idea at a committee meeting or few hours volunteering can lead to great things, big and small.

The new year - 2009 - is shaping up to be a year in which our community will need world changers more than ever. You can see what we can accomplish as a group - **The Rotary Club of Windsor St. Clair** has done great things to change the world this year, and I congratulate each and everyone one of you for all your efforts. I wish you and your families all the best in 2009 and look forward to changing the world with you this year.

## Program highlights advantages of hiring disabled

**ROTARY AT WORK** is a new, exciting and different project where Rotarians, partnered with Community Living Ontario, create employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

The goal is to find over 100 job opportunities, provincially, for people who have a disability within the next three years. Community Living Ontario staff are available to work with Rotary Clubs and potential employers to meet this goal.

Rotary Clubs are encouraging members and their business communities to actively create employment opportunities and to consider filling vacancies with people who have a disability. It is then Community Living Ontario's role to connect employers to local employment agencies if needed.

These agencies can help employers with:

- Locating potential candidates who have a disability;
- Prescreening these candidates;
- Providing on-the-job training;

- Assistance with workplace accommodations;
- Information about government assistance and other resources that will help make recruitment and retention smooth and easy.

Rotary Clubs recognize the benefits of hiring people who have a disability. Tapping into this labour pool is good business.

Studies and employer surveys show that employees who have a disability:

- Demonstrate average or above average work performance;
- Are willing and able to work at many different types of jobs;
- Have a proven positive affect on staff morale.

The Rotary Employment Project for Ontario has been made possible through grants from:

- Ontario Trillium Foundation;
- The Harry E. Foster Foundation;
- Ontario Disability Support Program Employment Innovation Fund;
- Community Living Ontario.

**For more information, contact Terry Cloutier at Rotary at Work.  
519-974-4221 Ext. 235 or [tcloutier@rotaryatwork.com](mailto:tcloutier@rotaryatwork.com)**

## FACT SHEET

People who have a disability can make a valuable contribution to your business;

- ✓ A Harris study found that 88% of workers who have a disability earned performance ratings of good or excellent;
- ✓ A DuPont survey reported average or above average performance for 90% of workers who have a disability;
- ✓ The Harris study also showed that 46% of employers found workers who have a disability actually work harder than other employees;
- ✓ A Pizza Hut Corporation study showed that workers who have a disability are 5 times more likely to stay on the job;
- ✓ The DuPont survey showed that 86% of workers who have a disability have average or above average attendance records;
- ✓ The DuPont survey showed that 97% of workers who have a disability rate average or above average in safety on the job;
- ✓ A Statscan report showed that only 4% of workers who have a disability require changes to the physical workplace.

## Windsor St. Clair slate for 2009-2010 rotary year

President  
*Alan Drouillard*

Treasurer  
*Karen Cichon*

Membership Director  
*Nick Krayacich*

President Elect  
*Phyllis Charbonneau*

Community Service Director  
*Lea-Ann Suzor*

Rotary Foundation Director  
*Roger Brothers*

President Nominee  
*Paul Charbonneau*

International Service Director  
*Ilias Kiritsis*

Public Relations Director  
*Chris Woodrow*

Secretary  
*Phil McCullough*

Youth Service Director  
*Debra Harshaw*

Past President  
*Shelly Duben*

## A little humour...

The Rotary Club asked a minister to come and talk to them about sex. The minister had never talked about sex before an audience and he was embarrassed, so he told his wife he was going to talk about boating. A couple days later, a Rotarian bumped into the minister's wife and he said, "Your husband gave a wonderful talk at the Rotary Club." She said, "You know, I'm really surprised. He's only done it twice. The first time, he got seasick. The second time, his hat blew off."

## Service Above Self

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

For more information, please visit  
[www.rotarywindsorstclair.com](http://www.rotarywindsorstclair.com)



## CELEBRATIONS

### Happy Birthday...

January 18      Bill Proulx  
January 23      Dick Marentette

### Happy Anniversary...

January 6      Danielle and Jason Stuebing  
January 14      Karen and Mike Cichon  
January 16      Nancy and Carlo Abati

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



## Volunteers needed for WFCU Centre concessions and Bingo

### WFCU Centre

Our newest club fund raising and fellowship program at the WFCU Centre concessions requires volunteers for a number of scheduled January events. Some members have already indicated their availability but if you haven't and are available on the following dates, please consider signing up.

Thursday, January 15, 2009:

Arrive at the concession for 5:30 to 10:00 pm.

Saturday, January 17, 2009

Arrive at the concession for 5:30 to 10:00 pm.



Sunday, January 25, 2009

Arrive at the concession for 12:30 to 5:00 pm.

Additionally, there are still many opportunities available in the 2009 Bingo schedule. There is a need for

four people to work four hours each, on Sunday January 4, 2009. (2pm - 6pm, 6pm - 10pm).

Contact Bob Morand if you are interested in either the WFCU Centre or Bingo.

## ...COMMITTEE REPORTS...

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ▶ Ed Link has agreed to take on the Ganatchio Trail clean-up/ Shanfield Shores beautification and BBQ project along with Nick Krayacich. The proposed date is May 23, 2009.

### MEMBERSHIP

- ▶ Will liaise with Community Service Committee re: clean up project.
- ▶ Discussions on a possible social event at HMCS Hunter in March and also other events during the summer of 2009.

Discussion on a respectful, caring, and courteous method to ensure member attendance and participation.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

- ▶ The committee has received Board approval to proceed with the development of a new website. The timelines calls for completion of the project by March/April 2009.

### YOUTH SERVICE

- ▶ 4-Way test Contest—open discussion regarding elementary versus high school focus. Grade 7/8 may be more suitable for participation. Will review in January.

## Program Schedule for JANUARY

	SPEAKER & TOPIC	INTRODUCER	THANKER	GREETERS	
8	Lisa Kolody/ Leadership Windsor-Essex	Terry Cloutier	Steve Daley	Karen Cichon Ruth Coursey	
15	TBD	Michael Duben	Carl Fama	Alan Drouillard Anne Fama	
22	Sylvia Devries/How to Calculate your Electricity Bills	Bob Graham	Todd Grondin	John Ferguson Charles Gauthier	
29	Club Celebration			Deb Harshaw Thom Hunt	
Begley Program		Soup Kitchen		Pay It Forward	
6	TBD	3	John & Pat Stevenett + guests	8	Arnie Charlton
13	TBD	10	Terri-Ann Hurst -more volunteers needed	15	Danielle Stuebing
20	TBD	17	Bob and Pauline Morand + guests	22	Bill Proulx
27	TBD	24	Michael and Shelly Duben + guests	29	Paul Charbonneau
		31	Mike and Karen Cichon + guests		

Rotarians assigned duties of introducer, thanker and greeter are responsible for finding a replacement if unable to fulfill the duties.

**FOUR WAY TEST: Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**