



Jim Grundy inducted as president for 2008-2009

At a ceremony in the gazebo overlooking the Detroit River at Shanfield Shores Park, Jim Grundy was inducted as the 2008-2009 president of the Windsor St. Clair Rotary Club.

When his career in the financial services industry caused him to move to Windsor from Regina, Saskatchewan in 2003, Jim made a commitment to make volunteerism and community a part of his life. When approached by a colleague with the offer to become involved in Rotary, he jumped at the opportunity.

"Rotary is the largest service organization in the world. By becoming involved at the grassroots level through service to my community – the community where I live – I held a vision that I could impact it in a positive way. Rotary has provided me the opportunity to follow through on my vision," says the incoming president.

The 2008-2009 theme for 1.2 million Rotarians around the world, and the members of the Windsor St. Clair Club, is **Make Dreams Real**. Following on from the previous annual theme of **Rotary Shares**, Jim intends to marshal the resources and ingenuity of the club to identify a need in the local community which Rotarians can help to address.

"Our club possesses a fine cross-section of skills and abilities which, when harnessed with enthusiasm - can achieve anything. I want to direct that enthusiasm to make the community a better place - which is in keeping with making dreams real by sharing rotary."

For the 2008-2009 year, members will continue to **Pay It Forward**, which asks that they think of the opportunities they have been given and the people who have helped along the way, and to pay forward those good deeds.



Induction: Rotary International District 6400 Governor Bruce Goldsen (right) prepares to welcome Jim Grundy to the presidency of the Windsor St. Clair club.

Jim lives in Windsor with wife Heidi and they have two young children. He has been a member of Rotary since 2004. A graduate of the University of Regina with a degree in Business Administration, Jim works as a manager at RBC Dominion Securities.

COMING EVENTS

July

Ambassadorial Scholarship Applications due

August

- 9 Rotary Club of Windsor St. Clair Kids of Steel Triathlon, Ganatchio Trail
- 19 Governor's Picnic, Bob-Lo Island

Golden Oldies celebrated for volunteerism

The Rotary Club of Windsor St. Clair has recognized five senior citizens with Golden Oldie Awards for their continued commitment to volunteerism.

Mary Paterson has been a volunteer with the Canadian Cancer Society for 41 years. She has been a volunteer team leader overseeing a group of volunteers who provide special sewing services to cancer patients onsite at

the Windsor Regional Cancer Centre. She sews pockets into bras and bathing suits to accommodate breast prosthesis and sewing peer support breast cancer information kit bags for patients. She also provides cancer patients with opportunities to pick up temporary and/or permanent prosthesis and ensures patients get the information and support they need. She is truly committed to the patients

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Cardinal helps raise money for African projects

Windsor St. Clair Rotarians are fast becoming accustomed to rolling out the red carpet to welcome leading world dignitaries.

In late June, the visit of Cardinal Peter Turkson, Archbishop of Cape Coast (Ghana) followed the successful April 2008 Rotary World Peace Summit, which provided an opportunity for Rotarians to show off Windsor and Essex County to Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and the Jordanian Ambassador to the United Nations, Prince Zeid Ra'ad.

Cardinal Turkson was in the area to renew friendships and headline a fundraising event, held in collaboration with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Over 400 people packed South Windsor Arena for the fundraising dinner which was preceded by a overflowing Corpus Christi Church, where Cardinal Turkson celebrated a special mass.

Cardinal Turkson was ordained as a priest in 1975, appointed Archbishop of Cape Coast in 1992, and elevated to the College of Cardinals by Pope John Paul II on 21 October 2003. He was one of the cardinal electors who participated in the 2005 papal conclave that selected Pope Benedict XVI. There are only 194 Cardinals across the globe, including 3 from Canada.

R.E.L.A.Y. has raised over \$115,000 for projects in Africa

Since 2005, Rotarians and other community members have traveled annually at their own expense to Ghana on the west coast of Africa, to help the coastal community of Anomabo by renovating schools and medical facilities, providing medical supplies and initiating educational programs for the children. Over three years, R.E.L.A.Y. (Rotarians Enhancing Learning of African Youth), founded by Windsor St. Clair Rotarians Michael and Shelly Duben, has raised over \$115,000 for projects in Anomabo. Monies raised at the South Windsor



South Windsor Arena: Father Stephen Amoah Gyasi (left) and Windsor St. Clair Rotarian Michael Duben, the emcee of the fundraiser, enjoyed the festivities on offer.



Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson, Archbishop of Cape Coast: the message of his address focused on hope for the continent of Africa and the importance of volunteer organizations, such as Rotary and St. Vincent de Paul, in providing much needed education and resources to children.

Arena event will go to R.E.L.A.Y. and St. Vincent de Paul projects in Africa.

While in Ghana, R.E.L.A.Y. members met Cardinal Peter Turkson through their service work at St. Mary's Catholic School, where they also developed a relationship with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. It was at St. Mary's Parish Church that the group first met Father Stephen Amoah Gyasi, who was also in attendance at the dinner and Mass. Father Stephen spent much of June spending time with R.E.L.A.Y. team members and traveling around Southwestern Ontario.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is an international charity dedicated to serving the poor. The Society has been actively working with the needy in Windsor and Essex County for 112 years.

The Cardinal befriended the R.E.L.A.Y. members, provided assistance, and always took time to thank the group for its work and commitment. And he made the pledge that when next in North American he would travel to Windsor to visit the group as a gesture of thanks for the work undertaken in his homeland. True to his word he spent a few days in Windsor at last month.

Service Above Self

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



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Jim Grundy

A MESSAGE from the president...

My theme as I enter my term as president is **LEAVE YOUR LEGACY.**

I am interested in connecting with each of you this year on a couple of fronts; what originally convinced you to join Rotary, and what keeps you in Rotary.

I have spent much time thinking about these questions and theme over the past five weeks - and what they mean to me. Like many of you, I originally became involved in Rotary for fellowship and the opportunity to improve my community. But I don't know if I really understood what it meant to be a Rotarian.

"...make a difference in someone's life every day..."

Then, almost two years ago, we had our first child Harriet, followed by my son Oscar almost three months ago. As a new parent, you start to see the world differently, you become more in tune with the world. I have experienced joy in my life in the past two years like never before, but I have also experienced sorrow. Sorrow because of the many hardships we witness every day, children in our world who suffer from mal-nutrition, disease, or live through conflict. As a parent, it pains me to think about the suffering these children go through and how hard it must be for their parents, helpless while their children suffer.

In Rotary, we have a way to combat suffering through the various projects we undertake, such as R.E.L.A.Y. (see Page 2), international immunization days, or reading at Begley P.S., to name a few. This is what keeps me in Rotary, the work we do together to combat the challenges in our world.

International President D. K. Lee's theme this year is to **Make Dreams Real**. The focus is on helping the children of the world and to make dreams real for them. This will be

accomplished by concentrating on providing access to food, water, education - and a chance at a better life.

District Governor Bruce Goldsen's theme is to **Celebrate the Difference** that make each of us unique. As a district our focus will be on growing membership, working together as clubs and improving the lives of children in need.

These are great messages and tie in very nicely with the initiatives we aspire to do as a club.

Now, as you know, this past month presented some challenges to our family with Ozzy's heart condition. During this difficult time, we have had time to reflect on what's important and how truly lucky we are. We encountered many great people going through very challenging situations. We met a mother from Oakville with a 16 year-old-son, who recently underwent successful heart transplant surgery. As you could imagine, the joy she felt as her son had been given a new lease on life was infinite. Or the father of 9 from Timmins, who had a two-year-old daughter born with her stomach upside down. She has spent the first 17 of her 24 months on this planet, in hospital having undergone five surgeries.

"...make the world a better place..."

Their strength inspired me to be stronger for my son. I also realized through these experiences, how truly lucky we are to live in Canada, to have access to world class health care. If we lived in another area of the world, certainly the outcome would not have been as positive for my son. As a result, my belief in the good work we do as Rotarians has been further galvanized!

Those of you who really know me, know that I am a big goal setter. I set goals in all areas of my life. This year was a little different. I only set two simple goals - and no they are not to lose another 10 pounds and to lower the

handicap (those go with out saying). My goals are to: make a difference in someone's life every day no matter how big or small either in my professional life, my personal life or my life in Rotary; and to make the world a better place. Now that might seem lofty, but through Rotary, we have the opportunity to make a difference every day, to leave our legacy!

Speaking of goals, I have a number of goals and challenges for you this year. They include:

- ◆ Recruiting three new members;
- ◆ Raise more funds for the Rotary Foundation and make it as easy as possible for you to participate;
- ◆ Spread the word about Rotary Foundation Benefactors;
- ◆ Develop a new fundraising event and continue to expand our existing initiatives;
- ◆ Select a new local project that our club can commit to in the next year.

We will continue with **Pay it Forward** but change the focus somewhat. I would like club members to share the reasons you became involved with Rotary and what keeps you in Rotary.

Lastly, I hope to inspire you to go out, live the values of Rotary, to look for opportunities to make a difference. Together we can build upon the great legacy of the Rotary Club of Windsor St Clair!

Celebrations

Happy Birthday...

July 3 Michael Duben

Happy Anniversary...

July 12	Shelly & Michael Duben
July 16	Mary-Lou & Dick Marentette
July 17	Phyllis & Paul Charbonneau
July 21	Pat & John Stevenett
July 26	Shelley & Panos Sechopoulos
July 27	Kathy & Steve Buis

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Golden Oldies celebrated

Jim Lee is also a dedicated volunteer with the Canadian Cancer Society, and worked with the Society for 19 years. He assists with the Daffodil Days campaign, and delivers outreach materials across the County."

(Robert) Glenn Cameron has counseled men of all ages through his church as they've worked to get their lives on track. His nominator states: "His heart is dedicated to assisting others in their life path...the fruits of his service are seen in the lives of these individuals as they become productive members of society."

Erma Vinson, better known as Aunt Erma, has contributed to the lives of many individuals in the United States and the Essex Region. She began fostering children in the United States in 1951, and nine years later, upon relocating to Canada, she continued to foster children of varying circumstances. Aunt Erma continues to foster two young adults for Christian

Horizon and has fostered them for the past 24 years. In total, she has been a foster parent for over 57 years and has helped improved the lives of many over this nearly six decade span.

William Van Wyck is a retired high school teacher who has been a volunteer of the Alzheimer Society of Windsor & Essex County since 2002. His volunteering history also includes other organizations such as the Canadian Cancer Society and Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP). In addition to these activities, Mr. Van Wyck also devotes considerable personal time to ensuring students from the Windsor area have an opportunity to attend summer Olympic games. Since 1972, he has taken over 50 students to six Olympic Games, personally undertaking the planning and much of the financing of these trips.

Congratulations to all!



Volunteers

Celebrated: (from left) Mr. Jenkins on behalf of Mr. Cameron, Mr. Van Wyck, Mr. Lee, Judy Lund on behalf of Mary Paterson, Windsor-St. Clair Past President Dennis Arrand, and Director of Community Service Ann-Marie Athavale.

BOARD NEWS

- ♦ Attendance for the month of June was 79.3 percent which gives us a terrific average of 81.2 percent for the 2007-08 year. Well done everyone! Awards for 100 percent attendance by members will be presented in July.
- ♦ New Member Proposal: None.
- ♦ With regret the board accepted the resignation of Linda Seaton effective June 30, 2008. Linda is now fully engaged in caring for her ailing mother-in-law. The board also accepted the resignation of Vicky Seaton effective August 22, 2008 as she is moving to Kingston, Ontario while her husband, Kevin, completes his doctorate in psychology at Queen's University. Vicky has generously agreed to lead the bingo team until August. The club is in need of a new bingo chair. Please contact President Jim or Secretary Hardy if you would like to get involved.
- ♦ Bereavement Form - If you have not already done so, please hand in your completed Bereavement Form to Hardy Wheeler so the club is in a position to respect your final wishes.
- ♦ The board approved the club plan and budget on July 3. It is expected that the new plan will be issued with the Club Directory updates in mid-July. The budget will come to the membership for approval soon.

GOVERNORS'S PICNIC

Mark Sunday, August 19 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 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.

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

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Future issues of **ROTATEL** will include details of coming programs and schedules, including meeting responsibilities and speaker information.