



## Drouillard handed the keys for 2009-2010

At a ceremony in the gazebo overlooking the Detroit River at Shanfield Shores Park, Alan Drouillard was inducted as the 2009-2010 president of the Windsor St. Clair Rotary Club.

Community service and volunteerism has always been an important element in the Drouillard family and Alan believes it was instilled in him at an early age. Throughout his life, it has always been crucial to give back to the community in some way, and through Rotary and Scouting, Alan and his family have epitomized this important

community virtue.

"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.

"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 the theme, **The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands.**"

Alan lives in Tecumseh with wife Stephanie and their two young boys, Adam and Luke. A graduate of the University of Windsor with undergraduate and graduate degrees in Business Administration, Alan is Senior Manager, Commercial Banking for Southwestern Ontario at the

National Bank of Canada. Before returning to Windsor, Alan worked for the Royal Bank in London and the Kitchener/Waterloo area, transferred to Windsor with Royal Bank and then in 2004 joined National Bank.



**OUTGOING PRESIDENT:** Shelly Duben addresses members and friends as president –for the final time?



**WELCOME MR. PRESIDENT:** PDG Mike Browne congratulates incoming president, Alan Drouillard.

## TV Auction success in our hands: without gifts we will fail

Planning for the **Rotary Auction on TV Cogeco** is now in full effect. Our club would be unable to fund major local projects such as the Ganatchio Trail, Shanfield Shores and the Boundary-Free Playground without the monies raised at the auction and other events.

### COMING EVENTS

July 19	<b>Peché Island</b>
August 7	<b>Concessions</b>
	<b>WFCU Centre</b>
September 12	<b>Past President's Party</b>

In keeping with the theme of RI President John Kenny, **The Future of Rotary is in your Hands**, any success we enjoy as a club is attributed to the hard work we do. Whether the 2009 auction succeeds is in our hands? All of the small things we do will contribute to the overall success. And the most important thing we can all do is bring in gifts – without gifts, there is no auction.

Auction will be front and centre as we progress through the Summer into Fall. At every meeting, we will focus on our success and strategize for the

future. Additionally, it is the expectation of the Auction Committee that all members participate and involve themselves in the auction.

Earlier this year, when we launched the 2009 campaign, we set out a plan, which if executed, will bring success in November. Much more information and material will be available in the weeks to come – but for now, please think **Gifts** – because only through a successful auction we will be able to continue the Rotary Club of Windsor St. Clair tradition of implementing meaningful community projects.



*A message  
from the President*  
**ALAN DROUILLARD**

RI President John Kenny has set the theme for 2009-2010 - *The Future of Rotary is in your hands*. The Future of Rotary is, in fact, in our hands. Our community needs Rotary more than ever, our community needs what we do as Rotarians more than ever - and this at a time when being a Rotarian is tougher than ever. Work is harder, family life is busier, fundraising is more difficult and demands on our time are greater than ever. President Kenny tells us that everything we Rotarians aspire to is in the hands of Rotarians in their Clubs, not in the hands of the President, the DG, the RI Director or the club president - the key to success is in the hands of the 27,000 Rotarians in Canada and three million throughout the world.

What does this mean for the Rotary Club of Windsor St. Clair? We possess all the elements of a successful club. As Rotarians, we tend to be a modest group, but putting modesty aside, I want to tell you that we are a great club! We have consistently been recognized as one of the top clubs in District 6400, which is one of the top districts in Rotary, all of this because of you and all the work you do.

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of a successful club.**

In preparing for this year, I listed all the things we do as a club. It was a long list! We do much good work and I believe we have stretched our member resources thin in meeting our goals. In typical Rotarian style we pull together and get the job done. Another enlightening moment was reviewing who does what, when looking for a few names to approach for special projects. My fellow Rotarians, there wasn't much capacity on that list. In order to send people to Africa, complete community projects, read stories, serve soup, clean up a trail, serve beer and hot dogs, work bingos, ring bells, participate in a food drive, host an exchange student, award scholarships, host a golf tournament, raise money to eradicate polio and solicit gifts for a successful TV auction - we need more hands. **We need to grow membership.**

With this in mind, I want to share with you a theme I intend to weave into our activities this year. If executed properly, it will add to our membership. I have distributed small tokens of my appreciation for your dedication to Rotary. One is a simple Rotary Wheel Sticker and the other is a rotary coin with the 4

way test on one side and the Wheel on the other. This will be the central focus of my *Everyday Rotarian* theme. Rotary needs you all now, more than ever. Everyday Rotarians, members like you and I who through our actions, do the many small things which in the end, add up to big things.

With these gifts I am asking every member to do two things: display the sticker in a space which is identified as yours - your car, office, bike, your briefcase - and use the visibility to tell everyone you are an *Everyday Rotarian* and most importantly let them know what Rotary means to you and what you do as an *Everyday Rotarian*. You are an *Everyday Rotarian* not a secret Rotarian; and then I want you to decide if they would be a good set of hands for our club. If so, show them the coin, talk about the 4 way test, give them the coin to keep (I'll get you another one) and ask them to come to a meeting. It's that simple - it all starts with an ask.

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I am asking every member to bring one guest to a club meeting, function or activity to share what we do as Rotarians and show how much fun we have together. You have my commitment that once you introduce a prospective member to us, we as a club and a Board, will help you usher that person to membership through a defined communication plan. And equally as important, once a member we will support you as their sponsor in introducing them to Rotary through our new member education program. Membership recruitment is a club responsibility and having a program to develop *Everyday Rotarians* is a club responsibility.

In order to secure the future of our club we need more *Everyday Rotarians* and it all starts with an ask.

Finally on a lighter note, I would like to introduce a dose of weekly fun into our activities. For such a group of accomplished professionals, we are horrible at self promotion. We need to let people know about Rotary. With this in mind, this year we will launch the **ROTASMILE** program. Each week a member will be given \$20 to be used to put a Rotary Smile on a face, or faces, in the community. Be it buying a coffee for strangers, ice cream for kids, flowers for seniors, treats for volunteers, what ever you think of you can do. Together with the money, you will receive a few business cards which you will leave with the **ROTASMILE** activity. These cards will include our club name, together with contact information for the recipient to find out more about us. There will be a link to our website and a brief explanation of Rotary.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all to my fellow Rotarians. I look forward to serving you this year and working with you to develop *Everyday Rotarians* to ensure our future.

## Birmingham (UK) embraces historic Rotary International convention

By Arnold R. Grah  
Rotary International News  
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After four days of celebrating Rotary's spirit of international fellowship and service, Rotarians from all over the world bid adieu to the 100th RI Convention in Birmingham, England, on 24 June.

RI President-elect John Kenny, the first Scotsman to head the international humanitarian service organization in its 104-year history, encouraged the more than 16,000 Rotarians from over 150 countries at the convention to join in the last push to eradicate polio.

"Until the day the earth is declared polio-free, this work must be our first priority and our main focus," Kenny said during the closing plenary session. "It is up to us to finish the job."

"The future of Rotary is being decided every day, in every one of our clubs -- by every one of you," Kenny said. "Every Rotarian adds fresh ideas and energies to their clubs and their districts. Each one of you can make important contributions and pass on to your successors stronger clubs, healthier communities, and a better world."

Kenny, emphasized the important role that individual Rotarians and Rotary

clubs play in the future of the organization, a message captured in the 2009-10 RI theme, **The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.**



**ROTARY CONVENTION:** RI President-elect John Kenny and RI President Dong Kurn at the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England. *Rotary Images/Monika Lozinska Lee*

### BOARD NEWS

- ◆ Attendance for May was 85.71%.
- ◆ In June we welcomed Dino DeSimone to our club. Welcome Dino.

With regret the Board accepted the resignations of Frank Batal effective June 23 and John Ferguson effective June 30, 2009. Our membership is now at 49.

Leaves of Absence: none

New Member Proposals: none

### COMMITTEE NEWS

#### MEMBERSHIP

**Past Presidents Party** - awaiting email from Brian Hyland re: dates but looks like it will be September 12.

**Nijola Golf Tournament**- the committee thanked Todd Grondin for all of his hard work-approximately \$5700 was raised.

**District Governor's Golf Outing**- September 23, Lakes of Taylor G&CC. Shotgun start- details to follow.

**Peché Island** - July 19- arrive 11am at City of Windsor Marina- depart via Karen Cichon's boat from 11-12. Pot luck from 12-1pm- everyone to bring a

dish, BYOB. Guided tour from 1-3 p.m. Depart 3-4 pm.

Membership strategies and tactics discussed re: bringing in new members, and retention of present members.

#### YOUTH SERVICE

**High School Bursaries** - Applications reviewed, 4 candidates chosen, a fifth candidate submitted an incomplete application. Will contact the appropriate school to determine if the pages were lost in transit versus an omission by the student. Official declaration of winners when quorum of members available to meet.

**Interact** - presentation to St Joseph's was well received, no teachers have indicated an interest in being the advisor

**Calendar**- Committee members to submit a list of possible events or activities for the exchange student, list to be circulated among general membership for sign-up.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Humanitarian Award** - committee voted to spend \$100.

**Volunteers to lead Community**

**Service Projects** - Golden Oldie Awards, Phil McCullough; Soup Kitchen, Alan Drouillard; Ganatchio Trail Clean Up, Ed Link; Humanitarian Award, Bruce Taylor & Alyn Anglin.

#### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

**Defibrillators for Tsumeb** - \$943.52 has been requested for the shipping of defibrillators to Namibia. Our Club has paid the full amount for the shipping.

**Future Vision Plan** - D6400 was selected as one of the 100 districts selected for the Future Vision pilot project. The districts we have been involved with over the years are on the list (Ghana, Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania), so even after 2010, we can apply for matching grants with these districts.

**RELAY Voice for Hope** - The 10-member RELAY team is leaving for Ethiopia in August for the project in Debreberhan. An additional World Community Service Grant of \$2000 US has been received.

**Budget**—the committee voted to contribute the remaining \$1388 from the International Budget to the next RELAY project to Ghana in December 2009.

## Test your knowledge of Rotary International - and win a prize!

Test your knowledge of Rotary. Circle your answers and return them to me or you can email your answers. First set of correct answers wins a tremendous prize!

1. Who said 'Rotary is a microcosm of a world at peace, a model which nations would do well to follow?'

-Paul Harris

-Bhichai Rattakul

-Bill Boyd

-Arch Klumpf

2. In 1923, which famous American addressed the St. Louis convention, saying a club in every community would 'guarantee the tranquility and the forward march of the world?'

-Warren G. Harding

-John D. Rockefeller

-Woodrow Wilson

-Alfred P. Sloan

3. In 1911, the first Rotary clubs outside North America were established in:

-Australia

-Britain

-Ireland

-France

4. On Rotary's Centennial celebration, which of the following did NOT occur?

-The Empire State Building was lit in blue and gold.

-Club of Ulhasnagar, India, opened community park

-Club of Livingston, Zambia, planted 100 trees

-White Plains club rented stretch limo to NY

-all of the above actually happened

5. The Ambassadorial Scholarships program of the Rotary Foundation is currently the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program for university-level studies.

-True

-False

Submit answers early and often. Good Luck!

### Program Schedule JULY

#### SPEAKER & TOPIC

- 2 Lamon Kersey/Martial Arts
- 9 Rotary Outbound Student
- 16 Alex Kais/U. of W. Interact Club
- 23 TBA
- 30 Bob Boughner/Windsor Spitfires

#### INTRODUCER

- 2 Carl Fama
- 9 Phyllis Charbonneau
- 16 Danielle Stuebing
- 23 Ed Link
- 30 Mike Browne

#### THANKER

- 2 Michael Duben
- 9 TBA
- 16 Thom Hunt
- 23 Bob Morand
- 30 Dick Marentette

#### GREETERS

- 2 Shelly Duben  
Ann Fama
- 9 Charles Gauthier  
Bob Graham
- 16 Todd Grondin  
Deb Harshaw
- 23 Ilias Kiritsis  
Nick Krayacich
- 30 Phil McCullough  
Diane McKinley

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

### CELEBRATIONS

#### Happy Birthday...

- July 3 Michael Duben
- July 8 Dino DiSimone
- July 18 Dick Rivard

#### Happy Anniversary...

- July 12 Michael and Shelly Duben
- July 16 Dick and Mary Lou Marentette
- July 17 Paul and Phyllis Charbonneau
- July 21 John and Pat Stevenett
- July 25 Ilias and Lena Kiritsis
- July 26 Gary and Heather McNamara
- July 26 Panos and Shelley Sechopoulos

### Have some fun, raise some money and relive your youth

We're still in need of volunteers for the Friday, August 7 Bachman Cummings concert at the WFCU Centre. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m., so volunteers should plan on arriving between 5:30 and 6 p.m. If you're interested, please sign up on the website.



### 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 visit [www.rotarywindsorstclair.com](http://www.rotarywindsorstclair.com).

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