

Phyllis Charbonneau assumes helm of Windsor St. Clair

Phyllis Charbonneau was recently inducted as the 2010-2011 president of the Windsor St. Clair Rotary Club at a ceremony in the Rotary Gazebo overlooking the Detroit River at Shanfield Shores Park.

Community service and volunteerism have always been important to Phyllis Charbonneau - whether it be with Beavers or Brownies, the local Church, the local school and now through Rotary. Whenever there has been an opportunity to give back to the community, she can always be counted on to get involved.

Phyllis Charbonneau takes over the leadership of a club which was

established in 1975 and is comprised of 49 professional men and women from across Windsor and Essex County. "Rotary is the largest service organization in the world. Through service to my community - the community where I live - I know I can contribute to many worthy club projects and initiatives. Rotary has provided me the opportunity to continue helping my community grow by addressing many of the needs that are so apparent," she says.

Grow with Rotary

The Rotary International theme for 2010-2011 is **BUILDING COMMUNITIES - BRIDGING CONTINENTS** and has a goal of explaining Rotary to non-Rotarians and equally important, validating the work of Rotarians. The incoming President plans to encompass all that is good about the theme - but simplify it for the Windsor and Essex County audience. For 2010-2011, Windsor St. Clair will focus all activities and events on the theme **GROW WITH ROTARY**.

"Inherent in Grow with Rotary is the obvious reference to growing the size of our club, which I'd like to do by five percent this year," says Charbonneau. "It's important to me that we all grow personally as Rotarians. One of my goals is to achieve better club participation overall. Rotary is an investment of both time and money. Those who invest do so with the expectation of a favourable return. I will do my best to ensure that all Rotary activities keep this top-of-



IN WITH THE NEW: 2010-2011 President Phyllis Charbonneau is looking for more club participation.



OUT WITH THE OLD: 2009-2010 President Alan Drouillard brings the hammer down on a successful year.

COMING EVENTS

July 6	Bingo
July 20	Bingo
July 29	DG Kim Towar Official Visit
August 4	Bingo
August 18	Bingo
Sept. 22	DG Golf Outing Northville Hills Golf Club

mind. Through increased and well targeted public awareness of our activities, our club will continue to increase its profile within the community and Club growth will result."

Phyllis and husband Paul Charbonneau have lived in the Essex-Kent area all of their lives, apart from time they both spent at Fanshawe College in London. They currently reside in Puce with two senior rescue dogs, Riley and Honey. Phyllis and Paul were married in 1981, and have three children, Jason, Scott and Emily—two of whom have participated in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, which was Phyllis' introduction to Rotary. A Rotarian for almost 5 years, Phyllis is the District Inbound Coordinator for the Canadian Youth Exchange students. When not immersed in volunteer duties, Phyllis works as Office Manager at HCAMindbox.

Message from the PRESIDENT



Phyllis Charbonneau

Eight years ago, Paul and I stood before many of you and delivered a eulogy at the funeral of Nijola Giedriunas, our friend and employee of four to five years. We didn't know you then, and it's pretty safe to say that at that time, I never dreamed that eight years later I would be standing here today, feeling honored to be the President of Nijola's former club...**our club**...the very club she worked so hard to maintain and build in her short term as President in 2002. You see, here's the significance of this for me. As I was extolling all of Nijola's virtues before her friends and family only eight short years ago, I was virtually unaware of who Nijola **really** was and of her commitment to the organization we knew only as Rotary.

Nijola inspired us all

Like many who are uninformed of Rotary's work both locally and abroad, Rotary meant nothing more to us than Nijola's excuse for showing up a half hour late for work every Thursday morning. She was always in a good mood as I recall, never allowing

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anyone to take that away from her. Nijola's priorities were simple - do it, do it well and make it enjoyable while you're doing it. Nijola had an infectious way of inspiring others to do the same. She inspired our children to see the world through Rotary's Youth Exchange program, which ultimately inspired me to join Rotary, and to accept the position of District Inbound Coordinator for the Canadian clubs, a commitment I've remained loyal to for over 4 years. So I'm here today for **and** because of Nijola, in these wonderful grounds dedicated to her and to her club's hard work, to let you know that **I am ready** for a whole new commitment to Rotary, as President of the Rotary Club of Windsor-St. Clair.

"I am ready..."

Having witnessed and learned from Presidents before me, I know this is going to be far from a cake walk. I plan to do my best to inspire you and others who join our club, to become better Rotarians. I don't plan to make mistakes along the way however you can be certain that I will, but most of all, I do plan to approach this task with what I can best describe as Nijola-like passion, bringing more fun and fervor into the Rotary Club of Windsor-St. Clair.

If there's one thing that I've learned about Rotary, it's that the organization is driven by themes at different levels. Ray Klingensmith, President of Rotary International 2010/2011, said he arrived at his theme after reviewing RI themes of years past. He noticed that only a few spoke to non-Rotarians. "As a result", he said, "I decided to search for a briefly stated theme that

would fulfill two objectives: the first to explain Rotary to non-Rotarians, and the second to validate our work for Rotarians". The words Klingensmith selected to describe Rotary's current mission and to highlight the achievements, are what we do best: Building Communities -- Bridging Continents.

Grow with Rotary

In developing his theme, Klingensmith has identified and addressed two very difficult challenges we face today in Rotary - attracting new members to clubs and giving all members relevant reasons why they should become more active within their clubs. Coincidentally, I had been considering these same challenges when pondering the theme for my year and as a result, I've come up with a theme that echoes the International theme but perhaps at more of a "grass roots" level. I'm happy to share my theme with you- **GROW WITH ROTARY**.

Aside from the obvious reference to growing the size of our club, which incidentally I'd like to see increase by a net of 5% this year, it's important to me that we **all** grow personally as Rotarians. One of my goals this year is to achieve better club participation overall. Rotary is about investment, both time and money. But those who invest usually do so with the expectation of a favorable return.

I will do my best to ensure that all Rotary activities - meetings, socials, picking up garbage along the Ganatchio Trail, our annual TV Auction and Nijola Memorial Golf Tournament fundraisers, even late night bingos and concessions, all contain a flavorful

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Cardinal Turkson and Bishop Mathias have Ok 'd Fr's visit for the above date , with the purpose of his trip to tie in with his app't a year ago as Spiritual Director for the Diocese of Cape Coast so he can attend the Annual Conference of SSVP in TO june 10 to 12 where he will meet other Spiritual Directors and learn more about SSVP . As well , he will create awareness of his Conferences and possible raise some funds to take back with him for his Conferences .

In addition , Fr would like to renew acquaintences with as many members of the Rotary RELAY teams as possible , and to determine with them when they might expect to return to Ghana for more projects , There is a school in Essase (public) and one in Dunkwa (Catholic) which I have visited in Jan 2010 , and which are potential projects for us .

Committee Assignments 2010-2011

MEMBERSHIP

Ruth Coursey
Caro Lepain
Ken Lepain
Paul Charbonneau
Linda Lord
Marg Prince
Phil McCullough
Michelle Moro
Karen Cichon

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Chris Woodrow
Arnie Charlton
Dennis Arrand
Dino DeSimone
Vini Brignol
Al Santing
Andrew McAvoy
Steve Daley

YOUTH SERVICES

Debra Harshaw
Vicky Houston
Carlo Abati
Ann Fama
Terry Cloutier
Bob Morand
Ann-Marie Athavale

INTERNATIONAL

Ilias Kiritsis
Shelly Duben
Michael Duben
Diane McKinley
Bruce Taylor
Alynn Anglin
Panos Sechopoulos
Vini Brignol
Mike Browne
Barb Porter

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Lea-Ann Suzor
Hardy Wheeler
Dick Marentette
Carl Fama
Charles Gauthier
Ed Link
Amie Dupuis
Alan Drouillard
Thom Hunt

FOUNDATION

Mary Lou Decou
Bob Graham

WEEKLY PROGRAM

Linda Lord – LOA
Ed Link
Michael Duben
Paul Charbonneau

TV AUCTION

Chris Woodrow
Andrew McAvoy
Alan Drouillard
Lea-Ann Suzor
Debra Harshaw
Bruce Taylor
Diane McKinley
Hardy Wheeler
Bob Graham
Carl Fama
Steve Daley
Terry Cloutier

NIJOLA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Dick Marentette
Al Santing

WFCU CONCESSIONS

Bob Morand

GAMING

Ed Link
Dennis Arrand

NEVADA TICKETS

Hardy Wheeler

ST. CLAIR CHARITIES FOUNDATION

Ilias Kiritsis

Mike Browne
Paul Charbonneau
Ed Link
Bruce Taylor
Panos Sechopoulos
Phyllis Charbonneau

SERGEANTS AT ARMS

Dick Marentette
Bob Graham
Ken Lepain
Phil McCullough
Bruce Taylor
Hardy Wheeler

SING SONG

John Sevenett
Al Santing
Michelle Moro
Steve Daley

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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.

Program Schedule JULY 2010

SPEAKER & TOPIC

- 8 Club Vision/Alan Drouillard & Phyllis Charbonneau
- 15 Veronique Mandel/St. Clair College MediaPlex
- 22 GSE Team (West Africa)
- 29 DG Kim Towar

INTRODUCER

- 8 Ed Link
- 15 Phil McCullough
- 22 Michelle Moro
- 29 Phyllis Charbonneau

THANKER

- 8 Dick Marentette
- 15 Diane McKinley
- 22 Barb Porter
- 29 Paul Charbonneau

GREETERS

- 8 Caro Lepain
Ken Lepain
- 15 Andrew McAvoy
Bob Morand
- 22 Marg Prince
Al Santing
- 29 Panos Sechopoulos
John Stevenett

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

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ingredient that keeps members wanting more. Through increased and well targeted public awareness of these activities and more, our Club will continue to raise its profile within the community and Club growth will no doubt result.

On the subject of awareness and visibility within our community, we will be continuing our focus on identifying and implementing a major Club project this year; one that will give us all a sense of ownership and pride; a project that will become the catalyst for continued growth. I am personally committed to bringing that to fruition.

I'd like to see more of everyone. I'd like us to strive for 80% attendance at our Thursday morning meetings; we're currently averaging around 75%. With all the fun we're going to have, that shouldn't be a problem. And, I would like to see our Club's monetary contribution to the foundation increase by 5% this year.

As you're aware, we've been working on our new Club Vision for the past couple of months. Thanks to everyone who has participated in this exercise; it's important that we all attend the meeting on July 8 as the plan is presented to the Club.

Governor Kim, who was hoping to be here today but couldn't make it at the last minute, would be happy to know that in the spirit of promoting literacy and her theme "Together We Can", we will continue our support of the Begley Elementary School ESL reading program this year along with an increased donation to their breakfast program for underprivileged students. Each week we will send a card to the Principal of Begley School, reminding him and others of Rotary and our

Club's generous contribution to the breakfast program. The card will recognize the guest speaker from our weekly meeting and a donation will be made in that person's name. Another example of how we can all grow with Rotary.

Public awareness

There are a number of people, friends and family members, fellow Rotarians, fishermen, cyclists.....who have taken the time to come out this morning to celebrate this day with me.

Thank you so much for your support. As you leave the gazebo today you'll notice the little garden of potted flowers assembled on the walk. I'd be very pleased if every member would take one home as a token of my appreciation to you and as a reminder that "Together, we can grow with Rotary".

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 Panos and Shelley Sechopoulos

Club Anniversary...

- July 1 Phil McCullough (27 Years)
- July 31 Steve Daley (2 Years)