



## A Look Back on the Rotary Year

It's hard to believe that this Rotary year is already coming to an end! It seems appropriate to take some time to reflect on the past year, and see what we accomplished as a Club and for me to see how well I lived up to the promises I made on the day I was inducted as President of the Club.

As a Club, we have accomplished so much this year! In Windsor and Essex County, we have supported The Downtown Mission, Goodfellows, St. Francis of Assisi, the Terry Fox Run, the Windsor Jail, and the Athena Scholarships. For local youth we donated funds to the OPP Cop Camp, Children's Safety Village, Scouts Canada, St. Rose School, Kids of Steel Triathlon, and we have provided bursaries to five deserving high school students. We supported the 4 Way Test Essay contest and sent three students to develop their leadership skills at RYLA. We volunteered our time to read to ESL students at Begley, to run the Saturday Night Soup Kitchen, and to organize hundreds of gift bags and boxes for Santa's Shoebox. We honoured senior volunteers in the community. We "Paid It Forward". Internationally, we have supported the Inner Wheel of Cozumel, an orphanage project in India, Rotaplast, and Hearts Together for Haiti. We have renovated schools and medical clinics in Ghana and Kenya, and we have actively participated in the Youth Exchange and Group Study Exchange programs. We ran successful fundraisers this year, with the TV Auction, Nijola Golf Tournament, Nevada tickets, Bingo, and of course, our new fundraiser, Pluck-a-Duck. Even with all of those fundraisers and projects, we still managed to find time to have fun as a Club, by attending social events like the Tigers' game, Casino night, the Christmas party and more. It's been a busy year for our Club, and our efforts did not go unnoticed. At District Conference we won the award for "Best Ongoing Rotary Information", two Club members received COG Awards, we won the Dick Hedke Community Service Award, and we got one of the "biggies" the Hugh Archer Award for the best new service project for "Pay It Forward".



President Shelly and Michael Duben accept one of our Club's many awards at the District Conference

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From a personal perspective, I have been able to accomplish most of my presidential goals. I wanted to have a net gain of 2 members this year. We surpassed that goal easily and we are up 7 members from last year at this time. I wanted to increase our Foundation giving, with the hope of achieving "Every Rotarian, Every Year. Although not everyone gave \$100 or more, our Foundation giving was very good, with over \$14 000 by the beginning of May. One goal I had was to investigate and implement a major new local project, and I guess I could say that this is my one disappointment for my year, as we did not get too far in that process. As a Board, we agreed that it was important to develop our Club's Vision before proceeding with a new major project. This process took a little longer than I had anticipated, but I am pleased to report that our Club Vision and Strategic Objectives have now been developed and we are ready to move into the next phase. Another one of my goals was to have a successful "Pay It Forward" project, and I can say, with confidence, that we have accomplished that goal. Thank you, to all of you, for your enthusiastic participation in this project, as you have made it a huge success. My final goal had been to lead by example and to touch each one of you in some way. I hope that I have been able to do this, at least to some extent.

Thank you to each and every one of you for supporting me and for giving me the opportunity and privilege of being the President of this great Club.

Sincerely,

*Shelly Duben, President*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1	Ambassadorial/Cultural Scholarship Applications due(club)
June 12	Nijola Memorial Golf Tournament
June 15-18	International Conference
June 24	Meet the Governor Night - Harrow
June 26	President Jim Grundy Induction
June 26	RELAY Fundraiser
July 1	Ambassadorial/Cultural Scholarship Apps. Due(district)

# Pay It Forward

## May 8<sup>th</sup> – Bruce Taylor

Bruce was touched by the stories that Jennifer Jones and Nick Krayacich told about the children they met in a remote Haitian village as part of the Hearts Together for Haiti team. Bruce learned that Hearts together for Haiti set up a sponsorship program to provide these children with food. Bruce and Paulette decided to top up the "Pay It Forward" money and made a donation to the food sponsorship program

## May 15<sup>th</sup> – Gary Lunau

Through friends, Gary became aware of a single mom, with a son who was mentally challenged. The woman struggled to make ends meet, and had to work two jobs. Gary knew that his Pay It Forward money would go a long way for a family like this. When Gary explained the Pay It Forward concept to the woman, she was touched, and plans to Pay It Forward herself in some way.

## May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Panos Sechopoulos

Panos has always had an interest in polio, and in fighting this debilitating disease. Recently he has heard a lot about Rotary International's efforts to fight polio and make the world polio-free. Panos decided to match the \$25 for Pay It Forward and donate it to Rotary International's Polio Plus campaign.

## May 29<sup>th</sup> – Dick Marentette

Dick has known a family in Belle River for a long time, a man and woman and their son. The mother has cancer and the father is becoming senile, but their son has basically given up a life of his own to stay with his parents and take care of them, even though he is now in his fifties. The son is a truck driver, and when he is going on the road, he prepares meals in advance for his parents. Dick admires the son for everything he has done for his parents, but recognizes that he has also given up a lot. Dick decided to use his Pay It Forward money to give to the son for him to be able to something just for himself. Dick gave it to him in front of the parents and explained the Pay It Forward concept. The parents agreed that their son definitely deserved the gift.

## June 5<sup>th</sup> – John Ferguson

Some time ago, John did the business plan for the Shalom Counselling Centre, a joint venture of four large churches, whose leaders saw the need for counselling services for their parishioners. John says that his financial plan was lousy, because no one realized the great need for counselling. Unfortunately, only about 40% of the people that need the services can afford to pay, however, the Shalom Counselling Centre accepts everyone who needs counselling. John decided to give his Pay It Forward money to the Centre to be used for someone who counselling services but is unable to pay.



President Shelly and Michael Duben celebrate at District Conference with Paul and Phyllis Charbonneau.

# Valuing Public Relations

It has been a privilege to serve as the Public Relations Chairperson for our extraordinary club for the past several years. Indeed, with the wide variety of projects and programs that we undertake and the incredible successes we have achieved, my job of telling our stories to the broader community has been a pleasure. As well, editing the Rotatel, our monthly bulletin, has also been an enjoyable task. However, the time has come to infuse fresh ideas and a new perspective into our public relations efforts, and it is with great excitement that I turn the reigns over to Chris Woodrow. I have every confidence he will continue our tradition of excellence in Public Relations.

As I continue to serve as Public Relations Co-chair for our District, I would humbly remind our members that like recruiting new members, public relations is a responsibility that we all share. We each are involved in many wonderful projects within the realm of our Club - please be sure to share those stories with Chris or any member of the Public Relations Committee. Ensuring that these stories are broadly distributed will help to ensure the success of each of our initiatives. Also, I would encourage all members to submit information for the Rotatel on a regular and timely basis. This is a publication that benefits our entire membership, and readily sharing the information that you have will certainly help in facilitating the process of its publication.

Each year, as we compile the many clippings of the media that we have generated, I never cease to be amazed at the breadth of our projects and accomplishments. We have much of which to be proud, and we must continue to share these successes with our community.

Respectfully,  
Danielle Stuebing  
Editor

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



# MEETING UPDATE

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Attendance for the month of April was 85.8%. and May was 83.3%. The induction of Terry Cloutier in May brought our membership to 56 active members.

**New Member Proposal:** Dennis Ho, classification Auditor, proposed by David LaBranche.

On May 27, 2008 the board approved a Bereavement Policy which has been sent to all active members. Please help the club fulfill your final wishes by completing the form and returning it to Shelly Duben or Hardy Wheeler. Thanks to Windsor-Roseland for allowing us to modify their policy.

## VOCATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR: CARLO ABATI

• **RYLA** - Quade Meloche shared his experiences

• **VIP Tour** - We'll be visiting Canadian Club / Best Brands (Walker's Distillery) as an off-site Breakfast / Tour hosted by Tish Marcus & Vocational leads, the Charbonneaus

• **Bursaries** - Have been sent to our local high schools 5 X \$ 1,000.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR: ANN-MARIE ATHAVALLE

Join us on June 19<sup>th</sup> for the Golden Oldies Program. We will be celebrating the achievements of great seniors in our community.

Our committee has donated funds to the following organizations.

- Scouts Canada - Request for sponsorship – \$700.00
- St Rose School – donation for playground equipment – Donation of \$250.00
- Kids of Steel Triathlon - Donation of \$1,500.00
- Golden Oldie Awards – \$300.00

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR: MICHAEL DUBEN

• **Shared Vision III** – Glasses are still being collected and we probably have a few hundred pairs collected already. We are planning to send these to Cozumel, possibly with David. David will talk to Dr. Bell to arrange to have these cleaned and graded and get back to us with a date.

**Rotaplast** – At District Conference, a presentation was made about Rotaplast and our District's next mission is to the

Philippines in October. Clubs were asked to consider supporting a child in the amount of \$1000. A total of \$25 000 has to be raised. At the conference, we made a decision to support a child for \$1000 Any Rotarians who are interested in finding out more about being a Rotaplast Team member should attend a information meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Liz Smith of the Detroit Rotary Club. Please see Shelly for details

**Hearts Together for Haiti** –The Committee had some money left in its budget and had some discussion as to what type of project members would like to support. Nick Krayacich is very involved in Hearts Together for Haiti, and thus the committee decided to support this group's efforts, in the amount of \$1000. A cheque was presented to Nick at a recent meeting.

**RELAY Fundraiser** – On June 26<sup>th</sup>, we are having a fundraising dinner featuring the Cardinal from Ghana. Tickets will be sold for \$45 or \$40 with the donation of a new t-shirt. The proceeds will be shared equally with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Windsor. Koolini's has offered to donate all of the food for free again this

year. The event will be held in the auditorium at South Windsor Arena. A mass will be held at 5pm at Corpus Christi Church before the dinner.

**GSE:** The team from Finland spent a week in our area, and seemed to have a great time. The event at Johnny Shotz was very successful. Our Club should stay involved with GSE, and continue to support outgoing team members and host incoming GSE members.

Contributions to the Foundation were \$14 211.

## CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR: TODD GRONDIN

• **NIJOLA MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Thursday June 12, 08. 1 p.m. tee off, best ball event at Ambassador Golf Course. \$10,000 hole in one prize and much much more.

Slide show presentation at dinner highlighting Nijola and the golf tournament.

No morning meeting on this day so everyone come on out for dinner if you can't golf. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

–Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup> Jim Grundy induction morning meeting at 7:15 a.m. at the Nijola Gazebo next to Lilly Kazzily's



Our club was well represented at this year's District Conference.

# PAY IT FORWARD!

## Service Above Self



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

## Four Way Test

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and  
better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all  
concerned?

## Celebrations!

### Happy Birthday...

June 11 Paul Charbonneau  
June 13 Ryan Hendy (Honourary Member)  
June 15 Meg Bang  
June 15 Danielle Stuebing  
June 20 Panos Sechopoulos  
July 3 Michael Duben

### Happy Anniversary...

June 7 Nick Krayacich & Jennifer Jones  
June 7 Keith & Dorothy Lescombe (Hon.)  
June 8 Charles & Chris Gauthier  
June 17 Bob & Jane Graham  
June 17 Sandra & Larry Stanciu  
June 20 Phil & Janet McCullough  
June 30 Dennis & Lynn Arrand  
July 12 Michael & Shelly Duben

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DATE	SPEAKER & TOPIC	INTRODUCER	THANKER	GREETERS
June 5	Charbonneaus VIP Tour	Carl Fama	Ann Fama	Karen Cichon Alan Drouillard
June 12	No morning meeting			
June 19	Golden Oldies Presentation	Bob Graham	Todd Grondin	John Ferguson Charles Gauthier
June 26	Induction of Jim Grundy			Laura Gray Debra Harshaw
July 3	Tan Sukhonpanich Farewell Presentation	TBA	TBA	TBA

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

Program Subcommittee: Michael Duben, Lea-Ann Suzor, John Stevenett, Bruce Taylor