



A message from President Shelly...GET ROTARIZED!



Shelly Duben

Although District Conference is still several months away, this is the time to start getting excited about it, and now is definitely the time to register for DisCon2009.

District Conference is THE place to be if you're a Rotarian from Super District 6400. At DisCon, you can celebrate with fellow Club members, reflecting on the successes and accomplishments of the Club over the past year.

Windsor-St. Clair's accomplishments have been celebrated by the whole District over the past few years, as the Club has received several well deserved awards including the Hugh Archer and Frank Devlyn Awards. At District Conference you also have the opportunity to meet hundreds of like-minded individuals from 49 other Clubs across the District. The opportunities for fellowship and new friendships are endless! At DisCon, you learn about the projects, activities and fundraisers being done by other Clubs. You learn about the customs and culture from many other countries through the Youth Exchange students and the members of the Group Study Exchange. You gain a much greater awareness of how the work of Rotary is changing the world, both locally and internationally. And in the words of Past District Governor, Mike McCullough, "You become Rotarized!"

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District Conference kicks off on Thursday evening with a social event for everyone. On Friday and Saturday mornings, there are plenary sessions and presentations for Rotarians and their partners/friends (if they wish to attend). Children can join the Kids' Club at this time, where they can engage in fun and interesting activities with other children their age. After enjoying lunch all together, afternoons are free to relax, spend

time with family, or join in one of the planned outings such as island tours, or croquet, hotel tours, and lawn bowling. Dinner is a time for good food and fellowship, and the evening programs are always enjoyed by all who attend. Children may choose to go to the Kids Club again in the evening. Saturday night is usually the more formal "Awards Night", when the accomplishments of Clubs and individual Rotarians are celebrated. On Sunday morning after breakfast and a few closing remarks, everyone bids their farewells and starts the journey home.

It's like taking a step back in time

As you know, this year's District Conference is being held at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. This is a favourite location for DisCon because of the elegance of the hotel, the excellent food and service, and the uniqueness of the island, where horse-drawn carriages and bicycles are still the only means of transportation. It's like taking a step back in time. When you consider the location of the conference and everything that is



included in the conference package, the price is very reasonable. You and your spouse/partner/friend can enjoy 3 nights at the Grand with all meals from Thursday dinner to Sunday morning, as well as the conference presentations and celebrations for only \$1197 (for both of you). Children under 12 are free and children between 12 and 17 are only \$147. You can register online now at www.rotary6400.org. Don't wait until all of the best rooms are gone!

So start planning now for your weekend get-a-way to the Grand Hotel from April 30 to May 3, 2009. Spend time with family, make new friends, learn more about Rotary and "GET ROTARIZED"!

Take the Famous Rotarian quiz!

Without using Google or some other search engine (the 4 Way Test applies here), check out the list of names below and identify who isn't or wasn't a Rotarian. When you have your answer[s] email them to cwoodrow1@cogeco.ca. The first answer wins the grand prize.

Jimmy Carter
Gerald R. Ford
Warren G. Harding
Franz Lehar
Guglielmo Marconi

Norman Vincent Peale
J.C. Penney
Adlai E. Stevenson
Orville Wright
Diane Feinstein

COMING EVENTS - NOVEMBER

- 20 Windsor-St. Clair Rotary Club 33rd. Anniversary
- 21-22 Rotary Auction on TV Cogeco
- 25 Board Meeting
- 29 Windsor St. Clair Christmas Party

BEGLEY READING PROGRAM



VOLUNTEER TIME: Caro Lepain and Maham from Pakistan at an October session of the Begley Reading Program.

Procedures for participating in the BEGLEY READING PROGRAM

1) Enter the school and check in at the office to announce your presence as a Rotarian on hand to read with ESL students.

2) The ESL classroom is on the second floor; take either the stairs or the elevator (in front hallway). When you arrive on the second floor you will see the library to your right (where you will take students to read).

3) Turn down the hall to your right and you will arrive at the ESL classroom - 2 doors on your left. Enter and introduce yourself to the teacher. She will pick a student for you to take to the library to read with. They read to you. If they are stuck on a word, you can help them with it. It is a chance for them to practice their English social language and also their reading.

4) On the way to the library it is a good idea to ask a question or two: How old are you? When did you arrive in Canada? Where is your home country? Where did you come from?

Your language needs to be short and to the point as the children have difficulty with receptive and expressive language early in their schooling. You can gauge your conversation with the few questions you ask. They love to read to you and are eager to bring a few short books with them. The teacher encourages us to ask questions about what they read as well.

Begley P.S. is located at 1093 Assumption Street.

The Begley Reading Program runs on Tuesdays from 12:25-1 p.m.

Please see the November schedule on page 4.

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



BOARD NEWS

Attendance for September was 83.8%. Active membership is 52.

- ▶ The board approved a Leave of Absence for Bruce Taylor from November 21, 2008 to April 3, 2009 while he winters in Arizona.
- ▶ New Member Proposals:
 - Lisa Bott (Elementary Education) proposed by Shelly Duben;
 - Bjorn Hanson (Engineer) proposed by Shelly Duben;
 - Dr. Caroline Mason (Dentist) proposed by Diane McKinley.
- ▶ Resignations: Past President Jim Grundy and family have relocated to Regina.

WINDSOR ST. CLAIR ELVES PREPARING TO FILL SANTA'S SHOE BOX

Terry Cloutier and her band of merry elves are busy coordinating the Santa's Shoe Box program which will help the less fortunate enjoy this holiday season. Economic conditions in the area place added importance on the program this year.

This year, drop off locations have been organized at Tecumseh Mall, Devonshire Mall and RBC and National Bank branches.

Terry asks that Rotarians make a special effort to collect items and she adds that her team will need help wrapping and sorting! She will let us know when she needs help and hopes that Windsor St. Clair Rotarians and guests will be able to spare a few hours. The more the merrier - the time does pass quickly.

Suggested items for the shoebox include hats, scarves, mitts, socks, toothbrushes/paste and toys/crafts etc.

Also, Terry asks that if members know of anyone wishing to sponsor the program through financial donations, it would allow the team to purchase much needed items for the packages.



Rotary Christmas Party

November 29th, 2008
 at Michael and Shelly Duben's home
 480 Shoreview Circle, Windsor, Ontario
 Cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 7pm
 \$25 per person

Black Tie Optional
 Piano music • Buffet dinner

RSVP to Nick Krayacich 519-945-3819 by November 20th

Damien reports in from the land of sun, sand, samba and futbol!

This is Report #1 from Rotary Club of Windsor St. Clair sponsored Exchange Student Damien Woodfull reporting from Brazil.

OLAA Canada, Well here it goes - the much desired first month report. I can tell you I am sure I have grown to an extent I am truly not even aware. The definition of 'an exchange' is beginning to be understood, as is the concept of leaving home.

This month has been a real adventure and I mean that in a positive way. I have been keeping a weekly diary of my trip and am using it to write this. As I look back on my pre-departure I can't help but laugh at what I thought and wrote. 'So it begins. I am sitting here waiting as I hear the final boarding call for my flight. This could very well be the biggest moment of my life...a year without anyone I have even known.'

PAY IT FORWARD

OCTOBER 2

MIKE BROWNE

Mike learned of a young woman from Windsor who was living in Calgary. Her young son died, and because she did not have insurance, she could not afford to bring her son back to Windsor to have the funeral. Mike knew the family and felt great compassion for the young woman. He added to his Pay It Forward money and donated \$250 to help the woman come back to Windsor to bury her son, surrounded by friends and family to support her.

OCTOBER 9

SHELLY DUBEN

Shelly announced to the Club that the Pay It Forward concept has been introduced to a group of teachers at the Greater Essex County DSB Character Development meeting. About 60 teachers wanted the Pay It Forward educational program to take back to their classes and/or schools. One young high school teacher became very emotional as she talked about her experience in doing Pay It Forward projects with her grade 11 students last spring. The stories she shared were very touching and she believes that the project has changed the teens in her class and has certainly changed her as a teacher.

OCTOBER 16

AL SANTING

Al found 2 ways to Pay It Forward. Al added to the Club amount and donated money to his church group. This group helps elderly women with very few resources, buy groceries and other

essential items. Also when Al was driving in Detroit recently, he saw a destitute man holding up a sign saying "Will Work for Food". Like many of us, Al has often driven past such people in the past, but decided on this day to stop. Al gave him some money and could not believe the gratitude he got from the man. A little from us can mean so much to another person.

OCTOBER 23

PHYLLIS CHARBONNEAU

Phyllis read a St. Vincent de Paul newsletter, which contained a beautiful tribute to her father, Lawrence Reaume, who recently passed away. There were many references in the article to her father's service - service to the church, to the community and to mankind, in general. Phyllis realized that her father's commitment to **service above self** influenced her as she was growing up and may have influenced her decision to join Rotary. Phyllis chose to Pay It Forward by making a donation to St. Vincent de Paul.

OCTOBER 31

MICHELLE MORO

Michele has a soft spot for the clients we serve at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, as she knows that most of them are really down on their luck. She matched the Club donation for Pay It Forward and used it to make up 10 female and 10 male care packages. These care packages contained items such as hats, gloves, lip balm, shampoo and more. Michele dropped the packages off to the Salvation Army for them to distribute.

'Am I ready for it?..... hell yes'.

This was a pure adrenaline response at the time. However the truth of the matter is I was ready for it. I remember my long travel to Brazil and my constant wonder of what my family and new city would be like. Would I like them? Would I live near a soccer field? Would there be enough food in the fridge? Ha ha. These were all minor thoughts going through my mind, but I couldn't ask for anything better.

My family have been wonderful and so have the people in Brazil. I can't describe how friendly these people are; money means nothing and open arms are always available for help, support and friendship. Brazil is truly a great fit for me. In terms of activities and such I



BRASIL: Damien (3rd. From Left) with local Rotarians and his hosts.

have been sticking to my city for the first month. Presidente Prudente is a city that is very similar to the size of Windsor, however it couldn't be anymore different.

It is essentially a country town. Yes, it's hard to believe, but cowboy boots are considered cool here. I would never have expected this in Brazil, but these are signs of grassroots Brazil. Samba, futbol and coconuts are everywhere and the weather is essentially perfect. I will soon begin exploring Brazil because in November I will start my big trip across the country - which will explore all angles of my bank account.

Anyway this month has been a massive learning experience and I imagine my global knowledge will increase as time goes on. I would love to write forever, but I have a futbol game to attend.

Peace and Love from Brazil! Beijjos!

See Page 4 for the November Pay It Forward Schedule

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

...COMMITTEE REPORTS...COMMITTEE REPORTS...

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ▶ The committee approved donations to: Salvation Army - \$500; Downtown Mission - \$500; and Goodfellows - \$500.
- ▶ The committee is also planning a clean-up of Ganatchio Trail in the spring. It is also currently researching a small project supporting the local school breakfast programs.

MEMBERSHIP

- ▶ Fireside Chat took place October 21. Committee has expressed some disappointment about attendance as there were less participants than anticipated. Committee will address this at a future meeting and come up with some solutions.
- ▶ A number of fellowship and social events were discussed for 2009. Committee will release details when they are finalized.

YOUTH SERVICE

- ▶ The committee reviewed RYLA applications - 3 were felt to be appropriate. Discussion centred on the feasibility of sponsoring them all.
- ▶ There has been interest at St. Joseph's H.S. regarding the establishment of an Interact Club. Committee will follow up with the school principal.

INTERNATIONAL

- ▶ The committee has submitted an application for a District Simplified Grant totalling \$2,000 to be added to the funds raised at the Past President's Party to purchase mosquito nets in Tanzania to help fight malaria.
- ▶ Local Rotarian, Janice Bellmore, will be contacted to get the Shared Vision Project up and running again. We hope to announce soon a date when Rotarians can get involved by helping clean and grade the used

glasses that have been collected. The glasses may be sent to Cozumel or to another needy country.

- ▶ The committee is exploring new ideas for projects in other countries. We may consider projects in Haiti, Dominican Republic or Greece, based on the interests and contacts of our committee members.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- ▶ The committee has developed a PR Plan for the club which includes a review and analysis of the club website and suggestions on making it more user-friendly and topical. Stay tuned for more details on this in the coming months.

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Anniversary...

November 9 Rita and Al
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November 20 Windsor St. Clair

Program Schedule for NOVEMBER

	SPEAKER & TOPIC	INTRODUCER	THANKER	GREETERS	
6	Corporal Bruce Moncur/ Remembrance Day	Hardy Wheeler	Bill Proulx	Lea-Ann Suzor Panos Sechopoulos	
13	Roberto Sanchez/ Foundation	Bruce Taylor	Chris Woodrow	Carlo Abati Alynn Anglin	
20	Police Chief Gary Smith/ Windsor Police Service	Michael Duben	Meg Bang	Denis Arrand Ann-Marie Athavale	
27	Club Celebration			Diane McKinley Bob Morand	
Begley Program		Soup Kitchen		Pay It Forward	
4	Mike Browne Hardy Wheeler	1	Paul & Phyllis Charbonneau + 2 guests, Carlo Abati	6	Caro Lepain
11	Shelly Duben Alynn Anglin	8	Bob Morand, Pauline Morand + 2 guests, Carlo Abati	13	Alynn Anglin
18	TBD	15	Arnie & Kathy Charlton, Alynn Anglin Barb Porter, Terry Cloutier	20	Alan Drouillard
25	Carl and Ann Fama	22	TBD	27	Lea-Ann Suzor
		29	John & Pat Stevenett + 2 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?