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WINDSOR ROTARY CENTENNIAL SPEAKER SERIES KICKOFF

As part of its year-long Centennial Celebration, the Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) will host a series of distinguished guest speakers through 2018. The kickoff event of this continuing special series will be held:

***Monday, February 5, 2018 – 5:30-7:30
At The Giovanni Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Avenue***

The inaugural speaker for the Centennial Speaker Series will be Dr. Frederic S. Pearson, Professor of Political Science at Wayne State University of Detroit and Director of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, who will focus his remarks on *Peace and Conflict Resolution*.

“For this special Centennial Speakers Series, we’re replacing our usual Monday noon luncheon with an evening event”, Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) President Colleen Mitchell, announced. “The six sessions will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Caboto Club with a buffet dinner preceding the speaker, followed by a questions and answer session. Guests are cordially invited to join us for this inspirational series. *It’s our Centennial... .let’s celebrate together*”.

“Rotary is dedicated to six areas of focus to build international relationships, improve lives and create a better world”, Mitchell added. “They encompass some of the world’s most critical and wide-spread humanitarian needs, which Rotary has a proven record of success in addressing. The Centennial Speaker Series will focus on each of these areas. The speakers we have selected are recognized experts on their topics. Dr. Pearson is involved in the local and international peace efforts of Rotary International. Past President of the Rotary Club of Detroit, Dr. Pearson, as part of his work, has brought visiting study delegations and immigration experts from the Middle East and Europe to Detroit, and has conducted educational peace study tours of Japan”.

Tickets for each of the six sessions are available on-line for \$25.00 with payment by PayPal or credit card, or at the door for \$30.00 or US \$25.00 with payment by cash or cheque. Following is the Centennial Speakers schedule.

February 5, 2018 – *Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution* by Dr. Frederic S. Pearson, Director of the Centre For Peace and Conflict Resolution at Wayne State University, Detroit.

April 9, 2018 - *Water and Sanitation* – Dr. Ron Denham, a member of the Rotary Club of Toronto-Eglinton and Founding Chair of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group.

June 11, 2018 – *Maternal and Child Health*. Speaker to be announced.

August 13, 2018 – *Basic Education and Literacy* – Carolyn Johnson, Past Governor of Rotary District 7780 (Maine) and National Co-Chair of the Guatemala Literacy Project.

October 1, 2018 – *Economic and Community Development* – Jim Louttit, Past Governor of Rotary District 7070 (Toronto) and 2018-2019 Chair of the Rotarian Action Group on Micro-Finance.

December 3, 2018 – *Disease Prevention and Treatment*. Speaker to be announced.

Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) members have provided essential services and support in 30 countries, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe. Rotarians not only provide funds for these projects but also time and resources, travelling to administer aid in person and spending time in the communities.

The Border Cities Rotary Club was organized in Windsor in June, 1918 under the auspices of the Rotary Club of Detroit. The name was later changed to the Rotary Club of Windsor (1918). A century later the club continues to embody the Rotary motto “*Service Above Self*” through community issues and engagement, international projects, global exchanges and a commitment to enhancing the lives of others. The club helped fund the development of Maryvale and the John McGivney Children’s Rehabilitation Centre and the Children’s Safety Village. Also during the club’s busy centennial year, the club will mark 40 years as sponsor of *Art In The Park*, the city’s popular annual outdoor arts and crafts show held on the grounds of Willistead Manor.

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