

# The Rotary Club of Belleville

## People you know, working for our community



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You probably know a Rotarian, but you may not know how their work with Rotary contributes to making Belleville, and the whole world, a healthier, safer and more caring place to live.

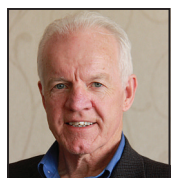
The events outlined below are just the ones coming up over the next few weeks and really only represent a small portion of our club's activities. You'll see that they balance a desire to help uplift Belleville and the Quinte region, with our obligation to contribute on provincial, district and international levels.

One of Rotary's great strengths is that our clubs partner to accomplish more than one group can do alone. We regularly collaborate with neighboring Rotary Clubs on projects like the Music Festival and Spelling Bee to build awareness in our communities and support the goals of Rotary to engage children and youth across local communities.

It's tempting to use this space to tell you all about Rotary, and our club in particular, because there's so much that's so good. But actions speak louder than words, so please take a look and see some of what it is we do. If there is something of particular interest, I invite you to join us for that activity, or even as a member of the Rotary Club of Belleville.

Our motto is, "Service above self." For more information about the Rotary Club of Belleville please see our webpage at [info@rotary-belleville.org](mailto:info@rotary-belleville.org)

Len Kennedy  
President



## Lend us your ears, and we'll take your breath away

*"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." Plato*

Plato must have had the Quinte Rotary Music Festival in mind when he said those words, because nothing can prove their truth better than the extraordinarily talented local performers who share their musical gifts at the festival.

Attend just one performance and you will know.

As festival Chair, I would like to invite you to join musicians and vocalists between the ages of six and 78 as they compete in a variety of categories in a total of 300 performances.

This year's festival takes place April 13 to 17, at Bridge Street United Church, St. Matthew's United Church, St. Thomas Anglican Church, Eastminster United Church, The Salvation Army Church, and Albert College.

The Rotary Music Festival was established in 1968 to help promote and develop musical talent. The festival provides a professional atmosphere with constructive coaching from experienced adjudicators in their specific talent, anywhere from vocals to instrumentals.

Every year the festival welcomes new talent, and plays a part in the progression of returning performers. Adjudicators Jennifer Smele (piano), Douglas Rice (voice), Anthony Kershaw (bands, instrumental and choral, and Susan Carscadden-Mifsud (handbells) constructively analyze the performances of each individual.

Attend one performance and I promise you'll be hooked.

For more information and the festival's weekly schedule visit [www.quinterotarymusicfestival.com](http://www.quinterotarymusicfestival.com).

John Chisholm  
Chair



### Quinte's Favourite Golf Tournament and Belleville's Biggest Party Return Friday July 17

#### Rotary Loves Kids Golf Tournament and Party in the Square

It's the One - Two combination that has become one of Belleville's favourite traditions: golf in the afternoon and party in the evening.

Register early for the Rotary Loves Kids Golf Tournament to ensure you have your choice of Black Bear Ridge or Trillium Wood golf courses.

Don't golf? Don't worry. You can still get in on the fun and support the Kids of Quinte by joining us as we take over Market Square for Party in the Square. Live music, fabulous food, delicious libations and a whole host of activities designed for maximum fun - what more could we ask for?

For more information about the Rotary Loves Kids Golf Tournament and/or Party in the Square please go to: [info@rotary-belleville.org](mailto:info@rotary-belleville.org)

Greg Knudsen  
Chair



## Rotary Trumps AIDS

Yes, it's still a scourge here and around the world

It may not grab the headlines like it did in the 80s and 90s, but AIDS remains a devastating plague, particularly in Africa. And even though it has almost dropped from our consciousness, there are still people in our own community dealing with the reality of HIV/AIDS.

Rotary Trumps AIDS is our club's initiative to help win the war on HIV/AIDS by funding education, prevention, treatment and support for orphans, surviving guardians and people living with HIV/AIDS. Internationally, communities stricken by HIV/AIDS are assisted to overcome shortages of drinking water, food, or shelter - all essential for recovery and a sustainable future. -

While it's a very serious issue, we approach fundraising with a sense of hope and fun. Rotary Trumps AIDS is a poker walk. On Saturday April 25, starting at 9:00 a.m., groups of at least four people will leave the Quinte Sports and Wellness Centre carrying signs bearing their team names. As part of the fun they will collect playing cards at checkpoints along the way.

Completing the walk back at the Wellness Centre, everyone will enjoy fun, food, games, surprise guests, and of course the climactic Poker Showdown when the teams lay down their cards.

For more information about Rotary Trumps AIDS and how you can register to participate please go to <http://www.trumpsaidsbelleville.ca/>

Rotary Trumps:

Saturday April 25, 9:00 -1:00 at the Quinte Sports and Wellness Centre, 265 Cannifton Road

Chris Finkle

Chair, Rotary Trumps AIDS



### There's a lot of buzz around our newest joint event.

The Rotary Clubs of Belleville, Quinte Sunrise and Trenton have joined forces to introduce a regional Spelling Bee. Each of the 18 participating schools will receive \$100 for their Literacy programs. Student winners at the school level each receive a gift card from Chapters. The program culminates at the Regional Spelling Bee at Loyalist College on May 9 2015, during Education Week. Winning participants and schools will receive cash prizes.

### Spring Cleaning for Summer Fun at Easter Seals Camp Merrywood

Easter Seals Camp Merrywood is located on Big Rideau Lake in Eastern Ontario. Young campers with physical disabilities are given the opportunity to expand their leadership abilities through a myriad of creative arts programs and multi-sports activities.

Every spring for more than 25 years a contingent of Rotary Club of Belleville members, and other volunteers, have gathered for a weekend in early spring to clean, paint, repair and make the camp ready for the arrival of Easter Seals campers. The tradition continues this year on May 1 -3.

Kristen Crowe, Chair



#### THE FOUR-WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
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3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
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