



## Rotary Club of Belleville List of Accomplishments 2018 - 2019 Rotary Year

Fellow Rotarians, the following is a list of activities and results by the Rotary Club of Belleville which enjoyed much success in the 2018-19 year. I believe it is important that we share our results with family, colleagues, donors and partners to help spread the news of what Rotary is and what we do in our community and internationally. We should all be proud to call ourselves Rotarians, and proud of the accomplishments of the Rotary Club of Belleville.

### Club Highlights for 2018 - 2019:

- **International Convention in Toronto**-the Club was represented by incoming President Andrew Bandler, who was joined by approximately 15 Belleville Rotarians. Our club hosted a dinner reception at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club for International Rotarians attending the Convention. A very successful and memorable fellowship event.
- **New Members** - Our club continues to attract talented and generous citizens from our community, with the addition of 10 new members last year.
- **Rotary Loves Kids** - Our club's largest fundraiser raised approximately \$110,000 to support our club's Service spending budget, and children in our community.
- **Aids Walk** - Raised a net amount of \$28,000 for those living with HIV/Aids.
- **Satellite Club** - Completed its second Hockey Night in Quinte Fundraiser raising \$22,000 for youth in hockey in our regions.
- **Diners and Duffer** - Lead by Ken Wheeler and Jeannette Minaker, brought in a net amount of \$5,500.
- **Camp Merrywood** - Exceptional fellowship while delivering a highly valued contribution to the Easter Seals camp operation. Participation in 2019 reached a record of over 70 club members and family.
- **Rotary Warrior Recognitions** - Eight Rotarians were recognized as for outstanding leadership and contributions to our club. Warrior awards were given to Randy Coker, Eric Thompson, Cory MacKay, Chris Finkle, Jamie Trudeau, Nadine Langlois, Michael Summers, and Tracy Bray.

### Community Service:

- **Paul Harris Community Awards** - Presented 4 Paul Harris awards to deserving community members- Jack Miller, Fran Burroughs and Fran and Ed Lehtinen at a special evening meeting hosted in the Ramada ballroom.
- **Special Needs Children** - Wheelchairs, special equipment and activity needs, including a \$15,000 contribution to the Field of Ability here in Belleville.
- **Special Needs Christmas Party** - A Christmas party with Santa Claus providing a holiday experience for 80 people, including 40 special needs children and their families with a \$3,700 grant.
- **Community Grants** - Contributed \$23,000 to local community groups and charities to fund programs and children's activities.
- **Music Festival** - Over 200 students participated in 2019. \$6,000 contributed to support this event.
- **Quinte Children's Foundation** - \$11,000 bursary donation from Rotary Loves Kids event.
- **Porchfest**- 5<sup>th</sup> successful year for Rotary, 11<sup>th</sup> year for the event. This event continues to dramatically grow in the number of musician venues and public attendance.
- **Salvation Army**- Great kettle campaign with hundreds of hours of Rotary volunteer service and special recognition of the Rotary Club of Belleville from the Salvation Army for our volunteer effort.



### International Service:

- **First Nations Community Partnership:** We supported First Nations communities with grants of \$10,000.
- **Kids Against Hunger** - Over 18,000 meals, to Gleaners Food Bank, Salvation Army, Tyendinaga Food Bank & Haiti, packaged by Rotarians and local student volunteers.
- **AIDS Action Committee** - spent \$38,000 on HIV related projects. Recipients included All Together Housing, Belleville; HARS, Kingston; Casey House, Toronto; RADAR, District, 7070; Dr. Paul Thistle, Zimbabwe; Grannies in Africa; AIDS orphans, and other international AIDS/HIV organizations.

### World/International Service Committee:

- This committee spent \$34,000 to better the human condition in several places on the globe. This year's recipients include: Shelter Box Canada, Electrification of homes in Honduras, toilets in 8 schools for females in Mumbai, assistance for child refugees via War Child Canada, Anesthetics for patients in Tanzania, assistance to Ethiopian mothers and babies via CUSO Ethiopia, nutritional supplements and training workshops for maternal clinics in Guatemala, Hurricane rebuilding efforts in Malawi.

### New Generations:

- **Youth Exchange** - Hosted a wonderful exchange student from France, Gaspard Alavoine who was hosted primarily by Sam Brady and his family. Outgoing exchange student Maddie Lamer spent her year in Denmark.
- **Interclub Spelling Bee** - Club donated \$500 towards the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Inter-Rotary Spelling Bee involving the Rotary Clubs of Belleville, Trenton, Wellington, Quinte Sunrise and Brighton.
- **Rotaract and Interact Clubs** -Supported by our club, The Roteract Club of Belleville operated out of Loyalist College, and the Interact Club out of Eastside Secondary School. Both clubs work on local and international charitable projects and build awareness of Rotary in secondary and post-secondary schools.
- **RYLA**-Another successful annual youth development program, hosted by Loyalist College.

### Vocational Service:

- **High School Graduation Bursary Awards** - 7 secondary students best representing ideals of 4 Way Test received a bursary of \$400 for a total of \$2800 in bursaries given out.

### Club Service

- **Rototops and Club P.R.** - Nadine Langlois continued excellent club record keeping and reporting, assisted by Micheal Summers who has been a weekly contributor and increasing our club's social media profile and presence with photos of each meeting and event.
- **Fellowship Events** - Toronto International Convention, Bob Michaud Rotary Fun Golf Tournament, President's Dinner, Foundation Walk, Children's Christmas Dinner, Rotary Christmas Party, Board and Committee Chairs Appreciation Event, District Convention.

### Rotary Foundation:

- **Contribution to Rotary Foundation** - \$13,300 donation from Club budget. Funds are used for Rotary International Annual Fund projects and matching grants, Rotary relief efforts, ambassadorial scholarships and peace mediation.

