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May 11-12	RYLA in London – 5 GBCS students attending
Mon May 13 th	Rotary Meeting – Meaford Hall Guest: Speaker TBA Meaford Tia Chi Group
Mon May 27 th	Rotary Meeting – Meaford Hall Guest: Ms. Abbey Sewell Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly (RYLA)
Mon June 3 rd	First Monday of the Month – No Meeting
Mon June 10 th	Rotary Meeting – Meaford Hall Guest: Jill McLaren and Students Special Education Teacher from GBCS Lexia Program
Mon June 17 th	Rotary Meeting – Meaford Hall Business Meeting
Mon June 24 th	Rotary Meeting – Meaford Hall Change Over Meeting

Please reach out to us through our website, Facebook page or any of us if there are Rotary events that you are interested in participating in or you are considering becoming part of our team.

Highlights of April 8th meeting:

Our Youth Committee Chair, R. Joanne, announced that the Town of Blue Mountains have achieved their Youth Friendly Community Designation Silver Level. Thank you to Joanne for supporting this effort and for engaging the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary club in these conversations.

Meaford Hall Room rental contract negotiations are now complete. The club decided that we would finance the installation of a ceiling mounted data projector and screen into the meeting room for use of the club and others who rent the space. This will allow us to view RI and District webinars and other internet resources to support our meetings, as well as other unexplored opportunities.

The club decided to provide financial support to Hope Haven for the incredible work that they do in supporting children through horseback riding.

It was also agreed that we would support the Grand Bend Rotary Club in sending cyclone stricken Mozambique shipping containers filled with supplies,

food, water purification, temporary shelter, mosquito nets etc.

Our speaker for the evening, gave an enthusiastic presentation about the S. S. Keewatin. This Edwardian-era passenger steam-ship was built in 1907 at the height of the Industrial Revolution and 5 years before the Titanic! It is 350-feet long, three stories high, and weighs in at eight million pounds. It is the only ship of its kind that has survived: every other has been burned down, blown up, sunk or scrapped. The pictures of this luxury liner were astounding and Mr. Blevins invited all to visit Port McNicoll and take a tour to see exactly what passengers and crew have seen since 1907



[April 10th – Did you see the front page of the Meaford Independent, featuring one of our Rotarians?](#)

Highlights from April 15th meeting:

Since our last meeting, several members of the club attended the District Learning Assembly in either Sarnia or Owen Sound.

This evening, our speaker heard from an employee of the Women’s Shelter in Owen Sound. This shelter provides services to approximately 200 women a year who stay an



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average of 3 to 6 months before being able to move into their own location. Children are supported to go to public school or are schooled in-house in high risk circumstances. The majority of women and children who use this service are from Owen Sound and Meaford. The team has just completed a renovation of their location and are currently looking to establish a couple of pet friendly rooms.

Resources include drivers who will pick women up in emergency situations. We are very fortunate to have this resource available to our community.

Highlights from April 29th meeting:

It was unanimously agreed that the club would provide the Women's shelter with financial support and would also provide them with assistance in establishing their pet friendly resources.

David Robinson teacher/cyclist provided the club with stories from his cycling in Canada experiences. We heard about the challenges of being efficient in packing, weather, and road hazards and also about the joys of meeting these challenges and enjoying the beauty of our countryside. Along the way he met many interesting people and captured the beauty of his environment in paintings.

This was a very special meeting for our club. Four community members who have embodied the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" were honoured by the club. Marilyn Morris, Mary Solomon, Amy Teed-Acres, Dan White have all made a significant contribution to our community and the lives of people in our community. We were honoured by their presence at our meeting and to show our appreciation, they were each given our highest honour, a Paul Harris award by President Bernard and District Governor Jim Schlatman. Thank you to each of these very deserving individuals.

Three long standing Rotarians in the Meaford Club, chose to share their Paul Harris awards with an individual who they feel meets the "Service Above Self" standard. Shirley Keaveney and Rotarians Elwood Falls and Ken Rodberg were honoured in this way.



Meaford is incredibly fortunate to be home to these individuals.

We are glad that Spring is here!

