

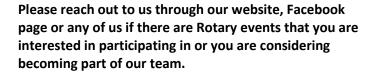
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June 5th	Adopt a Highway event
Mon June	Rotary Meeting – Meaford Hall
10th	Guest: Speaker Jill McLaren
	Literacy Program at GBCS
Mon June	Rotary Meeting – Meaford Hall
17th	Business Meeting
Mon June	Rotary Meeting - Meaford Hall
24th	Change over meeting
	Canada Day Celebration
Mon July 1st	Rotary Pavilion
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### Highlights of May 4th Spring Clean-Up!

We were delighted to have 150 volunteers to help us this year in our clean up. Participants congratulated us on our organization and enjoyed the hot dogs provided by Rotary. We wish to thank our supporters: Municipality of Meaford, Dairy Queen, Knights Home Hardware and Thornbury Pharmasave.

Through our efforts on this day, we collected a total of 1.91 tones of litter from our streets!







#### Highlights of May 6th meeting:

Efforts to adopt a segment of Hwy 26<sup>th</sup> have now been concluded. From the city limits on the east side of town to the new Meaford sign has now been adopted by the club. Members were given an orientation to the program and we will begin our efforts in early June. The Ministry of Transportation will erect signs on both sides of Hwy 26 to identify that we have adopted that stretch of road.

It was decided that the club would adjust its bylaws to include couple and corporate memberships. These membership rates will reflect a discount for these types of memberships.

The club has decided to initiate a donation program to support Meaford Meals on Wheels. Many individuals in our community who need this support do not participate due to costs. Hopefully this initiative will allow more people who are housebound to receive nutritious meals.



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We also decided to support the Summer Concert Series as we did last year. This decision is pending the results of a discussion with the Municipality Council regarding their support of these concerts.

### Highlights from May13th meeting:

It was agreed by the club that we would continue our efforts to support greening initiatives and that this year we would encourage our community to bring their own plates and utensils to our Fish Fry. This will be reflected on our tickets. Along with this change, we will also be able to sell our Fish Fry tickets on line through the Meaford Rotary website!

Our guest speakers this evening provided us with a better understanding of the Meaford Tai Chi program and the Institute of Taoism. The goal of Tai Chi is to reduce stress, improve circulation, improve balance and posture, increase strength and flexibility and develop peace of mind.

We were pleased to see that the plaque reconizing Meaford Rotary as the donors for the new trees in the Lakeview Cemetary is now in place



A thank you to Rotarian Bill for having represented Meaford Rotary on the Nort East Community Health Care Board for the last 3 years. Rotarian Cam has agreed to take over this position.

### Highlights from May 27<sup>h</sup> meeting:

The Municipality has accepted with thanks, our offer to install a projector and screen into the Terrace Room. This will greatly assist our club in our presentations and in supporting our public image through social media.

Our presentation this evening focused on the Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly. Discussion was led by Abby Sewell. Six years ago, Abby was supported by our club to attend the RYLA event. She absolutely loved it and has been facilitating at this event every year since then. Four of our 2019 RYLA participants were in attendance and each of them had the opportunity to talk about the impact that the assembly had on them.

RYLA fosters future leaders through the following tenets:

- Build communication and problem solving skills
- Discover strategies for creating a dynamic learning environment in school and community
- Learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers and peer mentors
- Have fun and form lasting friendships

