

# Rotary Club of St. Marys Fall Drive



The Rotary Club is kicking off our 2018 - 2019 fund raising campaign. As a small Club with 30 members, we rely on our many friends of Rotary, throughout our community to support our efforts. We are asking you to help us meet our goals and allow us to continue to respond to local requests and commitments to improve our community.

**The Rotary Club of St. Marys** Our Club was founded in 1925. During our history we have led and contributed to many local and international projects.

**Sparling Bush** was a major project for us this year. We worked with the Town of St Marys and The Upper Thames Conservation Authority. One hundred and fifty native species of trees were planted, in recognition of Canada's 150th. Two attractive "Sparling Bush" signs have been erected at each entrance to the bush.

**Cadzow Splash Pad** provided another focus for our Club this year. We were pleased to pledge \$100 000.00 over ten years to the project. Families have already derived significant pleasure from this new feature during this hot summer.

**St Marys Lincolns** Last year the Lincoln hockey team suffered the loss of a major fundraiser. The Rotary Club of St. Marys stepped in to run the popular 50 / 50 ticket draw to support the team. We were able to do this in a way that did not impact the money available for any of our other projects.

## Support for Local Organizations and Initiatives

The Rotary Club of St. Marys supports many local organizations and initiatives in addition to the specific projects described above. The Club provides direct benefits to our community to enhance the lives of those visiting and living in our community. The following is a list of local projects we support on a regular basis:

- Purchased Filming equipment for use by the Front Porch Show and contributed the sound equipment for Community Players
- St. Marys Minor Sports: baseball, hockey and soccer
- The Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum
- Meals on Wheels, St. Marys Mobility Bus and a Community Dinner
- Highway clean-up
- Heritage Festival fireworks display
- Sponsoring students in citizenship and leadership programs (Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders;) Scholarships - St. Marys DCVI)
- Hope for Haiti, Veterans' Dinner
- Parkview East and West



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## Maurice Oliver: 1930 - 2018

On a sad note we announce the passing of long time Rotarian Maurice Oliver. Maurice was a member of the St. Marys Rotary Club for 53 years and was a past District Governor for Rotary International. Maurice will be missed by our Club and our community.

As part of Rotary International, the Rotary Club of St. Marys participates in important programs such as:

Youth Exchange – In 2017/18, we did not host a student for the first time in many years. However, we already know that this year we are hosting

Last year our club was fortunate to have four students travelling on exchange.

This year, Jessica Lawson is representing our Club as she travels to the Czech Republic.

PolioPlus– After 25 years, Rotary and its partners, especially the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, are on the brink of eradicating this disease worldwide, there have been only 33 new cases this year and no reported for the past two weeks as of mid August.

### Individual Appeals

In addition to larger projects, we respond to individual appeals for support on a one-time basis. In recent years our club donated to: St. Marys Library Reading Program, Don't Meth with Me initiative by Rotary Club of Mitchell in Huron and Perth Counties. Requests for assistive devices and supports are received and considered by our Leave a Legacy Foundation.

### Your Help

In order for us to carry on this important work, we rely on your help. Rotary members contribute time and funds but much more is needed.

President  
**Claire Sherwin**

Yes, I want to help the Rotary Club of St. Marys carry on with its important work in the community and world-wide. Enclosed you'll find my donation in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be contacted about Volunteering for Rotary Projects and Events.

Donations of \$20.00 or more will receive a tax receipt. Please send a tax-deductible receipt for my charitable donation to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are unable to make a direct donation, please consider helping with our fundraising activities by purchasing a ticket or attending a function. Watch for announcements or ask a Rotarian.

## ROTARY CLUB OF ST. MARYS MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Rotary Heritage Calendar – Fall 2018

Wine and Cheese – Saturday, November 10, 2018

Rural Urban – April, 2019

Annual Golf Tournament – June, 2019

Heritage Festival Fireworks – July, 2019

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