

Fall Drive 2024-2025 Newsletter

Discover the magic of Rotary

“With every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member – that’s the magic of Rotary.”
~Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick.



Celebrating 100 years!

Did you know that 2024-2025 marks 100 years in Rotary Service for the Rotary Club of St. Marys? We will be proudly hosting several special events in 2025 to commemorate this milestone. Watch for 100th anniversary announcements via our [Facebook page](#), [website](#) or in the local paper so you can help us celebrate!

We can change lives - together

Explore the many ways the Rotary Club of St. Marys serves others, promotes integrity, and advances world understanding, goodwill, and peace. We fund countless projects and requests aimed at enhancing communities and transforming lives here at home and across the globe. But we can't do it alone. We need your help!

Support our 2024-2025 campaign

We're counting on people like you - our many friends of Rotary throughout the community - to support our fundraising efforts. The Rotary Club of St. Marys is a moderately sized and effective club in an organization of 1.4 million Rotarians worldwide.

Rotary Club of St. Marys Fundraising Events:

- Rotary Heritage Calendar
- Rural Urban Event
- Golf Tournament
- Brews and Food Festival
- Fall Drive



(Brews and Food Festival 2024. Photo courtesy of Stephen Oliver)

Ongoing community support

As Rotarians, we support projects in our local community and across the world. This year we continued support for:

- Cadzow Park Splash Pad
- Rotary All Wheels Skate Park
- Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum
- St. Marys Nourish Equal Access Food Market
- Meals on Wheels
- United Way Perth-Huron
- St. Marys Public Library book donations
- Fireworks display
- St. Marys Healthcare Foundation
- Mobility Bus
- Local minor sports
- Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth
- United Church Community Dinner
- ESL classes for Ukrainian newcomers
- G.O.A.L.S. Breakfast Program
- Camp Bimini
- Festival of Lights
- Coldest Night of the Year
- Salvation Army
- Station Gallery “Butterflies and Bees” display
- Youth Centre updates and improvements



Community Dinner

United Way donation



Rotary All Wheels Skate Park

International Efforts

- Polio eradication
- COMMIT Stove Projects
- Feminine products for Kenyan school girls

Rotary Youth Exchange Program

Since 1972, our club has facilitated more than 126 international exchanges involving young people aged 15-17 in more than 30 countries. This year we are welcoming an inbound Youth Exchange student from Belgium.



New Rotary Exchange Student Clara Licops arrives from Belgium.



Our 2023-2024 Rotary Youth Exchange Student Eunice from Taiwan, planted a Kentucky Coffee tree near Trout Creek in remembrance of her year long visit.

Protecting the Environment

- Local nature environmental and river safety programs in partnership with UTRCA
- Sparling Bush
- Community Paper Shredding Project
- Birds at Risk Viewing Platform

Enhanced Scholarship Programs

Each year, our club presents awards to two graduating DCVI students:

1. The St. Marys Rotary Club Award in recognition of a student's excellence in math and science.
2. The St. Marys Rotary Club Service-Above-Self Award in recognition of a student's involvement in community and school activities that exemplify Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self".

Our club also sponsored five DCVI students who participated in the '**Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders**', a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program. In addition, we sponsored a DCVI student who attended the **Global Student Leadership Summit**.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP

We're asking you to help us meet our goals so that we can continue to respond to local requests and commitments for community improvement. Your donations allow us to keep doing this important work. Rotary members contribute time and funds, but much more is needed.

Yes, I want to help the Rotary Club of St. Marys carry on with its work in the community and across the globe. Enclosed you will find a cheque for my donation in the amount of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$ _____

Donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt. Please send a tax-deductible receipt for my charitable donation to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Online donation options:

- Interac e-transfer your donation to RotaryClubofStMarys@gmail.com,
- Scan the QR code, or
- Visit rotarystmarys.ca/donate



I would like to be contacted about volunteering for Rotary projects and events (please indicate your selection):

YES

NO

Our important work requires the commitment of Rotarians of all ages. If you are interested in learning more about how to become a Rotarian, please contact our membership team at: RCSMmembership@gmail.com.



The Rotary Club of St. Marys
Celebrating 99 Years! 1925-2024