

# Fall Drive 2025-2026 Newsletter

## A toast to 100 years!

Did you know the Rotary Club of St. Marys is proudly celebrating its 100th anniversary? From community projects and international service to fellowship and local partnerships, this centennial marks a milestone in a legacy of making a difference — locally and globally.



As part of its 100th anniversary celebrations in 2025, the Rotary Club of St. Marys partnered with Broken Rail Brewing to produce a limited-edition craft beer: Centennial Hazy IPA. A portion of the proceeds from every can sold was donated to support local Rotary projects, helping extend the club's impact into its second century.

As part of our Centennial Campaign, we've been sharing the stories, events and special initiatives that exemplify 100 years of Rotary in action to highlight **100 Acts of Service**—past and present—that reflect the impact and spirit of Rotary in our community and beyond.

## We can improve 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 2025-2026 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 an important club in a worldwide organization of 1.4 million Rotarians in more than 200 countries across the globe.

### Rotary Club of St. Marys Fundraising Events:

- Rotary Heritage Calendar
- Rural Urban Event
- Golf Tournament
- Brews and Food Festival
- Fall Drive
- Fun Golf & Kenyan BBQ
- The Stitch Market



(Brews and Food Festival. 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 on James Street
- Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum
- St. Marys Nourish Equal Access Food Market
- Meals on Wheels
- Soup Micro-Project
- United Way Perth-Huron
- St. Marys Public Library book donations
- Fireworks display – Festival of Lights
- St. Marys Healthcare Foundation
- Mobility Bus
- Local minor sports
- Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth
- United Church Community Dinner
- G.O.A.L.S. Breakfast Program
- Salvation Army
- Youth Centre updates and improvements
- Perth Children's Water Festival



Packing Christmas Hampers for distribution by the Salvation Army



Preparing soup for the St. Marys and Area Food Bank



Hospice Donation

## Current International Efforts

- Polio eradication
- Mugoiri School in Kenya
- Supporting Education in Uganda

## Rotary Youth Exchange Program

Since 1972, our club has facilitated more than 135 international exchanges involving young people aged 15-19 in more than 30 countries. This year we welcome Samir Zogbi, an inbound Youth Exchange student from Argentina.



Rotary Exchange Student Samir Zogbi



St. Marys student Claire Dunbar will spend her exchange year in Denmark.

## Protecting the Environment

- Local nature environmental and river safety programs in partnership with UTRCA
- Sparling Bush
- Community Paper Shredding Project
- Invasive Species Education
- The Stich Market

## 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.

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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](mailto:RotaryClubofStMarys@gmail.com),
- Scan the QR code, or
- Visit [rotarystmarys.ca/donations](http://rotarystmarys.ca/donations)



*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 visit our [membership inquiry page](#).



Rotary Club of St. Marys 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Group Photo