



APRIL 24, 2019

Last week, our guest speaker was Kim Cooper speaking on the topic "We Grow For The World". Kim is the agricultural expert on the Chatham-Kent Economic Development team. I was away last week and so, unfortunately, am not able to give a report on this speaker's presentation.

This week, our speaker was Dave Elliott, a volunteer and board member of the Wallaceburg and District Council for the Arts. Dave was introduced by Rotarian Tom McCarthy. Dave is the owner of Wallaceburg Automotive Inc. in Wallaceburg.

The Wallaceburg Council of the Arts was formed over 38 years ago with the goal of promoting and operating shows for local artists. This often includes financial support and publication about local art happenings.

The WDCA is very proud that they were able to assist Band Conductor David Babbitt in forming the Wallaceburg Concert Band. Three years ago, Dave borrowed the musical equipment of the local school when the music program was cancelled and formed this community band.

More recently, the Council has worked with Ukulele Instructor Barry Betts in forming an Ukulele group. This group is currently offering community lessons and has even offered lessons in Chatham at Sprucedale Church. The lessons are very popular and there is a waiting list. The group offers a strum evening at the local legion occasionally.

The Council has also initiated an outdoor concert series on Tuesday evenings during the summer, offering 10 weeks of free concerts to the community and local artists.



Guest Speaker Dave Elliott

Unfortunately, the Council is finding it requires money to sponsor art programs and consequently needs to do a lot of fund-raising. Volunteers are eager to help with promoting the arts but do find the fund-raising aspect more tedious.

Dave is very dedicated to the Wallaceburg Council for the Arts and we thank him for telling us more about their programs today. Our thanks were expressed by President Jennifer.



Above: Dave Elliott, Tom McCarthy and President Jennifer

Bottom left: Tom McCarthy and right, speaker Dave Elliott



BIRTHDAYS

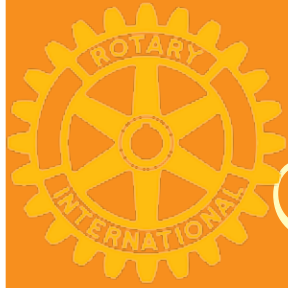
Keith Koke
April 29

Dave Pudwell
May 7

Caitlin Caldwell
May 17

Alysson Storey
May 21

Janet McGuigan Kelly
May 22



Happy Notices

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 1 Club Meeting

May 8 Laura Richardson
Water Work in Guatemala

May 15 Chatham -Kent Economic
Development, Stuart McFadden

May 22 Monte McNaughton

May 29 Jason Herder
Special Olympics

June 5 Vaneet Nair, Author
Healthier You

June 12 Club Meeting

June 19 Paula Reaume-Zimmer
Vice President, CMHA

June 26 Jennifer Hill
Swan Song

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Paul Mayrand
20 yrs - April 21

Jennifer Hill
6 yrs - April 24

Tony Hill
6 yrs - April 24

Janet McGuigan-Kelly
25 yrs - April 27

Karen MacDonald
1 yr - May 9



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