



AUGUST 1, 2018

This week's speaker was Sabrina Shields talking about the Shanti Uganda Society in the Republic of Uganda and their efforts in improving maternal health. Uganda is a land-locked country bordering Kenya on the east and the Republic of Congo on the left. Lake Victoria is in the Southern part and Uganda lies within the Nile basin.

From 1894, Uganda was ruled by the British. Uganda became free in 1962. The country is very poor and has many concerns about human rights. The population has increased dramatically to over 45 million.

Sabrina travelled to Uganda for 3 months a few years ago as part of a York University sponsored project.

Sabrina was born in Chatham and is a graduate of York. Past president Tania Sharpe introduced Sabrina to the club.

Sabrina's role while in Uganda was Teen Boys and Teen Girls Co-ordinator. Sabrina talked about the country and the stereotypes we have of this country. She discussed the impact of these stereotypes on Ugandans.



President Jennifer, guest speaker Sabrina Shields and Past President Tania Sharpe



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She also told us about the food. Sabrina said that it was very good. They ate lots of fruit and vegetables but very little meat.

Sabrina lived in a compound while in Uganda and felt quite safe. There is lots of poverty so there is lots of crime. But Sabrina did not feel threatened by violence. However, a large majority of the girls in the country are subject to rape.

She told us that 16 women die every day in Uganda due to preventable causes related to pregnancy and birth.

There is much to be done in countries like Uganda and we thank Sabrina for her update. Our thanks were more formally presented by President Jennifer.





Photos & Facts About Uganda



Rotarian Don Sparky Leonard has thrown his hat into the race for Ward 6 councillor. There are 6 councillors needed in this ward.

This is Sparky's first venture with C-K politics although he has served as a councillor in another area.

Also running for Ward 6 coucillor is Karen Kirkwood-Whyte, and this is also her first run in Chatham politics. However, Karen has served previously as a member of Tilbury council.

Rotarian Doug Sulman is also running for council in Ward 6. Doug is a veteran and was first elected before many of us were born.

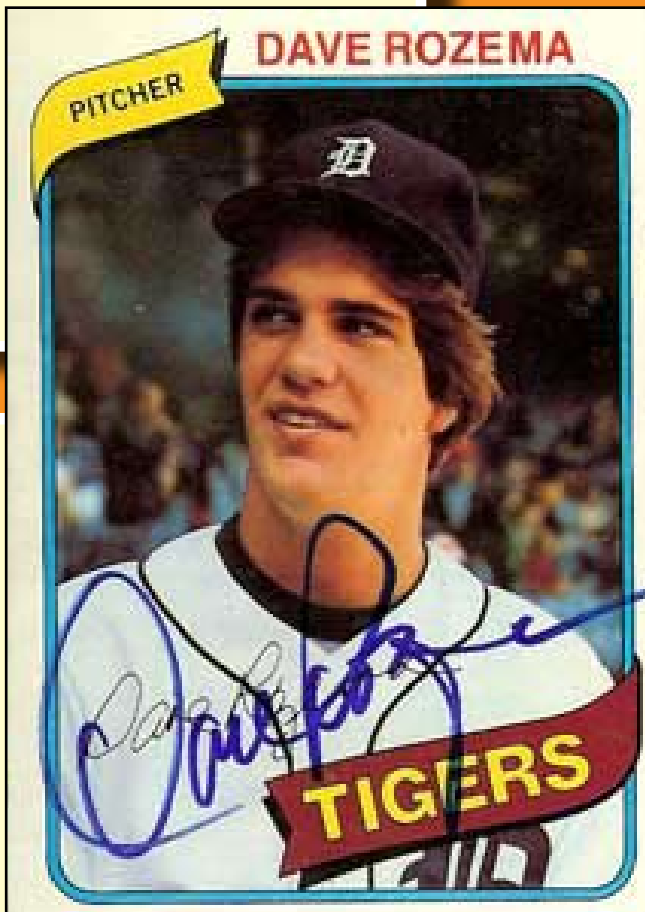
If we have several Rotarians elected, maybe council will follow the four-way test!



Happy Notices

BIRTHDAYS

Rob Watson
August 6



Annual Banquet

Dave Rozema is the speaker.

*Dave was a world series pitcher
for the Detroit Tigers in 1984.*

*The banquet is Friday, October 5 at the
John Bradley Convention Centre.*

Tickets are \$60 and will be available shortly.

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Rob Watson
32 years on Aug. 8

UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 8
Dave Bakker
Crime Stoppers

August 15
President's BBQ Meeting
(No Lunch)

August 22
Mike Genge

August 29
Karen MacDonald
Classification Talk

Sept 5
Myriam Armstrong - PAW



Rotarian Karen Kirkwood-Whyte found this picture while “cleaning out her closets” at work. The picture appeared in the Chatham Daily News seventeen years ago.

In 1991, the Rotary Club started a tree-planting project at McNaughton Avenue Public School with district Governor Brymer Williams in attendance.

Ten years later, in 2001, Karen Kirkwood-Whyte was president of our Chatham Rotary club and Keith Koke was District 6380 Governor. Barry was chairman of the environment. That year, the District Conference was held in Chatham.

As part of the conference, a special ceremony was held to help welcome visiting Rotarians. The group returned to the same place to see the trees after 10 years.

Pictured here in the back row are Barry Fraser, Keith Koke, Brymer Williams, Karen Kirkwood-Whyte and Larry Mansfield Robbins. Larry Robbins was a Rotarian for many years and also served as a representative on Chatham-Kent council.

In the front row are Sarah Lundy and Sarah Robbins. Sarah Lundy was in Grade 6 when the trees were planted 10 years earlier. Sarah Robbins was in Grade 6 when this picture was taken 10 years later.

Thanks for the picture, Karen.



President Jennifer sent a picture of one of our hard working Rotarians on the Bingo committee. She named him Mr. Getting it done! (We know him as Charles Seaman.)

Every three weeks, dozens of buckets are prepared - a big job.

Also every week, the buckets that are returned from the stores are emptied and the contents counted and recorded. Cheques are prepared for the winners.

These buckets are delivered to the many outlets that sell the Bingo tickets. This is another big job that requires many volunteers. The Rotary Club appreciates the help of these outlets.

Many of our volunteers have been picking up and delivering buckets since the beginning of the campaign - more than 2 years ago.

Jennifer, Rick Bodnaruk and Caitlin Caldwell also help Charles prepare and empty the buckets. Many other volunteers are needed for the Tuesday evening TV program.