



AUGUST 8, 2018

This week's speaker was David Bakker, a member of the Chatham-Kent Police Department who is loaned to the Crime Stoppers program on a full-time basis to act as coordinator.

Dave was introduced by Rotarian Tania Sharpe.

Crime Stoppers is based in the CK Police headquarters and is a community based program that brings citizens, the media and the police together to solve crimes. This is accomplished by offering cash rewards and guaranteeing anonymity to persons who supply information leading to arrests or laying of charges.

Crime Stoppers started in New Mexico in 1976 following the senseless murder of a young university student manning a gasoline kiosk.

The local crime stoppers was established on April 13, 1987 by former Chief of Police Dennis Poole. Today, there are over 1,000 programs in 21 countries. 100 of these programs are in Canada

When a caller calls, the coordinator takes the information about the illegal activities. There is no call display or other means to identify the caller.



President Jennifer, guest speaker Dave Bakker and Past President Tania Sharpe



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The caller is given a code number instead. Crime stoppers accepts information on everything from traffic offences to murder. Callers are asked to call back later to see whether the information has led to a reward. Any rewards are determined by the board and range from \$100 to \$1,000. The money to support Crime Stoppers and pay rewards (about \$50,000 annually) comes from donations, fundraising and sponsors.

In 2017, there were 755 calls resulting in 100 arrests and 298 charges. Almost \$1 million in drugs and property were recovered.

Why do tipsters call Crime Stoppers? For revenge or because they are angry, or because they are concerned citizens. They also may call because of the cash rewards. Anonymity is another reason.

There is no government funding for this program

The motto of Crime Stoppers is "Together, we can make it happen".

Rotary was very pleased to have Dave give us an update on this wonderful program. Our thanks were expressed by President Jennifer.



Past President Tania Sharpe introduced our guest speaker David Bakker



Guest Speaker David Bakker addressing the Rotary Club



2017 Annual Report

Calls Received:	755 ****
Arrests:	100
Charges Laid:	298
Cases Cleared:	138
Property Recovered:	\$197,149
Drugs Seized:	\$796,279
Total Drugs and Property:	\$993,428



Since Inception 1987

Calls Received:	25,940
Arrests:	6,278
Charges Laid:	15,728
Cases Cleared:	10,686
Property Recovered:	\$10,082,203
Drugs Seized:	\$90,631,540
Total Drugs and Property:	\$100,713,743



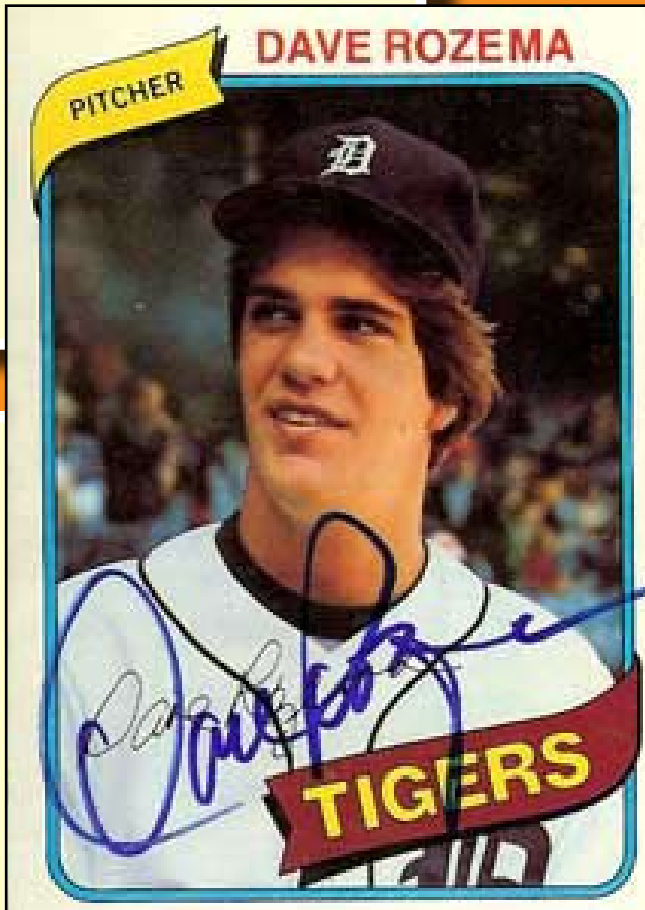
President Jennifer Hill
thanking our guest speaker
David Bakker



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 are available now.

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Rob Watson
32 years on Aug. 8

UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 15
President's BBQ Meeting
(No Lunch meeting)

August 22
Mike Genge

August 29
Peter Tanner

Sept 5
Myriam Armstrong - PAW

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of our website.**