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Editor's Note: Rotarian Keith Koke and his daughter Debbie submitted the photos and the story for this week's bulletin.

This week's speakers were Sue Cummings and Cathy Staal of "WE ARE ONE," a National Student Lunch Program aimed at providing lunches for all children in school.

Sue and Cathy were introduced by Tania Sharpe.

Sue is the School Liaison and Cathy is the CEO of Cathren's "Bon Appetit" Inc. that is in collaboration with other partners like Sue to make this dream become a reality.

A video, narrated by Sally Joyce (Education and Community Builder Partner) showed a "test pilot" program in the St. Agnes School that revealed overwhelming success! The students in the elementary school were enthralled and devoured their hand-prepared nutritional lunch.

Sue went on to say that Canada is one of the few industrialized countries without a National School Lunch Program.

Recent statistics rank Canada 37 out of 41, one of the lowest rankings, in provision of a healthy food for our children. Ontario alone has a staggering 382,000 children living in poverty.



Rotarian Tania Sharpe, Sue Cummings, President Paul Watson and Cathy Staal

Chatham-Kent (CK) Leamington rank the 2nd highest in the province. One in five children (0-17) in Chatham-Kent live in poverty. (Stats Canada, 2017)

“We live in one of the most abundant areas for agriculture, yet CK has the 2nd lowest consumption of fruits and vegetables in Ontario.”

“In addition to providing a nutritional lunch to students, other benefits WILL follow.

“Such a program has the potential to support the health and learning of our children, transform our food systems, and foster the use of locally-produced food for strong economies, while cultivating community and environmental health.” (Sumberg & Sabates-Wheeler, 2011).

This small ‘grass roots’ team has already laid the groundwork.

For this to become a reality, they need our community’s help to work with them as they move forward to bring other strategic partners aboard, so that this initiative becomes a reality as well as a success!

What can you do? Be a “HERO”!

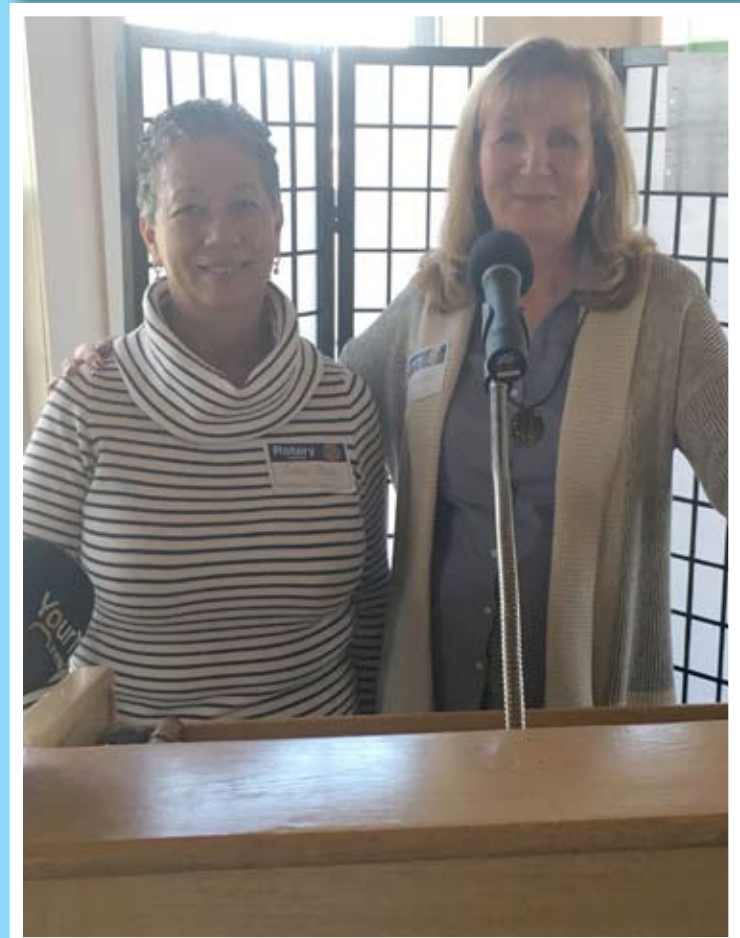
- Be the light to help them and help to guide others
- Promote a National Nutritional Student Lunch Program (NNSLP)
- Participate in media coverage
- Write a letter of support

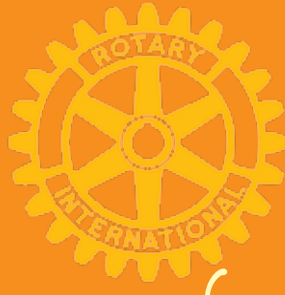
“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving”, as stated by Mother Theresa.

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE!

Top: Rotarian Tania Sharpe introducing our guest speakers

Botton: Guest Speakers Cathy Staal and Sue Cummings





Happy Notices

BIRTHDAYS

None

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

None

Paul Harris, an attorney in Chicago, founded the club that became Rotary International in 1905

"So far as I am concerned, I had rather live on ham sandwiches and snowballs with enough ham sandwiches and snowballs to go all the way around than to have my choice of all the creations of the chefs of a thousand Waldorf Astoria's to eat by my selfish, lonely self".

Paul Harris

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 26
Club Meeting
No Speaker

March 4
Club Social
Sons of Kent
Evening Event

March 11
Kate DoForno
Executive Director, Victim Service

March 18
Sharry Coppo
Introduction of New Member

March 25
Club Assembly



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