



FEBRUARY 6, 2019

This week, our guest speaker was Wanda Bell from Chatham Hope Haven. Chatham Hope Haven is a charitable foundation that offers temporary shelter for homeless men. Currently they can house a maximum of 10 homeless men overnight.

Wanda mentioned that she was well aware of the Rotary Club. In fact, she attended a Rotary Adventure in Citizenship while she was in high school. During her time in Ottawa, she met Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Chatham Hope Haven is located in the basement of the New Beginning Ministry on Wellington St. It offers an evening meal, overnight lodging and breakfast in the morning.

The program depends on volunteers and can now only offer a haven from 7 pm to 7 am. There are about 60 volunteers currently available.

The men who stay overnight are often mentally challenged or addicted to drugs and alcohol.

The shelter is supposed to be temporary and the average stay is 21 days. Men must be 18 or older. Seventy-eight percent are from Chatham-Kent.

There are showers and laundry service available as well as TV and other amenities. Some clothing and supplies are also available.

The haven receives no government help and depends on donations from businesses, churches and individuals.

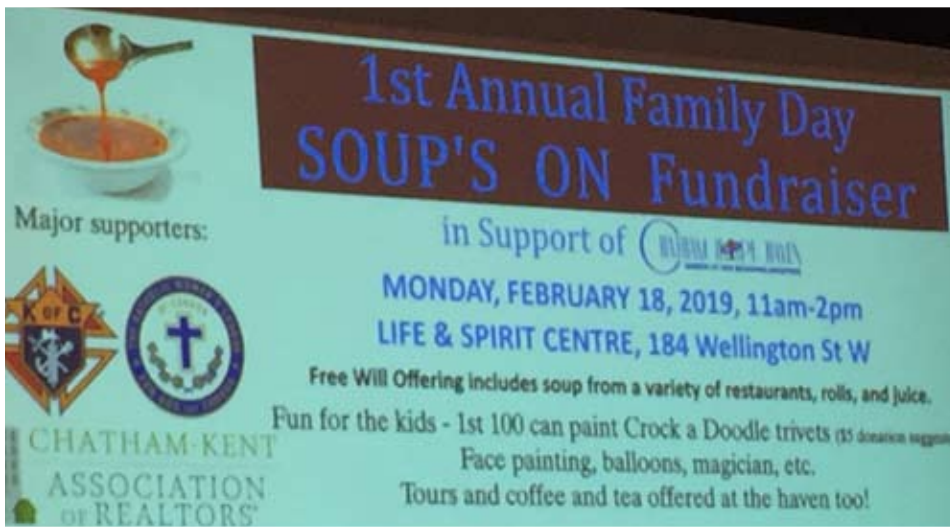
Fundraising, both in house and from outside, is necessary. On Monday, February 18, there is a soup luncheon fundraiser in the hall across the street next to St. Joseph's church.

The Rotary Club is very thankful for community programs such as Chatham Hope Haven. We are so pleased to have Wanda tell about the program.

Wanda was introduced by Rotarian Tania Sharpe and thanked by President Jennifer.



President Jennifer Hill and guest speaker Wanda Bell from Chatham Hope Haven



Above right: Tania Sharpe introduces our guest speaker.

Above left: Sign about the upcoming soup fund-raiser on February 18.

Middle left: Some of the beds in the shelter.

Middle right. Rick Nichols at the ribbon cutting.

Left: Some police officer volunteers

BIRTHDAYS

Moira Kerr
February 10

Doug Sulman
February 12



Happy Notices

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Feb. 13 Keith Koke
polio

Feb 20 Police Chief Gary Conn
Community Crime Reporting

Feb 27 Social Meeting
6 pm - Mamma Maria's

March 6 Ken Willmore
Farming CK

March 13 HL Col. Joseph Ouelette
Regent History

March 20 Peter Tanner
Guatemala Project

March 27 Don Shropshire
Municipal Update

April 3 Lisa Gilbert
A Chatham Kent Tapestry

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Tanner
4 years



We were pleased to have Okello Kelosam, a visiting Rotarian from Uganda at our club this week.



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