



MARCH 27, 2019

This week, our guest speaker was Don Shropshire, Chief Administrative Officer for the municipal.

Don, a former member of our club and currently a member of the Sunrise club, has held this position for almost 10 years and has spent over 30 years in senior management. Don has a MBA from the University of Ottawa.

Don talked about the priorities of our council over the past 5 years, primarily jobs, population growth, chronic diseases and financial stability.

The unemployment rate has declined over this period, and the population has increased. Health

problems, such as diabetes and obesity are still a concern. However, there is good news about non-violent crime as the crime index has dropped significantly during the past decade.

Long-term debt, culture, environment, economic prosperity and other topics are a major part of the strategic plan that the new mayor and council are working on for the next generation. This 20 year focus is called CK Plan 2035.

Rotary is always pleased to receive a municipal update and we thank Don for visiting our club today. Don was more formally thanked by President Jennifer.



President Jennifer and Guest Speaker Don Shropshire



Top Left: President Jennifer introduces our speaker

Above: Guest speaker Don Shropshire

Left: Don making his presentation

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Andy Watson
April 1

Diane McGuigan
April 17

Colin McGregor
April 22

Ross Eberlee
April 23

Keith Koke
April 29



Happy Notices

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Rick Bonaruk
13 yrs - March 29

Tom Storey
36 yrs - April 6

Gord & Jane Fry
5 yrs - April 9

Ed Robbins
19 yrs - April 12



Above is a picture of Sparky's car that he had specially lettered and will be driving during his year as District Governor. He will be noticed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 3 Lisa Gilbert
A Chatham Kent Tapestry

April 10 Chatham Kent Woman's Center
Second Stage Housing and Outreach

April 17 Kim Cooper
We Grow For The World

April 24 Dave Elliott
Wallaceburg and District
Council for the Arts



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MARCH 20, 2019

Last week, the guest speaker was Peter Tanner, a member of our club, who updated us on the Guatemala project. Peter submitted this report.

The delivery of the RACHEL WiFi Libraries, laptops and tablets during the week of March 4 was a great success. We conducted three training sessions, with 5 teachers from each of the 14 schools that received equipment.

We also visited six of the schools (the other eight schools received their equipment the following week). In each school we were greeted with a ceremony that involved all the parents, speeches, prayers, dance performances, and in one occasion, a marimba band.

The communities were incredibly grateful. And they understand that their connection to such a large digital library is due to the generosity of the participating Rotary clubs.

Thanks to Alysson for submitting the photos.

