



## MARCH 6, 2019

This week, our guest speaker was Kent Willmore, a local farmer and entrepreneur. Kent was introduced by Rotarian Alysson Storey.

Kent was raised in Kent County and grew up on a family farm. Since 2001, he has been buying farms for his own account.

He started being an entrepreneur during his high school years when he launched a detasseling business. This business is still in operation today as WR Detasseling Ltd and is the largest detasseling service in Canada. Over 1,000 individuals are hired each season.

Kent has been involved with the family's maple syrup business and has also taught math at a local high school for a few years.

Kent graduated from the University of Waterloo

with a bachelor's degree in environmental science. He also has a degree in Education from the University of Windsor.

In 2008, Kent and his wife, Candice, established Pure Dance Academy. Kent is still on the board of directors.

Since 2012, Kent has been the founder and president of AGinvest Properties, a company that allows investors to invest in farmland. AGinvest negotiates the purchase price and manages the farm by working with local farmers. The investors supply the capital to buy the farmland. This is an interesting alternative to traditional investments.

Kent is an impressive entrepreneur and we were pleased to have him address the Rotary Club today. Our thanks were more formally expressed by President Jennifer.



*President Jennifer, Guest Speaker Kent Willmore and Rotarian Alysson Storey*



Top Left: Alysson Storey introducing our guest speaker

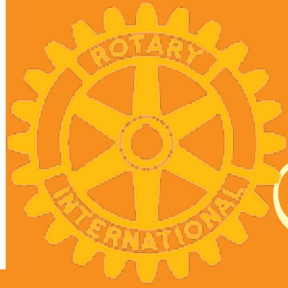
Above: Guest speaker Kent Willmore

Left. President Jennifer thanking our speaker

## **BIRTHDAYS**

**Donna Litwin Makey**  
**March 6**

**Barry Fraser**  
**March 10**



# Happy Notices



President Jennifer presents a scholarship to Jeff Beaumont, a phsiotherapist student at St. Clair College

## **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

**None**

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**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**



**David French inducts our newest member Lori Marshall**



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