



MAY 29, 2019

This week, our guest speaker was Jason Herder who was updating Rotarians on fund-raising for the Special Olympics in Ontario. Jason has been a guest speaker before and we were pleased to welcome him back.

Jason, a member of the local police department, was introduced by Darlene Smith.

The Special Olympics provincial games were last hosted in Chatham in 1997 and Jason hinted that they might be here again in 2022, twenty-five years after the first time.

The games require a lot of fund-raising. In 2016-2017, fundraising revenue was between \$6,000 and \$9,000. The next year, it jumped to \$30,000.

In 2019, the Chatham-Kent Polar plunge raised \$41,500. The Boston Pizza charity night raised another \$1,335. The Torch Run, to be held in June, has already collected \$7,600 and Jason hopes it will top out at \$10,000.

There will also be a Mazda Test Drive event in July that raised \$2,000 last year. In August, there is a Riverview Bingo night that hopefully will generate an additional \$3,000.

The Torch Run this year is a timed 5 km and timed 10 km run and should appeal to a larger audience of running enthusiasts.

The goal for 2019 is to raise \$70,000 for Special Olympics Ontario.

Rotarians are well aware that fundraising is hard work and volunteers like Jason are so important.



Guest Speaker Jason Herder



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Above, Past President Alysson Storey, guest speaker Jason Herder and Rotarian Darlene Smith

Right: Darlene Smith introducing our guest speaker

BIRTHDAYS

**Paul Mayrand
May 29**

**Paul Watson
June 3**

**Karen MacDonald
June 5**



Happy Notices

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

None this week

A group of Rotarians from our club are travelling to Hamburg, Germany, next week for the Rotary International Convention.

President Jennifer and Tony Hill are already on route.

Sparky and Laurie Leonard are leaving tomorrow and Brett Smith on Friday.

We hope you have a wonderful time.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

**June 5 Vaneet Nair, Author
Healthier You**

June 12 Club Meeting

**June 19 Paula Reaume-Zimmer
Vice President, CMHA**

**June 26 Jennifer Hill
Swan Song**

July 3 Transition Meeting

July 10 Gerry Jackson

**July 17 Linda Eastman
Projects and Global Grants**

**July 24 Rotary BBQ
Andy Watson's Residence**

**July 31 Don Adam
Huron House Boy's Home**



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