



NOVEMBER 9, 2016

This week's speaker was **Tom Mountain**, speaking about Remembrance Day and the Chatham Cenotaph. We were so pleased to have **Rotarian Ross Eberlee**, a veteran of the Second World War, attend our meeting this week.

Tom was introduced by **Tom McCarthy** who told us that our speaker, a veteran and a member of the Canadian Legion, retired from the armed forces as a Major, is married and has 2 sons.

Our speaker gave a brief history of the founding of Remembrance Day, a day set aside to remember those who died in the line of duty. Formerly called Armistice Day, this was a day for Canadians to remember the end of hostilities in the First World War. Armistice Day was inaugurated in 1919 throughout much of the British Empire. Between 1921 & 1930 Armistice Day and Thanksgiving were combined and observed on the Monday in the week in which 11 November fell. In 1931, the two events were separated with Thanksgiving moved to the second week of October and Remembrance Day to the exact date of November 11th. This day now honours those who fell in all wars.

Tom also gave a brief history of the Chatham Cenotaph, located in downtown Chatham at Sixth Street. This impressive cenotaph, built in 1923 at a cost of \$15,000, is topped by a soldier holding a rifle.

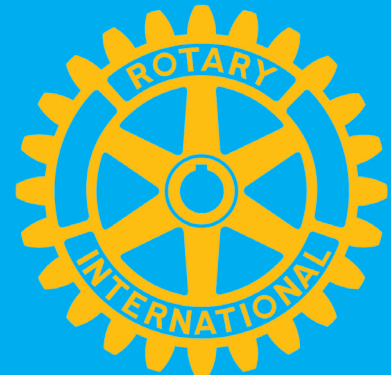
Our Cenotaph is possibly the only one mounted on an actual battle field, although the battle fought on this site was the Battle at the Forks where Chief Tecumseh was wounded.

The word Remembrance is misspelled on the Cenotaph, the metal is missing from the names of battles on the back, and there are those who would like to see the monument moved. However, the Cenotaph has a history of fond memories for Chatham and we were pleased that Tom told us more about its beginning.

Rotarian **Tania Sharpe** thanked Tom on behalf of the club.



Rotarian Ross Eberlee,
World War 2 veteran
and President Alysson





Tom Mountain speaking of Cenotaphs and Remembrance Day



Guest speaker, Tom Mountain, was introduced by Rotarian Tom McCarthy

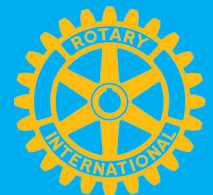
Rotarian Barry Fraser sent this picture as proof that the new bridge is going in!

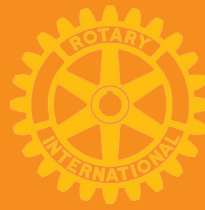
The bridge is part of the Rotary Trail near the Salvation Army citadel.



UPCOMING BINGO DATES

November 27th	6:15 - 8:15 pm	Paul Watson & Janet McGuigan-Kelley
December 4th	3:45- 5:45 pm	Fannie Vavoulis & Tania Sharpe
December 12th	6:15 - 8:15 pm	Brad Langford & Jane Fry
December 19th	8:15 - 10:15 pm.	Fannie Vavoulis & Tania Sharpe





Happy Notices

ANNIVERSARIES

Dave Pudwell
36 years on Nov. 12

Karen Kirkwood-Whyte
25 years on Nov. 13

Peter Jamieson
5 years on Nov. 23

BIRTHDAYS

None

PETER COOK READS HIS GRANDFATHER'S WWI POEM

Rotarian Peter Cook shared a poem he discovered in the pages of his grandfather's bible.

Peter never knew his grandfather, James Macmillan, who served as a private for the Scottish Camerons. He emigrated to Canada after the war and settled in Stratford.

His grandfather's service bible was passed down to Peter along with the poem inside.

The poem was handwritten by his grandfather and Peter read it to the Rotarians as part of our Remembrance Day program.

Peter read the poem with a Scottish brogue. It was a very relevant poem for our program and we thank Peter for sharing it.



NOVEMBER 16
Ashish Sarkar, President
Rotary Club of Ann Arbor
Presentation from the
Rotary Peace Conference

NOVEMBER 23
PETER TANNER AND PATTI LEE
WORLD TOILET DAY

DECEMBER 7
LINDA AND JAY EASTMAN
CASA COLIBRI

Invites you to "Traverse the Thames"

Wednesday, November 16 at 7pm

St. Clair College Thames Campus Auditorium

This event will be the premiere of "Traverse the Thames", a documentary following 4 adventurers as they canoe and kayak the whole river, a 287 km journey. See the river from their perspective. This 20 minute film will be introduced by the producer Mark Drewe.

Bonnie Carey, Community Relations Coordinator, LTVCA will talk about the Thames River as a Canadian Heritage River.

Sunrise Rotary will be presenting its "Clean Water for Living" project and the newest 3 minute video. "Clean Water for Living" asks everyone to do their part in respecting and protecting local water.

This is a free public event. Come and bring your friends to learn about this heritage river in our midst.



This public event is sponsored by COGECO and Chatham Sunrise Rotary in cooperation with the Lower Thames Conservation Authority and St. Clair College, Thames Campus.