



NOVEMBER 8, 2019

The Annual Rotary Banquet was held at the John D. Bradley Centre today. This was our 80th banquet and we were so pleased with the excellent turnout. Jennifer Hill and her committee are to be congratulated for all their work in organizing such a successful event.

President Paul Watson acted as emcee, District Governor Sparky Leonard offered greetings, Alysson Storey and Julia Smith led a sing-song and our guest speaker Rocco Rossi delivered an excellent message.

Our guest speaker was introduced by Tracey Walker and thanked by Tania Sharpe.

Paul introduced Past District Governors Keith Koke and Barry Fraser who are members of our club. Paul also introduced Mayor Darrin Canniff and MPP Rick Nicholls. Past District Governor Audrey Chevalier was also present.

Our speaker was the President and CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. He is a successful entrepreneur and business executive, an excellent fundraiser and he has received the Queen's Jubilee Medal for his community service. His message was both inspirational and entertaining.



*Above: Guest Speaker Rocco Rossi
Top Right: President Paul Watson*



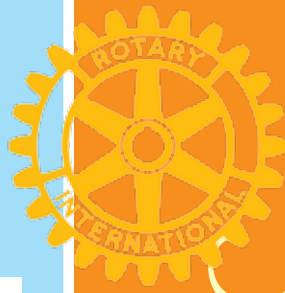
Above: President Paul making a presentation to Jennifer Hill, chair of the banquet committee



Several photos submitted by Alysson Storey

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Keith Koke suggested that the following poem be included in our bulletin this week as we remember.



Happy Notices

One Thousand Men

Are Walking'

(Joshua Dyer – age 14)

One thousand men are walking

Walking side by side

Singing songs from home

The spirit as their guide

they walk toward the light milord

they walk towards the sun

they smoke and laugh and smile together

no foes to outrun

these men live on forever

in the hearts of those they saved

a nation truly grateful

for the path of peace they paved

they march as friends and comrades

but they do not march for war

step closer to salvation

a tranquil steady corps

the meadows lit with golden beams

a beacon for the brave

the emerald grass untrampled

a reward for what they gave

they dream of those they left behind

and know they dream of them

forever in those poppy fields

there walks one thousand men

BIRTHDAYS

None

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

**Denise Spadotto 17 years
November 6, 2002**

**Karen Kirkwood-Whyte
28 years
November 13, 1991**

UPCOMING MEETINGS

**November 13
Presentation of
The Guatamala Group**

**November 20, 2019
Kennedy Burm
Rotary Exchange (Germany)**



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