



THE ROTOMINDER

“Service Above Self”



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By *Rick Bodnaruk*/Photos by *Chris Taylor TV Cogeco*

Eileen was introduced by Rotarian **Peter Tanner**, who not by coincidence has attended a workshop building ceramic bio-filters. These come in various sizes, cost about \$60, and contain an upper layer of water in which an anti-toxin mold has formed, followed by layers of fine sand and rocks as a finishing filter. These barriers remove 98% of harmful bacteria and viruses.

Eileen and her husband John were introduced to the pressing need for clean water and sanitation during a visit to Nepal, and realized as a member of the Rotary Club of Troy (Past President, Past Assistant Governor, Water Resource Coordinator, Service Above Self Honoree) that something could be done.

Since 2003, an estimated million people have benefited from filter distribution, training for local manufacture, close involvement with the inhabitants, and cooperation with the Rotary Club of Kathmandu by our District Rotarians. Hundreds of schools benefited, and 2 also gained new toilets. Eileen has now turned her interest to the Middle East, with the Lebanon School Project. The Rotary Club of Troy submitted a successful \$79,000 grant which is fully funded, and is preparing others. The pilot involved 10 schools,



and will eventually encompass every public school and every local Rotary Club. A working trip to Lebanon is planned for November. Airfare is by individuals, accommodation is at Rotarians' homes, and Eileen invited us along!

Check out Eileen and her fellow volunteers at avisionforcleanwater.org

Assistant Governor **Barry Fraser**, who also not by coincidence took part in the Nepal Water Project in 2007-8, thanked Eileen for the Club.



Asst D.G. Barry Fraser, President Fannie Vavoulis, Eileen Heasley & Peter Tanner

Guest Speaker	Eileen Heasley - Low Cost Water and Sanitation Solutions
Visiting Rotarians	Audrey Chevalier & Michele Cryan (Chatham Sunrise), Mary Lynn & Dave McGuire (Tilbury)
Guests of Rotarians	Chris Prince & Chris Prince (Sparky Leonard), Eduard Navara (Brian Reid), Mike Korpan (Andy Watson), Allison Cuthill (Moir Kerr), Michelle Bloomfield (Rob Bloomfield)
Club Guests	Julia Smith (Pianist), Sabrina Fields (Event Planner), Chris Taylor (TV Cogeco), Blair Andrews (Chatham This Week)

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>50/50 TICKETS</u>
August	Peter Tanner Tania Sharpe	Rob Watson
September	Moir Kerr Rika Edwards	Keith Dawson
October	Mary Anne Udvari Wayne Schnabel	Colin McGregor

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS	Rika Edwards Aug 4, Augie Sunnen Aug 6, Rob Watson Aug 6, Karen Kirkwood-Whyte Aug 31
CLUB ANNIVERSARIES	Donna Litwin-Makey 4 years, Mike Bondy, Don Shropshire, Brett Smith, Sarah Wagenaar 5 years, Don 'Sparky' Leonard 17 years, Colin McGregor 18 years, Colin Patey 25 years, Rob Watson 29 years

Upcoming Speakers

Wednesday Aug 19/15	District Governor Henry Dotson official visit
Wednesday Aug 26/15	Stephen and Stephanie Keating and Michael Fry - Preserving Our Local Heritage - The Story of The Kent 1874
Wednesday Sep 2/15	Greg Heatherington – How to succeed in small market radio/business
Wednesday Sep 9/15	Todd Warriner - Professional Hockey-Ice Dancer-Broadcaster. Still from Blenheim
Wednesday Sep 16/15	Chris McLeod
Wednesday Sep 23/15	Scott Collier - Youth Exchange how it changed my life
Wednesday Sep 30/15	Lynn Henning – Detroit News

E-BINGO SCHEDULE Jul 01-Sep 30 /15

DATE	PREP TIME	WORK TIME	WORKERS	
FRI AUG 21	7:30 PM	7:45 PM TO 9:45 PM	Tanya Sharpe 519-365-6419	1 volunteer
MON SEP 7	5:30 PM	5:45 PM TO 7:45 PM	Gerry Bellinger 519-809-1722	Paul Watson 519-354-6392
THU SEP 10	5:30 PM	5:45 PM TO 7:45 PM	Wayne Schnabel 519-365-3222	Brad Langford 519-352-5484

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Moira Kerr brought her sister Allison Cuthill, who is here visiting from Scotland, Moira's homeland. We wish Allison a wonderful time in Canada and a safe trip home.

New Members Inducted



Don “Sparky” Leonard, Jamie Rioux & Chris Prince



Mike Korpan & Andy Watson

President **Fannie Vavoulis** inducted her first new members at the Wednesday luncheon this week.

The Club welcomed **Jamie Rioux** a Small Business Manager for the Royal Bank of Canada King St Chatham. Jamie is married to Krissy and they have 3 children. We also welcomed **Chris Prince** a Financial Developer for the YMCA’s across Southwestern Ontario. Chris is married to Stephanie and they have 6 children. Both Jamie and Chris are sponsored in membership by Past Pres. Don “Sparky” Leonard.

Andy Watson sponsored **Michael Korpan** in membership to our Club. Mike is an agricultural Engineer and a Winemaker. His winemaking business Early Acres Estate Vineyards is located on Pioneer Line, Chatham where he does everything for his winery but he does not do windows. Mike is married to Susan and they have 2 children.

Each member shook the hand of our new members to officially welcome them to the Club. The membership looks forward to many years of Service and fellowship in Rotary.



Beach Boys

You can see more photos by Chris Taylor of TV Cogeco on the Rotary Club of Chatham's Facebook page.

ENTERTAINMENT:

Rob Bloomfield integral to bringing legendary band to community ⁰



By [Ellwood Shreve](#), Chatham Daily News

Sunday, August 9, 2015 2:09:49 EDT PM



Rob & Michelle Bloomfield



Rotary Club of Chatham members Rob Bloomfield, left, Fannie Vavoulis and Don 'Sparky' Leonard, check over the venue, including a mini-amphitheatre that has been created in Tecumseh Park in Chatham, Ont. for the Beach Boys show on Saturday, August 8, 2015. Ellwood Shreve/Chatham Daily News/Postmedia Network

Bringing an iconic band like the Beach Boys to Chatham takes connections, and for the Rotary Club of Chatham that connection is Rob Bloomfield.

The Chatham resident and Rotarian is a personal friend of Mike Love – a founder of the Beach Boys – and played a major role in making Saturday's Beach Boys performance in Tecumseh Park a reality. The show attracted more than 5,000 people, helping the club raise more than \$100,000 for the Chatham-Kent Hospice.

Love told local media on Saturday morning his friendship with Bloomfield is a “huge factor” of why the band came to Chatham.

He recalled Bloomfield's parents “used to drive him, before he could drive, to shows in Pine Knob, or wherever we were within a hundred-mile radius.”

Bloomfield said he's been a Beach Boys fan since birth, recalling his father used to constantly play their music on the 8-track stereo in the family car.

In 1975, his father bought him the Beach Boys album *Endless Summer*.

“I probably played California girls to the point it wouldn't play on the record player anymore,” Bloomfield laughed.

About three or four years later, his parents took him to the former Pine Knob outdoor concert venue near Detroit to see his first Beach Boys concert.

“I fell in love with them,” Bloomfield said.

He credits being a huge Beach Boys fan for him see many parts of the United States by driving to several of their shows.

But, the origins of Bloomfield's personal friendship with Love can be traced to a fateful event in the late 1980s when he managed to get backstage passes to a Beach Boys show in Toronto in the hopes of getting some memorabilia signed.

“There was like 35 girls and me, and I looked like a complete dork,” he laughed.

Love walked out of the bathroom and asked if he could help him, and Bloomfield admits to being so nervous he was ready to leave. But Love ended up signing some things for him and they struck up a friendship.

Fast-forward to 1999, and Bloomfield, a Windsor native, was coaching the AKO Fratmen football team, which desperately needed to raise some money.

“I went to Mike and said, 'Hey, we'd like to do a charitable concert,' and he goes, 'You don't know anything about doing concerts,' and I said, 'Nope, but I'm going to learn.'”

Bloomfield said the show was so successful that Chrysler asked him and his wife Michelle to take it across Canada to launch its certified pre-owned vehicle brand. He said they did 11 shows in nine days that included Halifax, Montreal, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver.

Rotary club past-president, Don 'Sparky' Leonard, who knew of the friendship between Love and Bloomfield, recalled asking his fellow Rotarian about trying to bring the Beach Boys to the community. He said the process began by inviting Love to be a guest speaker at last year's annual Rotary banquet. “Mike came in, we had dinner with him and convinced him that Chatham-Kent was a great place to come and have a concert,” Leonard said.

However, he admitted being a little shocked when it all came together, thinking: “What are we doing?”

Bloomfield said the Rotary club mixed the success he had with organizing previous Beach Boys shows with the success current club president Fannie Vavoulis had in bringing Canadian rockers The Trews to Tecumseh Park in 2013 as part of the RetroFest event.

Bloomfield could be seen singing many Beach Boys songs word-for-word on Saturday night as he helped run the event.

“For me, the only revenue I get out of this is having a smile,” Bloomfield said.

He said an added benefit for him was joining Rotary and seeing what a great organization it is.

“It's been a remarkable thing for the community and we're having a lot of fun,” Bloomfield said.

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Concert-goers have chance to win special prize



By [Blair Andrews](#), Chatham This Week

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Rotary of Chatham past-president Don "Sparky" Leonard and president Fannie Vavoulis show off the custom made surf board that will be signed by the Beach Boys as part of a draw happening during Saturday's concert in Tecumseh Park. Tickets for the board are \$2 and can only be purchased at the concert. Photo taken in Chatham, Ont. on Wednesday August 5, 2015. (Diana Martin/Chatham Daily News/Postmedia Network)

The countdown is on to the Beach Boys concert at Tecumseh Park in Chatham on Saturday. Chatham Rotarians are getting ready to transform the park into an unforgettable music experience. "We're not only trying to bring a world class rock and roll band with a lot of history to our municipality, what we're trying to do is create a venue they will never forget as well," said Don "Sparky" Leonard, past-president of the Rotary Club at Wednesday's meeting, the last before Saturday's concert. The club is bringing the iconic band, led by original members Mike Love and Bruce Johnston, to Chatham as part of its commitment to raise \$100,000 for the Chatham-Kent Hospice project.

Leonard said 3,250 tickets have been sold so far, with only a few tickets left in the \$99-VIP section. The catered package offers reserved seating within 18 rows of the stage in a tented area where hors d'oeuvres and beverages (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will be served. Another section offers reserved seating at \$45 per ticket. The third area will be general admission seating at \$20 a ticket, where people can bring lawn chairs or blankets.

Tickets can be purchased at the Cultural Centre box office at 75 William St. N., in Chatham. (Call 519-354-8338 or online at cktickets.com.)

As for the day of the show, Leonard said the tickets can only be purchased at the Cultural Centre box office until 8 p.m.

The gates open at 5:30 p.m. and the event is on rain or shine.

Leonard advises those who want to park in the downtown area for the concert to come early.

Otherwise, there will be off-site parking at the Union Gas office on Keil Drive.

"We do have buses that will be shuttling people back and forth from Union Gas, from 5:30 p.m. right up until the last person needs a ride after the concert," said Leonard.

Local favourite Superfly has been lined up as the opening act and then the Beach Boys will hit the stage at around 8 p.m.

There will be a short intermission, during which time the club will announce the winner of special raffle that will be held at the concert.

The club has arranged for San Diego Surf Art to create a one-of-a-kind surfboard for the event that will be autographed for the winner, who must be in attendance.

More information can be found at the Rotary Club's website, at chathamrotary.com.

Entertainment

Show raises more than \$100,000 for Chatham-Kent Hospice ⁰

Sunday, August 9, 2015 2:14:05 EDT PM

FUNDRAISER: - More than 5,000 people packed Chatham's Tecumseh Park on Saturday night to enjoy a stellar performance by the legendary Beach Boys.





The Rotary Club of Chatham organized the concert as a fundraiser for Chatham-Kent Hospice.

Mike Love, a founder of the Beach Boys, has performed around the world, but he has a fondness for smaller communities such as Chatham-Kent.

Speaking to the media on Saturday morning, Love said people in larger communities can get a little jaded because there are so many big acts and other events that come through on a regular basis.

“When you come to a place that’s more of a real community, that

has a feeling and a sense of community, then I think it makes it more special,” he said, adding especially when it’s “philanthropically driven.”

The Rotary club has committed to raising \$100,000 for the hospice, which is currently under construction.

Earlier in the day, Don 'Sparky' Leonard, Rotary club past-president, said he didn’t want to give out a crazy number on the expectation of what the show would raise, joking people think he is too optimistic. But, basking in the glow a successful event, Leonard jubilantly announced during the show’s intermission the club will, in fact, exceed its \$100,000 goal, thanks to the tremendous support of the community.

Jennifer Wilson, chair of the Chatham-Kent Hospice board, who described the event as an “epic night,” was not surprised the local service club was able to raise \$100,000.

“That is typical of Rotary . . . they are huge community supporters,” she said.

Wilson said the fun people had at the show is a perfect example of what hospice is all about.

“Hospice is not about dying, hospice is about living,” she said.

“It is about living every single minute we have on this earth to the fullest, and the Beach Boys is a great example of that,” Wilson added.

The support of TekSavvy Solutions as the major sponsor helped make the fundraiser a success.

Marc Gaudrault, TekSavvy CEO, was among those who enjoyed the show.

“It’s amazing, the feeling is just great, the atmosphere is great,” he said.

“How can you go wrong with the Beach Boys?” he added.

Gaudrault said the event provided a good feeling for the community, adding TekSavvy “is all about the same kind of thing. We like to do good things for people and I think this is one of those kind of things.”

Love was impressed with the local effort that went into organizing the show.

This also included contributions by RM Restoration and Retro Suites, along with local boy scouts, Erieau Marina, Knights of Columbus and Sertoma Club of Thamesville that all had member pitch in to help.

After more than half-a-century of performing, putting on a great show remains a top priority for the Beach Boys.

“Our total focus is staying in good shape to do the best job we can, vocally and performance-wise for the shows,” Love said.

He knows the Beach Boys aren’t the only act out there, and their music is not everybody’s cup of tea.

“Our job is to take a person who is maybe with somebody who really wants to come to see the Beach Boys and convert that person that's ambivalent into a fan,” Love said. He added the band will “at least give it the old college try to impress people that 'Wow, these guys really care, these guys really . . . put all the energy they can into making these songs come off as close to the records as possible.”

Judging from those who came to the show, the Beach Boys stayed true to their commitment of excellence.

Nancy Matteis, of Chatham, was one of several fans who enjoyed the VIP experience thanks to her husband Dave, who bought the tickets for her birthday.

“I've never seen them live in concert, but I've been a fan since I was a kid,” Matteis said, adding she was excited to receive this special gift.

Mary Jane Kells, from Petrolia, won a local radio contest, which included an opportunity to meet the band.

“This is a thrill for me,” she said, noting it was her first time seeing the Beach Boys.

Kells also had the chance to go on stage to sing Barbara Ann with the band, but joked she planned to only lip-sync, because she can't sing that well.

Craig and Kerry Whaley, from Wixom, Michigan, north of Detroit, are big Beach Boys fans.

Craig Whaley said they have friends who helped put the event together, so they wanted to come to Chatham to enjoy the show and support all the fine work the Rotary club is doing.

As for why they enjoy the Beach Boys, he said: “It's just classic music . . . sand, sun and fun, and all the stuff.”

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Tickets still available for tonight's show 0

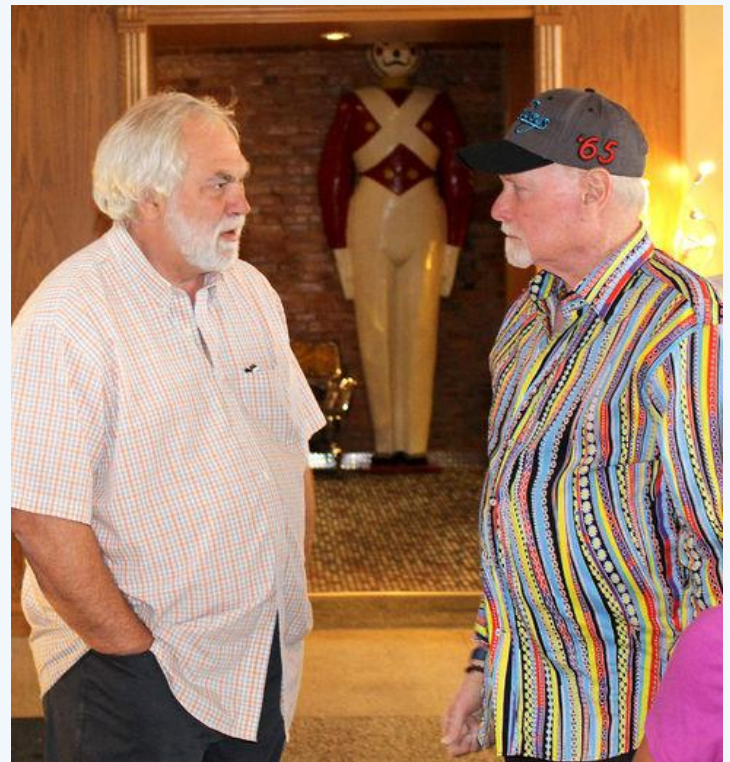


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Rob Myers, left, owner of the Retro Suites in Chatham, Ont., speaks with Beach Boys founder Mike Love, after a press conference at the downtown Chatham hotel on Saturday, August 8, 2015. Ellwood Shreve/Chatham Daily News/Postmedia Network



Mike Love, a founder of the iconic Beach Boys band, has performed around the world, but he has a fondness for smaller communities such as Chatham-Kent.

Speaking to the media on Saturday morning, ahead of the band's concert at Tecumseh Park at 8 p.m., Love said people in larger communities can get a little jaded because there are so many big acts and other events that come through on a regular basis.

"When you come to a place that's more of a real community, that has a feeling and a sense of community, then I think it makes it more special," he said.

He added it makes it more special for the band, especially when its "philanthropically driven."

Love is referring to the fact the show has been organized by the Rotary Club of Chatham as a fundraiser to meet its \$100,000 commitment to the Chatham-Kent Hospice, which is currently under construction.

Don 'Sparky' Leonard, Rotary club past-president, said he doesn't want to give out a crazy number on the fundraising total expectation, joking people think he is too optimistic.

"We are going to meet and exceed what we originally hoped to do," he said, noting an exact number will be available within two weeks and a nice presentation will be made to the hospice project.

"We'd like to cover the whole \$100,000, and I really do believe that's going to be possible," Leonard said, noting more than 4,000 people are coming to the show.

He added there is still tickets available to see the show, which includes Superfly as the opening act, taking the stage before the Beach Boys come on at 8 p.m.

"We have done an exceptional job of keeping an eye on costs," Leonard said. "We are going to be in really good shape when this is done."

Love has been impressed with the effort that has gone into organizing the show by local community.

This includes contributions by Tek Savvy, a major sponsor, RM Restoration and Retro Suites, which put up the band, along with the boy scouts, Erieau Marina, Knights of Columbus and Sertoma Club of Thamesville that all have had member pitch in to help.

Love said the great effort reminds him of the Beach Boys song 'Be true to your school.'

"You know, you're being true to your community . . . being part of something that's purpose-driven," he said.

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When asked about the band's relationship with fans, Love pointed to a bangle he received from a Vietnam War veteran who served in the central highlands of the Asian country.

He said this fellow gave him the bangle, because the Beach Boys music meant so much to him and so many other military guys of that time.

"We weren't fighting overseas . . . yet our music gave them a sense of comfort and a sense of home, that is truly special," Love said.

Joking that the band has been "practicing for 54 years," he said fans can "expect some pretty good renditions of songs" during tonight's show.

Tickets can be purchased at the Cultural Centre box office at 75 William St. N., in Chatham up until 8 p.m. or by calling 519-354-8338.

Leonard said there is everything from VIP seats that include a catered meal and some drink tickets, to lawn seats still available.

Makeups can be done at the following Clubs

MONDAY

DRESDEN – St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church – 6:00 p.m.

RIDGETOWN – Anglican Parish Hall – 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

BLLENHEIM – Legion Hall – 6:30 p.m.

CHATHAM – SUNRISE – Smitty's Pancake House – 7:30 a.m.

TILBURY – Knights of Columbus Hall – 12:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

CHATHAM – St. Clair College Capitol Theatre, Rotary Lounge – 12:15 p.m.

THURSDAY

WALLACEBURG – Happy Craft Building – 6:15 p.m.

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