



# The Rotominder

“Service Above Self”



**Rotary Club of Chatham**  
**The Links of Kent Golf Club, Events Centre**  
**120 Indian Creek Road West**  
**Wednesdays at 12:15 P.M.**

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## February 10 , 2016



**Autumn Sloan** was sponsored by our Club as Youth Exchange to Germany 2014-15, and was introduced today by **Jennifer Jacobson**. Autumn gave a wonderful presentation illustrating the highs and lows of her student exchange trip to Germany. The exchange started well as with her first host family whose daughter was on her way to Ecuador. Unfortunately once the host daughter left Autumn no longer felt welcome with the family. Her next family was a very poor fit and she was only with them for two weeks. The third family started well but due to internal family issues and the impending divorce of the host parents poor Autumn was asked to move again. The fourth time however was a charm and the last family was perfect. There was even a host sister the same age as her. The cities that she stayed in were very small and the school was completely different from what she was used to at the Pines. Grades 4-12 are all in one school and the schools are huge.

Festivals and holidays are celebrated with gusto in Germany. Food, beverages and dancing abound! Autumn was able to experience [Schutzenfest](#), a festival where the men shoot down a bird, the first to shoot down the bird is the King of the festival. The next day the parade stops at the Kings house to pick him up. Oktoberfest is celebrated of course! Autumn was able to wear the traditional German costume for the event. [Erste Mai](#), basically, the first of May, is the start of summer. The adults all depart for a bike ride and teens build a cart and walk next to the cart for approximately five kilometers. Pfingsten is very similar to Halloween in Canada. People go door to door on a tractor and get candy and money and then have a BBQ. [Karneval](#), very similar to Mardi Gras, was celebrated in Dusseldorf where Autumn was able to meet up with other exchange students from the district.

Some of Autumn’s favourite things from Germany are the Christmas Markets which are stocked with special foods and Christmas ornaments. The food was amazing and she was able to eat a lot of sausages as well as white asparagus with hollandaise sauce. Breakfasts in Germany are the same every day with fresh bread, cheese, meet and coffee.

Some of the most amazing and life changing sites that Autumn was able to experience include Dachau and the Berlin Wall. During her Europe tour she was fortunate to see the Eifel Tower, Leaning Tower of Pisa, experience Mass with the Pope in Rome, and saw the UN headquarters in Geneva as well as visited Prague one of her favourite cities.

Some cultural difference she noticed include that Germany is very traditional, everyone dresses up and wearing sweatpants is frowned upon. The Rotary clubs are predominantly men and some of the exchange students who were female were unable to attend the meetings of men only clubs.

Q: Any advice for future RYEs? A: Major life lessons learned include go with the flow don’t let obstacles and challenges get you down and learn as much as you can from the people and the culture. Autumn was thanked by **Patricia Fraser**.

<b>Club Guests</b>	Chris Taylor – TV Cogeco
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	John Lawrence – Rotary Club of Chatham Sunrise ADG Don Jackson – Rotary Club of Blenheim
<b>Guests of Rotarians</b>	Darlene Smith (Chatham Voice) guest of Laurie Leonard Pat Pearson guest of Fannie Vavoulis Adi Zingman guest of Donald Leonard Ginny Rossel guest of Donald Leonard
<b>Speaker</b>	Autumn Sloan Returned RYE to Germany 2914-15 Yvonne Riche guest of Autumn

### Check your duty Roster!

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>50/50 TICKETS</u>
February	Tania Sharpe, Alysson Storey	Don Sparky Leonard
March	Peter Cook, Brad Langford	Rob Watson
April	Jennifer Hill, Moira Kerr	Keith Dawson

### February Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>	Moira Kerr Feb 10 <sup>th</sup> Doug Sulman Feb 12 <sup>th</sup> Chris Prince Feb 14 <sup>th</sup> Rod Hooktwith Feb 16 <sup>th</sup> Tom Storey Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>
<b>CLUB ANNIVERSARIES</b>	Fannie Vavoulis 5 years Peter Tanner 1 year

### Upcoming Speakers

Wednesday Feb 17/16	John Lawrence, Rotary Sunrise - Clean Water
Wednesday Feb 24/16	ADG Barry Fraser – My Rotary Journey to DGN
Wednesday Mar 02/16	Kang Hee Lee - Rotary Youth Exchange From S. Korea
Wednesday Mar 09/16	Michele Grzebien-Huckson - Foundation of Chatham Kent Health Alliance
Wednesday Mar 16/16	Julie Ross – Song Circle
Wednesday Mar 23/16	Hugh Logan – Chatham-Kent Foundation
Wednesday Mar 29/16	Penny McGregor – Maycourt Women of Excellence
Wednesday Apr 06/16	Mary Alice Searles – Canada Learning Bond Campaign
Wednesday Apr 20/16	Paula Talbot – Canada Blood Services

<b>E-BINGO SCHEDULE Feb-Mar /2016</b>				
<b>DATE</b>	<b>PREP TIME</b>	<b>WORK TIME</b>	<b>WORKERS</b>	
Wed Feb 10	6:00 PM	6:15 PM TO 8:15 PM	Janet McGuigan Kelley 519-359-0481	Wayne Schnabel 519-365-3222
Sun Feb 21	10:00 PM	10:15 PM TO 12:15 AM	Richard Bodnaruk 519-351-3126	Paul Watson 519-354-6392
Tuesday Mar 1	8:00 PM	8:15 PM To 10:15 PM	Brad Langford 519-352-5484	Tania Sharpe 519-351-6410
Saturday Mar 5	8:00 PM	8:15 PM To 10:15 PM	Paul Watson 519-354-6392	Jane Fry 519-397-4071
Saturday Mar 18	3:30 PM	3:45 PM To 5:45 PM	Keith Dawson 519-352-0516	Donna Letwin-Mackey 1-519-825-9878

<u>We can use more E-Bingo Volunteers – Here’s Mandatory Scheduled Training</u>
Please e-Mail the Rotary Office to report that you have successfully attended a session!
Thursday February 25 - Riverview Bingo Palace (Riverview Drive) 7:00 - 9:00pm
Wednesday March 9 - Riverview Bingo Palace (Riverview Drive) 7:00 - 9:00pm

## **Rotary TV Bingo**

Don't forget about Rotary TV Bingo.....just because you may have missed the initial Team, or have been side-tracked, don't be a stranger! Want to be more familiar? Connect on [rotarytvbingo.com](http://rotarytvbingo.com) for updates, where cards are sold, the rules, and who's won over \$100,000 so far! Drop in at the Cogeco Studio about 6:30 most Tuesdays and you will be put to work! Flash: we particularly need an Engineer – the person who magically switches the pictures! Talk to Brett Smith wrt that, or Fannie Vavoulis if you dream to be on camera, or Les Herman on the winner verification/service Team.

### **Makeups can be done at the following Clubs**

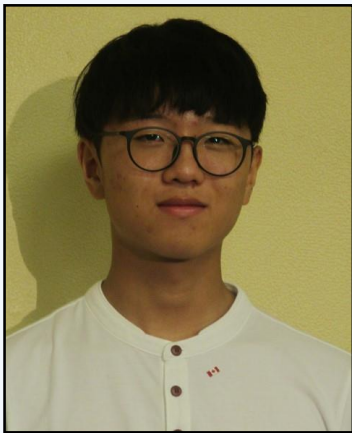
**MONDAY**     **DRESDEN** – St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church – 6:00 p.m.  
**RIDGETOWN** – Anglican Parish Hall – 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY**    **BLenheim** – 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.

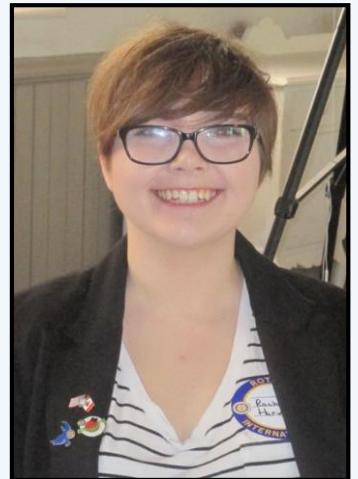
**WEDNESDAY** **CHATHAM** – St. Clair College Capitol Theatre, Rotary Lounge – 12:15 p.m.

**THURSDAY**   **WALLACEBURG** – Happy Craft Building – 6:15

# Exchange Students



**Inbound from Korea**  
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 Watson  
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**Outbound to Germany**  
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