



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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Our speaker this week was **Kang Hee Lee**, our exchange student from South Korea. Kang was introduced by **Rotarian Paul Watson** who told us that Kang is 18 years old and is from Songtan City a community of 110,000 just south of Seoul. There is an American air base located in his hometown and he hopes to practice his English by talking with some of the Americans stationed there when he returns to South Korea. His father and mother are both business owners and Hang has an older sister and a younger brother. His hobbies are dancing, soccer and basketball. The local Rotary District is No. 3750 and his sponsoring club has several hundred members. Kang told Rotarians about the beginning of the Korean language, about the Temple of the Buddha Land, the Palace of Illustrious Virtue which was built in 1405, the Jongmyo Shrine, Korean music and drama. During the question period, Kang mentioned that he

hopes to have an exchange in France next year before returning home. Kang has been a wonderful exchange student and we are so pleased that he was with our club this year. Our thanks were expressed by **Rotarian Brett Smith**.

Speaker	Kang Hee Lee – inbound exchange student from South Korea talks about his home
Visiting Rotarians	none
Guest of Rotarian	Lynn Smith (Brett Smith)
Youth Exchange	Kang Hee Lee – From South Korea
Club Guests	Chris Taylor – TV Cogeco, Julia Smith (Pianist)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellow Chatham Rotarians,

As many of you are aware in 2012 I was selected for the Rotary Peace Fellowship at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. My class was made of 23 individuals from 14 different countries. One of my classmates was Melham Mansour from Syria. For those of you that read last months Rotarian magazine Melham is one of the featured Peace Fellows in the Acts of Peace article.

Mel and I have remained friends and in touch since our departure from Bangkok in 2012. Mel had quite the journey in even being able to attend the Peace Fellowship as he was detained at the Syrian border several times just trying to get out to come to the program. He eventually was able to come by being accompanied by his mother.

Since our program was complete in May 2012 Mel has not been able to return home to Syria. He is currently residing in London and working and is safe. However, Mel has contacted me looking for help for his brother and mother. They fled Syria in 2014 and are currently in Lebanon; however, it is not a great situation there either and resources for Syrians and access to affordable housing, work and health care are ongoing issues. Mel's brother is Manaf and I have been communicating with him. He is looking for help/sponsorship for him and his mother to come to Canada. Manaf is well educated and speaks Arabic, English and German. He is a young man eager and willing to work and start a new life. I know this is the case for many that find themselves in this terrible situation. Manaf advises me that he has some funds that could assist with the sponsorship.

I know many of you are involved in other organizations and churches that are looking at sponsoring families. If anyone has any contacts or is looking for a candidate to sponsor, I would like to put Manaf's name forward. Manaf's resume will be available for anyone interested.

Thank you,
Jennifer Jacobson

Our Pianist Julia Smith Returns

The Club no longer has to sing ahcapelo. Rotarian Peter Cook welcomed back our Pianist Julia , now that we have a piano for her to play. Thank you to everyone that aided in the search for a piano for our new venue at the Links of Kent.



Check your duty Roster!

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>50/50 TICKETS</u>
March	Peter Cook, Brad Langford	Rob Watson
April	Jennifer Hill, Moira Kerr	Keith Dawson

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS	3 rd Mike Bondy; 6 th Donna Litwin-Makey; 10 th Barry Fraser; 16 th Sarah Wagenaar; 18 th Keith Dawson; 20 th Bill Grin; 27 th Patricia Fraser; 29 th Wayne Schnabel;
CLUB ANNIVERSARIES	Bill Grin 21 years; Brian Reid 18 years; Rick Bodnaruk 10 years; Mike Pestowka 9 years; Monica Ramboer 1 yr.

Upcoming Speakers

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

E-BINGO SCHEDULE Feb-June /2016

DATE	PREP TIME	WORK TIME	WORKERS	
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	Gerry Bellinger 519-354-3520	Jane Fry 519-397-4071
Saturday Mar 18	3:30 PM	3:45 PM To 5:45 PM	Keith Dawson 519-352-0516	Donna Litwin-Makey 1-519-825-9878
Sunday Apr 10	1:30 PM	1:45 PM TO 3:45 PM		
Friday Apr 29	6:00 PM	6:15 PM TO 8:15 PM	Tania Sharpe 519-351-6410	
Sunday May 08	9:30 PM	9:45 PM TO 11:45 PM	Paul Watson 519-354-6392	
Saturday May 14	9:00 PM	9:45 PM TO 11:45 PM		
Monday May 30	8:00 PM	8:15 PM TO 10:15 AM		
Wednesday June 01	6:00 PM	6:15 PM TO 8:15 PM		
Saturday June 18	3:00 PM	3:45 PM TO 5:45 PM		

<u>We can use more E-Bingo Volunteers – Here’s Mandatory but Easy Training</u>
Please e-Mail the Rotary Office to report that you have successfully attended a session!
Wednesday March 9 - Riverview Bingo Palace (Riverview Drive) 7:00 - 9:00pm
Wednesday March 30 - Riverview Bingo Palace (Riverview Drive) 7:00 - 9:00pm
Wednesday April 11 - Riverview Bingo Palace (Riverview Drive) 7:00 - 9:00pm
Wednesday April 28 - Riverview Bingo Palace (Riverview Drive) 7:00 - 9:00pm

Once you complete your training for E-Bingo please advise Sandee. A name badge will need to be ordered for you showing your first name only.

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 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. *
Wednesday Mar 3 once only.

Makeups can be done at the following Clubs

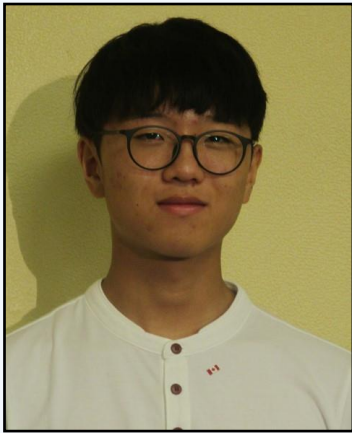
MONDAY **DRESDEN** – St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church – 6:00 p.m.
 RIDGETOWN – Anglican Parish Hall – 6:30 p.m.

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.

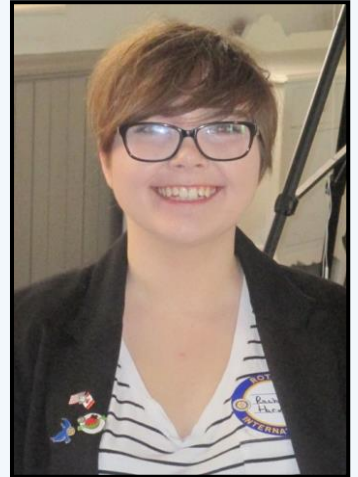
WEDNESDAY **CHATHAM** – The Links of Kent Golf Club Events Centre – 12:15 p.m.

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

Exchange Students



Inbound from Korea
Kang Hee Lee
 opwq1238@naver.com
 Host Family: Paul and Coleen
 Watson
519-354-6392



Outbound to Germany
Rachael Harvey
 rachel_harvey@outlook.com

Rotary Club of Chatham Officers and Directors	
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