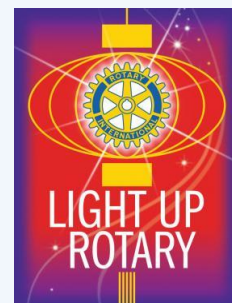




# THE ROTOMINDER

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*Keith Dawson*

**Rotarian Jennifer Jacobson** introduced fellow **Rotarian Peter Tanner** who gave his classification talk this week. Peter is married and has 2 daughters. He enrolled in engineering at the University of Waterloo after finishing high school. During a school break, he had a chance to work with computers at the National Research Council in Ottawa. This was at a time when a computer filled an entire room. His work was computer graphics and research and was leading edge. NRC had the second mouse ever built, for example. Peter was so intrigued that he switched to computer science when he returned to University. After completing his education, Peter had a chance to work in France for a year. At the time, he had two young daughters and found this a wonderful experience for his family. In fact, Peter and his wife still own a house in France and travel there every spring and fall. After returning from France, Peter continued research in Waterloo. But he had the urge to travel abroad again, so he joined the Foreign Service for 5 years. His assignment was trade promotion and he was stationed in Mongolia. After returning to Canada, he joined a small computer company in the



Ottawa area that was later purchased by IBM. Peter retired from that company in 2007. His wife was from the Highgate area and so they returned to this area after retirement. Peter is fluent in French and is also interested in learning Spanish. To accomplish this, he has visited several Spanish speaking countries for extended periods. We extend a warm welcome to Peter and thank him for his talk today. Our thanks were expressed by **Rotarian Charles Seaman**.



**Charles Seaman, President Don “Sparky” Leonard, Peter Tanner, Jenn Jacobson**

<b>Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Peter Tanner</b> – Classification Talk
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	<b>Darren Winger</b> (Windsor Roseland)
<b>Guests of Rotarians</b>	Jamie Rioux ( <b>Sparky Leonard</b> ), Sandy Bray ( <b>Keith Koke</b> ), David Barr ( <b>Peter Tanner</b> ), Bob & Donna Park ( <b>Gord &amp; Jane Fry</b> )
<b>Club Guests</b>	Julia Smith (Pianist), Sabrina Fields (volunteer event planner), Inbound exchange students, You-Jin Jung (South Korea), Allen Hsueh (Taiwan), Chris Taylor (TV Cogeco),

### **Upcoming Speakers**

Wednesday May 20/15	Cst. Ken Lauzon CKPS – Citizen Police Academy
Wednesday May 28/15	Sgt. Brian Knowler – Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
Wednesday June 3/15	Allen Hsueh – Inbound exchange student from Taiwan
Wednesday June 10/15	Jason Wintermute – Water management Supervisor, LTVCA
Wednesday June 17/15	<b>Rika Edwards</b> – Classification Talk
Wednesday June 24/15	President Don “Sparky” Leonard Swan Song – Evening dinner meeting at the home of Andy & Kathy Watson, <b>No Luncheon Meeting</b>
Wednesday July 1/15	<b>No Meeting – Canada Day</b>
Wednesday July 8/15	<b>Inaugural meeting for President elect Fannie Vavoulis</b>

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>50/50 TICKETS</u>
May	Alysson Storey Donna Litwin-Makey	Win Elzinga
June	Brett Smith Brad Langford	Mike Pestowka
July	Peter Cook Kevin Mills	Paul Mayrand

## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>	Dave Pudwell May 7, Alysson Storey May 21, Janet McGuigan-Kelly May 22, Paul Mayrand May 29
<b>CLUB ANNIVERSARIES</b>	Les Herman 3 years, Dan Whittal 4 years, Diane McGuigan 23 years

<u>E-BINGO SCHEDULE Apr 01-Jun 30/15</u>				
DATE	PREP TIME	WORK TIME	WORKERS	
THU MAY 14	5:30 AM	5:45 TO 7:45 PM	Tania Sharpe 519-365-6419	Keith Dawson 519-352-0516
SUN MAY 24	7:30 PM	7:45 TO 9:45 PM	Linda Campbell 519-352-7356	Tania Sharpe 519-351-6410
SAT JUN 13	11:30 AM	11:45 AM TO 1:45 PM	Moir Kerr 519-352-3479	Janet McGuigan-Kelly 519-359-0481
WED JUN 24	7:30 PM	7:45 TO 9:45 PM	Gerry Bellinger 519-809-1722	Moir Kerr 519-352-3479

## Outbound Exchange Students



**CKSS Student Noah Churchill Baird to Belgium**

**UCC Student Autumn Sloan to Germany**



## Inbound Exchange Students



You-Jin Jung from South Korea

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Counselor: **Jenn Jacobson**

Host Family: **Don & Laurie Leonard**

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Allen Hsueh from Taiwan

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Counsellor: **Brett Smith**

Host family: **Paul & Colleen Watson** 519-354-6392

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

It with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Mrs. Leonard, President **Don “Sparky” Leonard**’s Mother. She passed away on Mother’s Day with her family at her side. At her request there is a private family funeral on Friday May 15/15. Should you wish to make a donation in memory of Mrs. Leonard the family has requested donations be made to the Chatham-Kent Hospice.

After a long life, George D Sulman father of **Rotarian Doug Sulman** passed away peacefully surrounded by his family. Family and friends were invited to the Alexander & Houle Funeral Home and the funeral service was conducted at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, on Tuesday May 12th, 2015 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Alan Knight officiating. Friends planning an expression of remembrance are asked to consider Chatham Public Library's Literary Angels program in lieu of flowers. On-line condolences may be left at [www.alexanderfuneralhome.ca](http://www.alexanderfuneralhome.ca).

The membership sends its sincerest condolences to the Leonard and Sulman family, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers during most difficult time.

## Retrofest

We have once again rented the Unigasco Lounge at the Capitol Theatre on Friday May 22/15 to enjoy an evening of fellowship at Retrofest parade of classic cars? There will be refreshments available. Please advise the office your attendance.





# Chatham Daily News Friday May 8/15

## Article about Jack Pearson

Faced with the loss of his own life, Jack Pearson took the time to think of the safety of others before he passed away from lung cancer in early March.

The Chatham man is featured in a monthly column written by the Canadian Cancer Society, Chatham-Kent branch, to help raise awareness of the danger of radon gas, which Pearson had determined caused his cancer.

According to the cancer column, Pearson did some research after being diagnosed with lung cancer last summer. Since he had not smoked in more than 30 years, he discovered that one in 20 non-smokers who are exposed to radon – a colourless, odourless, tasteless radioactive gas found naturally in the environment – develop cancer.

Radon is a heavy gas which can accumulate to higher than normal concentrations in buildings, especially low areas such as basements and crawl spaces, entering through such places as foundation cracks and sump pumps.

"Health Canada states that if radon levels are over 200 Becquerels per cubic metre it can be dangerous, and repairs should be made to the home," Pearson told the cancer society.

He went on to say that he had been in his home for 10 years, and test results indicated a reading of 295 Becquerels per cubic metre in his family residence.

Pearson's widow, Patricia Pearson told *The Chatham Daily News* Thursday that raising awareness about the potential danger of radon gas is "something Jack felt very strongly about."

She added he felt "the more people that are aware of it the better."

Pearson noted her husband bought some test kits and gave them to close friends to have their homes tested. She said they heard back from one family who received a test kit and learned they don't have problem, which they are relieved about.

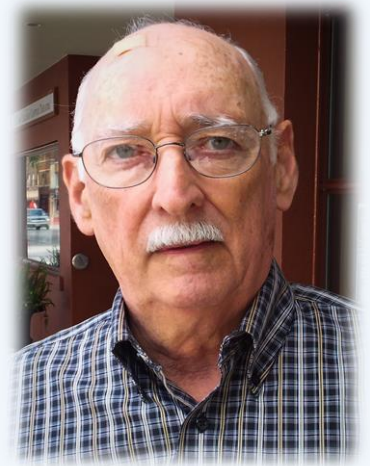
Pearson said her husband also told others about radon kits being available at the health unit, and tried to encourage people to get the testing done in their home.

Pearson has remained in their home now that source radon gas, which was coming through their sump pump, is diverted thanks to the installation of fan to vent it outside.

"It's now a sealed unit so you don't get the gas coming from your sump pump area into your home," she said.

She added it has been worth the cost for the peace of mind it offers.

The Chatham-Kent Health Unit is planning another campaign in November to encourage residents to get a radon test kit for their home. The winter months are deemed to best time to test for the presence of radon in the home.



# Shelter Box Donations

As you all know the recent disaster in Nepal has created a great need for shelter boxes. There are already teams on sight delivering 200 Shelter Boxes. There is now a further need to replenish these boxes and deliver more to Nepal.

Keith Koke has asked that donation cheques be made **payable to Shelter Box Canada**. Sandee will send in the donations using a group form to Shelter Box Canada. You can donate by phone @ 1-647-352-1930 or Toll Free 1-855-875-4661. By mail @ 159 Jane Street, Office 2, Toronto, ON, M6S 3Y8. I will have individual forms to complete and mail in should you not have access to a computer. On line using their secure website [www.shelterboxcanada.org](http://www.shelterboxcanada.org) (CTRL + Click on the link).

All forms of donation will receive a receipt directly from Shelter Box Canada.

## 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 p.m.

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