



# THE ROTOMINDER

“Service Above Self”



Rotary Club of Chatham  
St. Clair College Capitol Theatre, Rotary Lounge  
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Wednesdays at 12:15 P.M.

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Oct 28 & Nov 4, 2015

*By: Keith Dawson*

**Rotarian Brett Smith** introduced **Ken Bell**, our guest speaker this week. Ken is a resident of Chatham-Kent and is a very enthusiastic volunteer who is dedicated to the local environment. In 2005, he was part of a 5-year project to monitor the water quality of Rondeau Bay. With a group of students who took water samples, the group monitored the water quality in the rivers and streams of this area and the impact on local fish. The data was later given to the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority. Ken also talked about the Shrewsbury and Raglan Assembly, a local initiative of Shrewsbury citizens. In 1965, 12 local people, both Canadian and American, decided to save the local school and turn it into a community centre. They promoted local projects with the goal of cultivating cooperative and friendly relationship among the residents. The original group ran the 4 acre facility for about 25 years. As the original volunteers aged or moved away, it became difficult to maintain enthusiasm for the project. By 2011, the community centre was being sold for overdue taxes. At that point, Ken and a few volunteers started fund-raising. In 2013, they held the first maple syrup festival and the first blues



festival. Both of these events raised much needed funds and the events are still continuing today. The money raised has been used to pay off the overdue taxes, build a pole barn, buy a lawnmower and sponsor other events. Recently 66 trees were added to the property. The Rotary Club is always pleased to hear about local service projects involving concerned volunteers and we thank Ken for telling us about the Shrewsbury and Raglan Assembly. Our thanks were expressed by **Rotarian Charles Seaman**.



**Brett Smith, President Fannie Vavoulis, Ken Bell, Charles Seaman**

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The Chatham-Kent Local Immigration Partnership was the topic of this week's guest speaker, **Victoria Bodnar**. Victoria was introduced by **Rotarian Tania Sharpe**. The Local Immigration Partnership, known as LIP, brings together community resources to help newcomers benefit from local support programs. The local LIP was started in 2010 to identify needs of immigrants and find solutions to these needs. Chatham-Kent had a population of 104,075 in 2011, a drop of 4.2% from 2006. There are over 8,000 immigrants in CK with the largest group falling in the 15 to 44 years old group. Another 2,000 temporary foreign workers are estimated to be in Chatham-Kent. LIP hopes to foster a welcoming community and help integrate these newcomers into our midst. About 10% of the local population are in this group and we would like to celebrate the diversity they



bring to our area. The local LIP has lots to partners to support their initiatives, in particular the need for proper health care. A CK Welcome Network has recently been launched to make this area more welcoming. With a shrinking population, CK hopes to attract more people, particularly in the young adult age group. This information is very topical and **Rotarian Tony Hill** expressed the thanks of the club to Victoria for her presentation.

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**Tony Hill, Tania Sharpe, Victoria Bodnar & President Fannie Vavoulis**

### **October 28, 2015**

<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Ken Bell – Volunteer Engagement
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	None
<b>Guests of Rotarians</b>	Patricia Fraser ( <b>Barry Fraser</b> ), John McGuigan ( <b>Diane McGuigan</b> ), David Barr ( <b>Peter Tanner</b> )
<b>Club Guests</b>	Julia Smith (Pianist), Chris Taylor (TV Cogeco), Louis Pin (Chatham This Week), Kang Hee Lee (inbound exchange student South Korea), Sally Joyce (Guest with Ken Bell)

### **November 4, 2015**

<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Victoria Bodnar – Chatham-Kent Immigration
<b>Visiting Rotarians</b>	None
<b>Guests of Rotarians</b>	Patricia Fraser ( <b>Barry Fraser</b> ), Mike Weber ( <b>Sparky Leonard</b> )
<b>Club Guests</b>	Julia Smith (Pianist), Chris Taylor & Pete Martin (TV Cogeco), Kang Hee Lee (inbound exchange student South Korea)

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>50/50 TICKETS</u>
November	Jennifer & Tony Hill	Dave Pudwell
December	Jamie Rioux Laurie Leonard	Chris Prince
January	Donna Litwin-Makey Monica Ramboer	Win Elzinga

## November Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>	Brian Reid Nov 5, Peter Tanner Nov 26, Rob Bloomfield Nov 28
<b>CLUB ANNIVERSARIES</b>	Peter Jamieson & Kevin Mills 4 years, Denise Spadotto 13 years, Karen Kirkwood-Whyte 24 years & David Pudwell 35 years

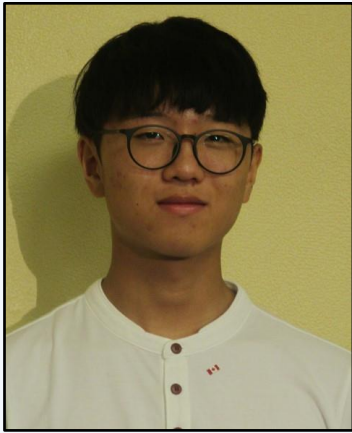
## Upcoming Speakers

Wed November 11/15	Stan Sharpe – Remembrance Day
Wed November 18/15	Steve Tultz/Gleaners – Providing dehydrated vegetable and fruit worldwide
Wed November 25/15	Club Assembly – President Fannie
Wed December 2/15	Michael Angelo Caruso – How to Engage Someone in 15 Seconds
Wed December 9/15	Tod Warriner – Professional Hockey Player. Ice Dancer, Broadcaster – Still from Blenheim
Wed December 16/15	Christmas Party
Wed December 23/15	No Meeting
Wed December 30/15	No Meeting

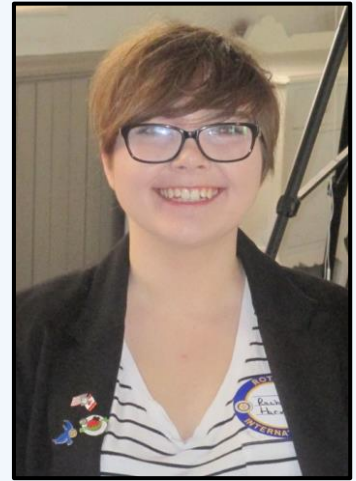
## E-BINGO SCHEDULE Jul 01-Sep 30 /15

DATE	PREP TIME	WORK TIME	WORKERS	
MON NOV 2	8:00 PM	8:15 PM TO 10:15PM	Peter Tanner 519- 436-5844	Brad Langford 519-352-5484
SUN NOV 15	6:00 PM	6:15 PM TO 8:15 PM	Linda Campbell 519-358-7356	Tania Sharpe 519-365-6419
MON NOV 23	10:00 PM	10:15 PM TO 12:15 AM	Paul Watson 519-354-6392	Donna Litwin-Makey 519-999-9878
THU DEC 3	10:00 PM	10:15PM TO 12:15 PM	Moirra Kerr 519-351-0972	<b>1 VOLUNTEER</b> 519-
SUN DEC 20	11:30 PM	11:45AM TO 1:45 PM	Janet McGuigan-Kelly 519-359-0481	<b>1 VOLUNTEER</b> <b>519-</b>

# Exchange Students



Inbound from Korea  
**Kang Hee Lee**  
Email: [opwq1238@naver.com](mailto:opwq1238@naver.com)  
Host Family: Sparky & Laurie  
Leonard  
519-352-7692



Rachael Harvey  
Outbound to Germany  
[rachel\\_harvey@outlook.com](mailto:rachel_harvey@outlook.com)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to Rotarian **Shannon Sasseville** for hosting the first ever Pizza for Polio Day at the Local Health Integrated Network (LHIN). Shannon couldn't be at the meeting to participate so took matters into her own hands. The staff had an office pizza lunch from Pie-Zano's and raised \$125 for Polio. Thanks Shannon! We miss you and can't wait to see you soon.

## **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.

<b>Rotary Club of Chatham Officers and Directors</b>	
President: <b>Fannie Vavoulis</b>	Treasurer: <b>Linda Campbell</b>
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