



THE ROTOMINDER

“Service Above Self”



Rotary Club of Chatham
St. Clair College Capitol Theatre, Rotary Lounge
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Today marked the first official meeting for **Fannie Vavoulis** as our President for 2015-2016.

She was first introduced to Rotary by **Karen Kirkwood-Whyte** when she worked at Chatham-Kent United Way. Her sponsor to Rotary was **Alysson Storey**. When she had “the chat” with **Andy Watson** when she joined he asked “would you consider becoming President the future”, to which she answered “maybe”. Little did she know in a few short years that day has arrived. She also thanked **Colin Patey** and CKHA for their putting their support behind her in order for her to devote the time to be our President.

In the spring after a little razing from **Barry Fraser**, she attended PETS training where she met Current International President – **Ravi Ravindran** from Sri Lanka who she describes as very charismatic and enthusiastic. She quotes from his speech ‘All of you have been given so many gifts. And you have now been given this great gift: one year to take all your talents, all your gifts, everything that you are and can become -- and Be a Gift to the World,’ “You have one year to take that potential and turn it into reality. One year to lead the clubs in your district and transform the lives of others. The time is so short, yet there is so much to be done.”

What does a Club President do according to **Rick King**, Past Int. Pres 2001-2002. In one sentence: Change from his/her club from what it is – to what it ought to be! Requires the best you’ve got! You are Rotary’s expert in EVERYTHING.

Conviction – What you know about rotary and the importance to you and your community; spread the word about the work Rotary does locally and globally.

Vision – Potential for our club – set numerical goals – how many new members, our foundation goal, number of people to participate in district conference, engage ALL members

Commitment – What YOU feel about Rotary and the job I’m going to do for the next year.

Think about this question – for the next year, consider this...”Are you in Rotary or is Rotary In You”

She encourages everyone to listen to Rick King’s speech from her PETS training this past March. “It is 41 minutes long - and well worth every second.” Click on the following link:

<https://vimeo.com/124439589>

This is Fannie’s Vision

- **Grotary** – GROW – the club professionally, within the community, and personally.

Increase membership – challenge to the members – Bring ONE guest to just ONE meeting in my year – I will do the rest! GROTARY! With each guest that comes to our meetings, I have changed the greeter form to include asking the guest for their email or phone number. I will personally connect with each guest after the meeting and thank them for coming and hear their thoughts about the meeting. Currently we do not have a membership Chair as Andy Watson has decided to pass along the reigns...I have asked the membership to consider this role, to date no one has come forward. I will as President oversee membership until we can get a chair but until then I am happy to do it.

- **Member Engagement** – I plan to reach out to each member, ensure they are getting what they want/need out of Rotary. We all have strengths in this club, ensure we are using them to the best of our ability and Making sure Rotary is IN you!

Our more experienced members have a LOT to offer – I encourage those with 10+years in Rotary to be mentors to the younger (in terms of years with Rotary) members who have joined – invite them to your table, encourage them to join a committee – invite friends to a meeting or one of our events!

- **Board Engagement** – behind the scenes the board works very hard, continue to engage the board, grow their strengths and provide some consistency for future boards. Engage board members to support committees with a focus on Youth, Membership and Fundraising.

Continue to do what we do – GROW TV Bingo, fulfill our commitment to Hospice, Seniors events, supporting local community events, interesting weekly programming, contribute to the Foundation as successfully as we did last year, support International efforts.

Will be available for a ½ hour after the meeting to chat with anyone, always available via email and phone!

Dates to remember:

Aug 19 – Dist Gov Henry Dodson’s official visit to our Club

September – Bus trip to a Tigers game in Detroit.

Oct 24 - World Polio Day!

“More information to come but Keith Koke and I are going to work on community fundraiser. We are so, so close to eradicating Polio, I would love to announce in my Presidential year that we have done it!”

Nov 2 - Lawrence Hill, Author of the Book of Negroes will be our guest speaker and as of July 1st he has been awarded the Order of Canada!

May 13-16 - District Conference in Chatham! “I expect at least 50-60% of our membership to be there – no excuse – it is in our backyard and let’s be the best hosts the district has ever seen!”

Speaking of being a gift to the world “Let there be Sing Song” at our luncheons.

“Sparky – you have been a great friend and mentor. For the last few months I’ve been trying to come up with a way to show my appreciation. What do you get someone that has everything? So I called a friend and told her about my dilemma...and she said. “What about something from my husband!?” and so the story goes...” Her friend is Erica May-Sherzer the wife of Max Scherzer, Pitcher for the Washington Nationals. She sent Fannie a framed autographed picture of Max for Sparky to add to his collection in their newly decorated sports themed basement. Her final comment was “Thank you and let’s have the best year yet”.



Past President Don “Sparky” Leonard



Peter, President Fannie and Catherine Vavoulis

Guest Speaker	President Fannie Vavoulis
Visiting Rotarians	Don Jackson (Ass’t Dis Gov), Charles Graham (Ocean Springs, MISS USA)
Guests of Rotarians	Trisha Boersema, Catherine & Peter Vavoulis (Fannie Vavoulis), Mike Korpan (Andy Watson), Jamie Rioux & Chris Prince (Sparky Leonard)
Club Guests	Julia Smith (Pianist), Chris Taylor (TV Cogeco), Jim Blake (The Voice)

Upcoming Speakers

Wednesday July 15/15	Devin Andrews – Age Friendly Action Plan for CK
Wednesday July 22/15	Michael Burton – Economic Development impact on local business
Wednesday July 29/15	Dr. John Button – The Eliminate Project (Kiwaniis project to eliminate Neonatal Tetanus)

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>50/50 TICKETS</u>
July	Peter Cook Kevin Mills	Paul Mayrand

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS	William Grin & Paul McDonell July 3, Kelley Doyle July 8, Charles Seaman July 14, Linda Campbell July 20, Gordon Fry July 23, Tania Sharpe and Fannie Vavoulis July 24
CLUB ANNIVERSARIES	Laurie Leonard 1 year, Andy Watson 46 years

E-BINGO SCHEDULE Apr 01-Jun 30/15

DATE	PREP TIME	WORK TIME	WORKERS	
SAT JUN 13	11:30 AM	11:45 AM TO 1:45 PM	Moira 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	Moira Kerr 519-352-3479

E-BINGO SCHEDULE Jul 01-Sep 30 /15

DATE	PREP TIME	WORK TIME	WORKERS	
SAT JUL 4	9:30 PM	9:45 PM TO 11:45 PM	Gerry Bellinger 519-809-1722	Rick Bodnaruk 519-352-3126
TUE JUL 28	7:30 PM	7:45 PM TO 9:45 PM	Brad Langford 519-352-5484	Linda Campbell 519-358-7356
MON AUG 3	5:30 PM	5:45 PM TO 7:45 PM	Moira Kerr 519-352-3479	Wayne Schnabel 519-365-3222
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	Donna Litwin-Makey 519-999-9878	1 volunteer
THU SEP 10	5:30 PM	5:45 PM TO 7:45 PM	Donna Litwin-Makey 519-999-9878	1 volunteer
SAT SEP 26	9:30 PM	9:45 PM TO 11:45 PM	2 volunteers	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Golf Tournament

The Ansell Club is holding a golf tournament in honor of Captain Frank Archibald MC. MID. Rotarians that are interested in sponsoring a hole, golfing or simply joining in for the dinner are welcomed to join in. Please contact Sparky for more information

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.\

Rotary Club of Chatham Officers and Directors	
President: Don “Sparky” Leonard	Treasurer: Linda Campbell
Vice President: Alysson Storey	General Fund Secretary: Tania Sharpe
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