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Rotary Wheel

Rotary Club of Oshawa

Quote

“Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”

President's Announcements

RLI



Rotary Leadership Institute is Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 8:30-4:30. This session is held at Centennial College Event Centre, 937 Progress Ave, Scarborough, ON M1G 3T8. Remember Level 1 is free for new members. For more information and to register go to: [https://rotary7070.org/event/lead-with-knowledge---rotary-leadership-institute-\(rli\)-1/](https://rotary7070.org/event/lead-with-knowledge---rotary-leadership-institute-(rli)-1/)

Summerfest

Saturday July 6 is the first annual Oshawa Summerfest. This event is a collaboration between our club and the Oshawa BIA. To volunteer or contribute to the fun contact Jim Van Allen or any of the Summerfest committee.

Cadet Mess Dinner

A big thank you to Dave Brooks and the Air Cadet Committee for a fabulous event last night at the LVIV Hall.

Reminders

April 29 the lunch is here at the Golf Club but after lunch we get a tour of the City of Oshawa Greenhouses located at 919 Farwell St. in South Oshawa.

There will be a Charitable meeting today immediately following the meeting.



MIC Time

Tom Maxwell

There will be an Air Cadet meeting next week after lunch. We need a quorum, so it is important members attend.

Clive Waugh

Save the Date: May 4 and join Trish Best and Clive in a World Service Event “Kids Against Hunger” and help package meals. Volunteers from area Rotary clubs are participating. It will be at the Jube. More information and sign up sheets will be distributed in next few meetings.

Mike Adams

Our club will be participating in 2019 “Community with Brooms” clean up event on April 25 from 11:30-about 2pm. More information will be available next week.

Happy Bucks

The sunshine was sparse today, but we did have a few happy folks. Bob Merry, Clive Waugh, Gord Dowsley, Lori Perkin, and Tess. Love the new T-Shirt Clive!



Michelle and Carol are the backbones of a community garden initiative called **We Grow Food**. They currently have five community gardens in Oshawa. One right nearby at Lakeridge Hospital called Alexandra’s Bounty. It all started six years ago with the Pepper Patch and Berry Patch. Their goal is to create safe spaces for gathering and working together. Some interesting stats include:

- All gardens are still up and running
- Almost 2 acres of garden space
- In their best harvest they produced 21,000 # of foods
- Served over 350 families
- Last 2 years, 40 programs in the gardens supported Healthy kids Challenge

All the gardens are completely self-sufficient. **We Grow Food** provides insurance, education, programming, plants and seeds. The Pepper Patch Garden is a community space with raised gardens, open mic stage and movie nights. Alexandra’s Bounty at Lakeridge Health is a space for community groups as well as a respite for people at the hospital. A few groups that have experienced the gardens include Youth Justice Durham, O’Neill HS, Rose of Durham, & many primary schools. There is always something going on. Alexandra’s Bounty added a gazebo last year and this year a greenhouse will be added to space.

They do not do this work alone. Their army of volunteers help in garden maintenance & planting and partners like Feed the Need, and Lakeridge Health, and City of Oshawa value their work.



There are lots of volunteer opportunities for every age and every skill level. At the end of each growing season there is a Harvest Meal where the community shares the bounty of good food, grown with love.

Their website is www.wegrowfood.org
Phone number: 905-439-2527

Rotarian Rhonda Gorham thanked our guests.

Noon Hour Draw

The Pot was \$613.00. Bonnie Grundy had the winning ticket but pulled the 8 of Clubs. The pot grows.....

Next week's speaker is Principal Haines from Lakewoods School in Oshawa.

*Most meetings are held at the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club
on Mondays at 12:10 pm.*
