



The Bridge District 6330

May 2013 Edition

Tom Robitaille, District Governor

Governor Tom's Message



Happy Mother's Day.....



In the months past, Rotary has dedicated each month to something specific, be it Membership, Literacy, Family etc. The month of May however is focused on reviewing the status of current club projects and how they will affect planning for the upcoming year.

The new club executive should be in place and the planning process well underway for the 2013 – 2014 year.

As mentioned in previous issues, going forward more and more information will be transmitted electronically. An example of this is **Rotary Club Central** which will play a major role in reporting club goals and tracking clubs progress toward those targets throughout the year. To ensure that all clubs are fully in the loop and do not get left behind we are currently working on having all clubs integrated or linked between the District and RI. As of this writing there are only 14 clubs not linked. Please make sure your club is not one of these clubs. We are also trying to ensure that all Rotarians have member access to both the District and RI websites. What does this mean? Click on the following link. [Get started](#) in Member Access today.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge and congratulate the seven clubs in the District who are celebrating their 75 Anniversary this Rotary year. They are **Imlay City Mi., Southampton, Wiarton, Tara, Pt. Elgin and Paisley On.** Seventy five years of tireless service to
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RC of Watford Annual Charity Banquet

The Banquet was held at the Watford Centennial Hall on Wednesday, April 17th with over 250 people attending to enjoy the delicious meal prepared by the Trinity Anglican Church group. Mike Vanhevel entertained the crowd with his crooner's voice, singing selections from Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Michael Buble and Dean Martin. A crowd favourite was when he sang and danced to the Elvis classic, "All Shook Up". Rotary President, Brenda Beattie, acted as the Master of Ceremonies and presented donations to PolioPlus, Easter Seals and Troy's Run Foundation for Brain Injury Awareness.

Pictured: President Brenda and DG Tom



Story of courage shared with Chesley R. C.

ARRAN ELDERSLIE - Her life's story is much more than the struggle, rebellion, hopelessness, crime and excessive drug use she's experienced.

Brittney Rowbotham's compelling story about seeking recovery from the "life of hell" she lived for ten years as a crystal meth addict, left those attending the **60th anniversary celebration of the Chesley Rotary Club, in Chesley** on Saturday evening, sitting in stunned silence.

"What you've been through is unbelievable," club president Terry Lawson told Rowbotham, as she presented her with a gift for being the evening's guest speaker. "What an inspiration you are."

Rowbotham says she shares her struggles as a drug addict "so that people will better understand what it is to live the life of an addict and to help those who find themselves in a similar situation." Rowbotham and her family have just recently moved back to Grey County.

She has joined the county's Crystal Meth Task Force and is making herself available to speak at schools and churches. "I want to tell my story to give hope to others," she said. "It's a way for me to give back. I'm not proud of what I've done, but I want to stand up for those who are still addicted. I want them to know there is hope. There's a real need for a story like mine to be told. Crystal Meth is nothing to fool with."



Governor Tom's message (continued from page one)

help improve the lives of the less fortunate both in our local community and internationally. Thank you for your dedication to the Object of Rotary and its commitment to the idea of Service Above Self.

In an effort to assist and support clubs and Rotarians in the New Year, the District held its annual Assembly on April 20. The Assembly was well attended and the goal of the breakout sessions was to provide the attendees with a wide array of topics with a view to broaden their overall Rotary knowledge. We believe this was achieved.

As we approach our Rotary year end we are also reviewing club pledges to the Foundation Annual Giving and Polio Plus to the actual amount donated to date. The overall response with few exceptions has been excellent. Please ensure your club has met its pledge and if not please expedite the remittance. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEW ROTARACT CLUB—STRATFORD

Young professionals and university students are about to launch a new service club in Stratford.

Festival City Rotary and Rotary Club of Stratford have joined forces to help form a Rotaract Club. The club operates much like a Rotary club except the members are typically between 18 and 30 years old.

"Both clubs wanted to do this for awhile," said Dave Blackburn, Rotary Club of Stratford president. "The reality is, last fall my son came to me and said he wanted to be in Rotary, like me, when he's older."

Blackburn's son is 22 but obviously didn't identify with a club boasting members around his father's age.

Blackburn, Dianne Yundt, Festival Rotary Club president, and others had a meeting to talk about starting a Rotaract Club. It was well received.

"One of the challenges in Rotary is we're aging. This brings a real youth piece to it," Blackburn said.

Blackburn's son, Dan, called his friends and Rotarians with younger relatives also put the word out. They had a meeting and now have 20 members committed including Amanda Hansford, the Rotaract Club's first president.

"I work in Waterloo and go to school in Waterloo and felt a disconnect with my community. I wanted to get involved and successfully impact my community," she said.

She was also interested in contributing to international projects and interacting with like-minded people in her age group.

The group will meet twice a month and are expected to have one local and one international project completed each year. They have until next June to satisfy that requirement but Hansford is confident members will accomplish something before then.

Rotary also has a long-running Interact Club based out of Stratford Central Secondary School but there was a gap between teen leaders and Rotary Club members until now. Interact members can move into Rotaract once they turn 18.

Rotaract is sponsored by Rotary and is one of the fastest growing elements of the club, Yundt noted. There are 8,400 clubs in about 170 countries.

Rotaract clubs are usually university or community-based but the new Stratford club will be a combination of both with members from The University of Waterloo in Waterloo, Sir Wilfrid Laurier University and University of Guelph. The club also boasts a wide range of professionals within its ranks including farmers and accountants.

The Rotaract Club will have a fundraiser dinner and social on May 29 at 6 p.m. at the Arden Park Hotel. Tickets are \$40. For more information contact Heidi at hspannbauer@spccf.ca or Tyler at tcanal@orrinsurance.net.

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Pictured here: Dave Blackburn, Amanda Hansford and Dianne Yundt. SCOTT WISHART / STRATFORD BEACON HERALD / QMI AGENCY

My 75 year old Dad was taking his daily walk through the park when he heard a tiny voice calling to him. **"Hey, mister! Pssst, mister!"** Dad looked all around, and spotted a little frog sitting in the grass looking up at him.

"Hey mister," said the frog. **"A wicked witch cast a spell on me, and turned me into an ugly frog. If you'll just kiss me I'll turn back into a beautiful princess and be forever grateful."**

Dad reached down, picked up the frog, put it in his pocket, and proceeded to walk on. The frog called out to him again, **"Hey! Didn't you hear me? I said if you'll kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess and be forever grateful."**

Dad replied, **"I heard you, but at my age, I'd rather just have a talking frog!"**

The following was Submitted by: **ALLAN HARDY**, PDG, Rotary D6330. RLI Chair and District COL Representative

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL 2013 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION - April 21st to April 26th

The Council on Legislation is held every three years, the previous one was held in April of 2010.

LEGISLATION:

Proposed changes to legislation are submitted by clubs, districts and the R.I. Board as Enactments or as Resolutions. Enactments seek to change the R.I. Constitution, R.I. Bylaws, and Standard Rotary Constitution. These enactments are effective on July 1st following the Council and cannot be changed by the board. Resolutions are voted in by a simple majority and are submitted to the board for consideration. Resolutions may or may not be accepted and approved by the board.

Instead of proposing a resolution to the council, a club may wish to consider submitting a memorial to the R.I. Board, which is a petition to the board on a specific matter.

DELEGATES:

Delegates to the Council are selected by a nominating committee, by a ballot by mail or by a vote at the district conference. D6330 uses the Nominating Committee method. To qualify a delegate must have served a full term as district governor, and be a member of a Rotary club in the district represented at the time of their election. Also:

1. Understands clearly the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of a representative.
2. Is qualified, willing, and able to assume and faithfully perform these duties and responsibilities.
3. Will attend the Council for its full duration.

No Rotarian shall attend more than three Councils on Legislation as a representative. An alternate delegate is also selected.

Duties of District Representatives to the Council.

It shall be the duty of a representative to:

- (a) assist clubs in preparing their proposals for the council;
- (b) discuss proposed legislation at the district conference and/or other district meetings;
- (c) be knowledgeable of the existing attitudes of Rotarians within the district;
- (d) give critical consideration to all legislation presented to the council and effectively communicate those views to the council;
- (e) act as an objective legislator of RI;
- (f) attend the meeting of the council for its full duration;
- (g) report on the deliberations of the council to the clubs of the district following the meeting of the council; and
- (h) be accessible to clubs in the district to assist in their preparation of proposals for future councils.

Future responsibilities.

Reporting on the deliberations of the Council to the clubs of the district

Reviewing the Report of Action and revised constitutional documents (distributed by 30 June 2013)

Keeping RI informed of any changes to contact information in case an action of the RI Board is appealed per RI bylaw section 5.030

Being accessible to clubs in the district to assist in their preparations for future Councils

Reviewing the notification of Board actions taken in regards to resolutions adopted by the Council (to be issued within one year of the Council)

THE COUNCIL:

528 of the 532 Rotary districts were represented at the Council. In addition there were many observers who had paid to be present, plus three Rotarians at large, three time keepers, the Constitution and Bylaws committee (4), three representatives of the Rotary Secretariat, several Sergeants-at-Arms, a group of interpreters, and many R.I. officers including past R.I. presidents, directors and other officers. The chair of the Council was John Germ and Vice chair David Morgan.

There were 151 proposed enactments:

Yes	54
No	63
Withdrawn	27
Referred to R.I. Board	7

49 proposed resolutions:

Yes	6
No	17
Withdrawn	25
Referred to R.I. Board	1

NOTABLE CHANGES.

Enactments

- 13-12** Service requirements, (12 hours in each half year), added.
- 13-23** Age 65 provision for excused absences is removed.
- 3-43** To allow those who have not worked, or have interrupted their work to be active members.
- 13-54** Remove the limitation of the number of E-clubs per district.
- 13-58** To change the name "District Assembly" to "District Training Assembly".
- 13-69** Fifth avenue of service changes from "New Generations" to Youth Service".
- 13-86** Add to duties of D.G., ensure that club constitution and bylaws are up to date and comply.
- 13-90** Add title of "District Governor Nominee Designate".
- 13-100** To create the position of "Vice Governor" to replace the governor if the governor becomes temporarily or permanently disabled.
- 13-103** Increase the number of pilot clubs from 200 to 1,000.
- 13-119** Allow all clubs the option of print or E-copy of the Rotary Magazine, (currently only in north America).
- 13-120** Remove the travel reimbursement policy from the R.I. bylaws.
- 13-126** \$1.00 per year increase in each of the Rotary years 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016.
- 13-128** Eliminate the minimum, (10 members), semi-annual dues paid by each club.

Resolutions

- 13-153** R.I. Board to consider proposing a new membership category, "Associate", at the next council.
- 13-168** R.I. Board to consider designating the Rotary Leadership Institute as an official Rotary program.

Notable rejected proposals.

- Remove admission fees.
- Revise attendance requirements.
- To change the frequency of club meetings.
- To add a Fifth Object of Rotary.
- To revise the qualification for governor-nominee.
- To reduce dues for those under 35 and over 70.
- To provide for the Council on Legislation to meet every four years.
- To change the Rotaract age limit to 35.
- To restrict Youth Exchange to sons and daughters of Rotarians.
- To lower the Youth exchange age from 18 to 17.

SUMMARY.

Attendance at the Council on Legislation opens one's eyes to the cultural and philosophical differences in Rotary around the world.

There were many proposals seeking global solutions to local issues, and attempting to address lobbying and disputes, most of which were rejected. Some of the proposals that were rejected sought to restrict new clubs and new members, in addition to being non-gender neutral.

Most of the adopted proposals helped to clarify intent, make the club and district rules more workable and in some cases reversed changes made by the 2010 Council. Summary and details of the council can be found on the **R.I. website.**

The opportunity to converse and exchange views with those from other countries is invaluable. Being a Council on Legislation delegate, especially for the second time, was a great experience.

Group Study Exchange

Our **Outbound Team** returned home after spending just over four weeks in District 3620 in South Korea. A recap of their trip will be in the June edition of "The Bridge"

The **Inbound Team** from South Korea made up of the team leader and four members will be arriving on May 11 and over the following four weeks will be hosted by seven of the nine areas in the District.

Both Teams will be presenting at the District Conference June 7 – 9 at the Holiday Inn, Sarnia.

RC of London South

Ashley Hennessy, Sergeant at Arms, London South club completes the end of club meetings with Positive notes from members, today in history and a few jokes to leave members in a fun spirit for the rest of the day. Club members are often left in tears of laughter after he is done.

This year Ash was asked to present his techniques to the PETS-President Elect Training held in Sarnia. Needless to say he was a hit and other clubs are trying to figure out how they can get their own "Ash". The London South club is very fortunate to have Ash as a member and he is worth visiting the club for breakfast, just for a hearty laugh on a Friday morning:) When Ash is not a Sergeant at Arms he is a manager at RBC.



Polio - Where has all the type 3 gone?



Only one type 3 case reported in the last six months and no type 3 cases at all in Asia in more than a year.

18 April 2013 – It has been 12 months since Asia reported its last case due to wild poliovirus (WPV3), occurring on 18 April 2012 in Khyber Agency, Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), Pakistan. Over the past six months, only one case due to this strain was reported worldwide (from Yobe, Nigeria, on 10 November 2012). These are the lowest ever recorded levels of WPV3 transmission, and the world is beginning to ask: is this strain on the ve... [Full story](#)

MEMBERSHIP

Retention vs. Engagement

The difference between retention and engagement is simple: Membership retention refers to keeping members from year to year, while engagement concerns keeping those members involved and excited about your club every day. While both are important elements of any membership development plan, engagement can help you retain members who are active participants.

Engaged members have a strong bond with their clubs. They feel connected, valued, and committed to Rotary's work and to achieving their club's objectives. You can help your members feel engaged by:

[Publishing a list of members on your Facebook or club website to highlight their Rotary anniversary](#)

Publicly thanking members who work on a project

[Writing a personal note to a member to wish him/her a happy birthday or happy anniversary](#)

Asking seasoned members to serve as mentors to new Rotarians

[Inviting members to join \(or chair\) a committee](#)

Encouraging members to involve their family and friends in service projects

[Creating weekly programs that are of interest to your members](#)

Asking members to help choose the next community service project

Polio Campaign Monitoring

Independent polio campaign monitoring is carried out to assess the quality and impact of supplementary immunization activities. It is critical to guiding any necessary mid-course corrections if gaps or problems are found.

The basic elements of monitoring include recording: the number and source of independent monitors, the number of children monitored, the percentage of children whose fingers are marked to prove they were vaccinated (both in house-to-house monitoring and out-of-house) and the proportion of districts monitored.

Real-time, independent monitoring data answers the question, "How many children did we reach with vaccine?" It allows rapid changes to be made to cover missing children and stop polio transmission more quickly.

The results of the independent monitoring are made available internationally within 15 days of each immunization round.

Related links [Global guidelines for independent monitoring of polio supplementary immunization activities \[pdf 321kb\]](#)



Rotary receives top honors for Future Vision

Rotary has received a silver Edison Award in recognition of the [Future Vision Plan](#), the new grant model that enhances the scope, impact and sustainability of humanitarian and educational projects funded by The Rotary Foundation.

Since 1987, the Edison Awards have recognized innovative new products, services and business leaders in the United States. The awards symbolize the persistence and excellence personified by Thomas Edison. Winners represent active contributors to the cause of innovation in the world.

RI President Sakuji Tanaka accepted the award during the annual [Edison Awards](#) gala held 25 April in Chicago, the city where Rotary was founded in 1905. The Future Vision Plan received top honors among funding models competing in the Lifestyle and Social Impact category. Nominee ballots were judged by a panel of more than 3,000, including members of seven associations that represent a wide range of industries and disciplines.

"This Edison Award recognizes and validates Rotary's innovative approach to humanitarian service, as we constantly strive to improve lives and communities by addressing the world's most pressing problems," says Tanaka. "It is a great honor to accept such a prestigious award on behalf of Rotary's global membership of 1.2 million men and women."

The Edison Award coincides with the successful completion of a three-year pilot in which 100 Rotary districts in more than 70 countries tested Rotary's new grant model.

The Future Vision Plan simplifies Rotary's grant process, and focuses Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact. The model is innovative in combining Rotary's volunteer base and a global reach with local resources to support sustainable, high-impact results in communities all over the world. The model funds more than US\$100 million in service projects annually.



Champions of Change

Rotarians Honored at the White House

Early in his term of office President Barack Obama created a Champions of Change award to recognize American citizens who have made significant improvements on their communities and the world. Recognizing that this is what we do as Rotarians, the White House began last year to set aside a special day for Rotarian Champions and organized the first Rotary International Champions of Change Day



April 5, 2013 marked the second time that Rotarians were honored as a group as Champions of Change. 160 Rotary leaders including Rotary President Sakuji Tanaka and Rotary Foundation Director Michael McGovern gathered at the White House Executive Office Building to recognize 12 Rotarians who exemplify Service Above Self.

RI Convention - Lisbon June 23 – 26, 2013

Jane Goodall, a renowned primatologist and conservationist, will be a keynote speaker at the 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, 23-26 June.

Goodall, PhD, founder of the [Jane Goodall Institute](#) and a UN Messenger of Peace, will join explorer and filmmaker **Céline Cousteau**, the daughter and granddaughter of ocean explorers, and **Craig Kielburger**, co-founder of Free The Children and Me to We, as speakers on Wednesday, 26 June, in a program that will focus on promoting peace by protecting the environment.

In January, Rotarians adopted a "[Green Path to Peace](#)" declaration during the Rotary Global Peace Forum in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. The declaration urges Rotarians to act as catalysts for peace through efforts to conserve and protect the planet, and to empower young people to perpetuate the values that will assure a peaceful future.

Goodall, who was a speaker at the 2009 RI Convention, gained worldwide attention more than 50 years ago for her pioneering research on chimpanzee behavior -- research that transformed scientific perceptions of the relationship between humans and animals.

In 1977, she founded the Jane Goodall Institute to continue her research. Today, the institute is a global leader in the effort to protect chimpanzees and their habitats. It also is widely recognized for establishing innovative community-centered conservation and development programs in Africa. Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots, a global environmental and humanitarian youth program, has groups in more than 120 countries.



Part Two—continued from last month

One question that's been asked is "Why not just give the \$5000 cost of shipping the container to the South African Rotary Clubs and let them buy furniture over there?" There are several answers to this question. Cash in developing countries is always a dangerous commodity which often disappears. The value of the contents of each container is estimated conservatively at \$150,000. It would be impossible to replace even a fraction of those goods with the shipping cost. Of course, the third reason is that we have these supplies and they are going to end up in a landfill if we can't find an appropriate home for them.



The Rotary Club of Grand Bend
**GLOBAL
LITERACY
PROJECT**

At first the loading process took more than one day for a container. In January 2012, we were able to load two containers in just over six hours using many volunteers from five area Clubs, a total of 65 volunteers in all. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. We have learned a lot over these few years and in total, we've been involved in the loading of 18 containers to date. Most of these containers have gone to South Africa although some have been directed to Haiti and Guyana.



We've now reached a point where we're ready to take the project to the next level. We know that the downsizing of schools is happening all over Ontario and right across Canada. We recognize that it's a daunting task to develop the partnerships and provide logistics for a program such as this. The one container loaded in Ingersoll in January 2012 was funded by the Ingersoll Club which supplied the \$5000 cost of shipping and organized volunteers from the community to assist with the loading process. We have since had another Club offer to fund a container in its area and we hope this will continue to happen as Clubs see an opportunity with schools that are closing in their local communities. What a great way to provide a silver lining to an otherwise sad event!

When unneeded school supplies are shipped to a school that has nothing, everyone wins. For the African school kids, their education has been enhanced immeasurably; the school board has reduced the cost of disposing of these unneeded supplies, and the taxpayer has saved the landfill cost as well. What a wonderful outcome all the way around.

So, who has been helped to date? We've shipped well over 200,000 books and they have been distributed in Africa across some 26,000 students. For over 5000 children this will provide them with the first book they've ever held! We've also included medical supplies, wheelchairs and crutches, which have been distributed to area clinics. Baseball bats, balls, soccer supplies and surplus uniforms have been made available to kids who play soccer with a ball of rags. We've stocked over 11 libraries. We found that when the schools have a reading library, the teachers take an hour a day with the students just to help them read, something that didn't take place before.

Another success story is the music program. In spite of their musical nature, many of the 550 schools in this district had no musical instruments whatsoever. We've shipped 12 pianos, organs and keyboards, which have been distributed to waiting schools but not just any school. These pianos which are almost worthless in Canada are so valuable there that only a school with an active choir that's participating in regional competitions is eligible to receive one. All of these goods have come at no cost to Rotary, other than the volunteer labour to organize, to pick them up, load and ship them.

One last connection that's been made is with an organization called the Ontario Christian Gleaners. They collect surplus produce across southwestern Ontario and, in their processing facility in Cambridge, Ontario, volunteers turn this produce which was otherwise going to the dump, into dehydrated soup mix, which will provide 100 servings of a nutritious meal for school students at mid-day. Many of the schools in this part of rural Africa are 5 to 10 kilometers from the nearest village. Students travel on foot and of course can't go home for lunch, and so lunch must be provided at the school when available. The challenge is that many of these students are on anti-retroviral drugs and without a nutritious meal, can't continue to take the drugs. 40,000 servings of this soup mix were added to a recent container without taking any space away from the school supplies themselves.

Again, I want to provide thanks to our partners in Africa, the Rotary Club of Middleburg, our volunteers here in Canada and the generous Clubs that have participated to date.

Funding to date has come primarily from the Rotary Club of Grand Bend, but also from generous donors along the way. We hope that in the future, this program will develop across the District. The Grand Bend Club stands ready to assist other Clubs with technical and logistic support including the paperwork to speed the container through customs at the other side.

For more information about how your club can get involved, please contact Brian Hall at (519) 238-8892 or bh@waypointfinancial.ca or Peter Twynstra at (519) 293-3998 or ptwyn@execulink.com.





World Water Summit 2013
Lisbon, Portugal
June 21, 2013

Excitement Growing as Water Summit Nears!

Join us for the most important event in **Wasrag's** calendar! To learn, ask questions, share insights and make new friends, join world WASH leaders and fellow Rotarians on **Friday June 21**, immediately before the Rotary International conference for Wasrag World Water Summit V. Have a look at the [Draft Program](#). The focus is on sanitation, but sessions on water issues and hygiene education are included as well. If you are interested in water & sanitation, [REGISTER NOW!](#)

The Rotarian

Have you read the May issue? Lots of very interesting articles. Take a few minutes have a look.

DISTRICT GOVERNORS CHALLENGE- MONTHLY WINNER FOR APRIL

Percy West – Rotary club of Chesley Congratulations Percy!



Rotary Shines

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Don't be disappointed.....

June 6—9, 2013 Holiday Inn Sarnia



June 6, Golf—Sawmill Creek Golf GC & Spa

June 7—9 Conference. Speakers include; RI Rep. Dr. Fred Hahn Jr., Dr. Bob Scott PP Chair, Francisco Reinoso, Ambassadorial Scholar, Mike Stevens, Bluegrass Harmonica and Chris Omira, Bridges of Hope Network. Friday evening we have a cruise on the St. Clair river and Saturdays star studded entertainment will be a presentation of talent by Victoria Playhouse—Starbright

We want to see YOU there!!

Register and pay for the Rotary International District 6330 Conference in Sarnia by May 31, 2013 and you will receive a \$25.00 voucher from CRS Marketing which can be used towards clothing purchases of \$40.00 or more (before taxes) at the District Conference.



Voucher is valid until the close of the Conference on June 9th.



Voucher has No Cash Value

Coming Events

May 10 Markdale Arts for Youths presents MAFY Music & All That Jazz, 7 pm, Assesley United Church . Adm. Donation.

May 11 75th Anniversary Dinner – RC of Paisley, Pt. Elgin, Southampton, Tara and Wiarton at the Saugeen Golf Club, Southampton, 6 pm. Adm. \$ 45. p p.

May 23 Markdale 75th Anniversary Gala, Markdale Golf & Curling Club, reception 6 pm, Dinner 6:30 Adm. \$ 30. p p.

May 25 Strathroy Rotary Open – Caradoc Sands Golf Club, 24500 Saxon Rd. \$ 100. Per Golfer
Contact: Ron; 519 671 0776, Bill; 519 247 9911 or Karey 519 245 1261.