

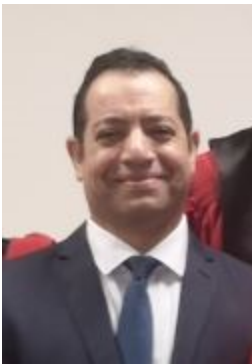


Monthly Newsletter - August & September 2025

Our First Monthly Newsletter

Your new source for club events and news

A Message from Club President



It is a great honor to serve as the new President of the Rotary Club of Ottawa. Since May 1st, 1916, when our club was officially chartered as Ottawa's first service organization, generations of Rotarians have dedicated themselves to advancing the values of service, fellowship, and lasting impact. Today, as we proudly mark 109 years of continued service, we carry forward that legacy with renewed purpose and passion.

I am truly grateful for your trust and support, and I look forward to this journey ahead—guided by the enduring spirit of Rotary and inspired by each of you. I believe deeply in the power of collective impact. Rotary uniquely empowers us to bridge communities, turn compassion into action, and transform ideas into tangible results. Together, we will continue to build on the strong foundation of those who served before us. We will embrace innovation while staying rooted in Rotary's core principles. And we will ensure that our work—both locally and globally—reflects our commitment to a more inclusive, compassionate, and hopeful future. Let us move forward with purpose, with unity, and with the belief that the work we do today shapes the world we leave for tomorrow.

In service and gratitude,

Rady Osman, Eng., Ph.D.
President, Rotary Club of Ottawa (2025-2026)



A Chat with 2025-26 Rotary International President

[Click here to read a chat with Francesco Arezzo](#)



Club Meetings and Speakers Survey

[Please take a few minutes to have your voice heard on our club meetings and speakers](#)

Get Involved in your Club

New to the Club? Or want to get involved? Reach out to any of our Committee Chairs and see where you can help on a project. Or suggest a speaker for one of our club meetings (see survey link above). We are always looking for new ideas and would love to see you at club meetings or fellowship and service events to connect with other members. Rotary is a worldwide “family” of people of action wanting to do good.

Club Executives and Directors for 2025-26

President: Rady Osman

President Elect: Robert Therrien

Secretary: Maria Reyes

Treasurer: Spencer Henson

Ex Officio, Children's Foundation: Ché Weist

Directors:

Carol McCalla
François Marier
Sherri Daly
David Devine
Carina Dietze

Chair, Community Service Committee:

Robert Therrien

Chair, Fellowship Committee:

Sherri Daly

Chair, International Service Committee:

Ché Weist

Chair, New Generations Committee:

André Bourdon

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Club Events for August & September



August 24: Ottawa Pride Parade
We are marching with a contingent from Rotary District 7040. Meet at 12:00pm and walking time from 1:00-2:30pm Sign up here: [form](#)



August 28: Thirsty Thursday
Meet at 7:00pm at [Daniel O'Connell's Irish Pub](#), 1211 Wellington St. West

September 8: Club Meeting
12:00-1:00pm at Jack Purcell Community Centre



September 20: Basic Needs Drive for [Operation Come Home](#)

From 10:00am to 2:00pm at Shoppers Drug Mart at the corner of Bank and Glebe

September 22: Online Club Meeting



September 25: Thirsty Thursday
Details of time and location to be provided soon



Did you know that the Rotary International Youth Exchange celebrates 50 Years in 2025?

[Learn about the program here](#)



Congratulations! Our Club was recently recognized by [Shelterbox Canada](#) with a Silver Hero Award for 2024-25 for its generous donations.