**Fundraising Ideas for Rotary Clubs**

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***Rotary club members are brilliant!*** A search of the Internet offers a whole host of ideas on ways to raise money to pay for your club’s community or international programs and projects. From balloon pops to poker tournaments to hot dog stands, here are a few of them to consider for your club. Just remember to plan them well!

***Raffles are popular***; but be advised to learn about rules and regulations in your state.

Raffles: from [www.resources.rotary5320.org](http://www.resources.rotary5320.org). Rotary Clubs in other states should review their state’s rules here: <https://chance2win.org/us-online-legal-raffle/>

**From District 6330 website**

One of the most common questions raised by clubs before COVID 19 “Do you know of any good fundraising ideas?” and the frequency of the question has only grown since then with many traditional fundraisers like Burger Flips, Pancake Breakfasts and in person events having been put on hold until the pandemic eased. Scroll down for some ideas.

**Some general tips on fundraising:**

* Keep it simple.
* Make it fun.
* It’s easier to raise money for a specific project or cause than the general term often used by clubs that says “Rotary Causes.”
* If the funding is going to another organization, ensure you develop a good relationship with the organization so you may lever value from the partnership.
* Promote the event/activity at every opportunity.
* Consider partnering with other clubs to share costs and increase the reach. If you have a Rotaract or Interact Club, what better than to partner with them and use their creative energies to help re-imagine an old or tired event.
* If you are running a draw or lottery, ensure you have the appropriate license and that you complete all the necessary post event returns.
* Think creatively on how you take an old idea and re-imagine it in the virtual world.

**SOME FUNDRAISING EVENT IDEAS**

**Source: Rotary District 5320 website [Just click on the idea to read more]**

* [Bachelor or Bachelorette Auction](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/bachelor-or-bachelorette-auction/)
* [Battle of the Bands](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/battle-of-the-bands/)
* [Bingo](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/bingo/)
* [BBQ Contest](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/bbq-contest/)
* [Christmas Tree Disposal Service](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/christmas-tree-disposal-service/)
* [Chores for Charity](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/chores-for-charity/)
* [Chinese Raffle or Auction](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/chinese-auction/)
* [Caroling for a Cause](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/caroling-for-a-cause/)
* [Comedy Night](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/comedy-night/)
* [Cupcake Wars Fundraiser](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/cupcake-wars-fundraiser/)
* [Dessert Dash](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/dessert-dash/)
* [Fashion Show](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/fashion-show/)
* [Flags Fundraiser](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/flags-fundraiser/)
* [Games Night Fundraiser](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/games-night-fundraiser/)
* [Gala Event](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/gala-event/)
* [Golf Tournament](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/golf-tournament/)
* [Heads or Tails](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/heads-or-tails/)
* [Haunted House](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/haunted-house/)
* [Lobsterfest](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/lobsterfest/)
* [Moving for a Cause](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/moving-for-a-cause/)
* [Mystery Boxes](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/mystery-boxes/)
* [Obstacle Course Fundraiser](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/obstacle-course-fundraiser/)
* [Photos With Santa](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/photos-with-santa/)
* [Reverse Raffles](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/reverse-raffles/)
* [Talent Show](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/talent-show/)
* [Treasure Chest Raffle Drawing](https://resources.rotary5320.org/club/fundraising/treasure-chest-raffle-drawing/)

**FROM FUNDRAISER INSIGHT: OUR LIST OF IDEAS**

**Source: FUNDRAISERINSIGHT.ORG [Just click on the link to each idea to read more.]**

* [Heads or Tails](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#heads_or_tails)
* [Hosting a Barbecue Contest](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#hosting_a_barbecue_contest)
* [Mystery Boxes](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#mystery_boxes)
* [Dance-A-Thon](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#dance-a-thon)
* [Break the Balloon](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#break_the_balloon)
* [Dessert Dash](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#dessert_dash)
* [Board Game Tournament](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#board_game_tournament)
* [Dunk Tank](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#dunk_tank)
* [Treasure Chest Raffle Drawing](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#treasure_chest_raffle_drawing)
* [Hot Dog Stand](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#hot_dog_stand)
* [Chinese Raffles](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#chinese_raffles)
* [Eating Contest](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#eating_contest)
* [Bake Sale](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#bake_sale)
* [Patriotic Flags Fundraiser](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#patriotic_flags_fundraiser)
* [Dog Wash Fundraiser Ideas](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#dog_wash_fundraiser_ideas)
* [50/50 Raffle](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#5050_raffle)
* [How Many in That Jar?](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#how_many_in_that_jar)
* [Bachelor(ette) Auction](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#bachelorette_auction)
* [Darts Tournament](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#darts_tournament)
* [Drive-in Movie](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#drive-in_movie)
* [Santa Breakfast](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#santa_breakfast)
* [Carnation Day](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#carnation_day)
* [Grab Bag Fundraiser Ideas](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#grab_bag_fundraiser_ideas)
* [All You Can Eat Potato Bar](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#all_you_can_eat_potato_bar)
* [Giving Tree](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#giving_tree)
* [Cow Pie Bingo](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#cow_pie_bingo)
* [Beach Cleanup](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#beach_cleanup)
* [Winner’s Choice Raffle](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#winners_choice_raffle)
* [Book Club Fundraiser](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#book_club_fundraiser)
* [Pancake Breakfast](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#pancake_breakfast)
* [Cake Walk](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#cake_walk)
* [Coffee House and Poetry Slam](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#coffee_house_and_poetry_slam)
* [Buckets for Donations](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#buckets_for_donations)
* [Gift Basket Auction or Raffle](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#gift_basket_auction_or_raffle)
* [Head Shaving](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#head_shaving)
* [White Elephant Raffle](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#white_elephant_raffle)
* [Spaghetti Dinner](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#spaghetti_dinner)
* [Christmas Tree Ornaments](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#christmas_tree_ornaments)
* [Pampering in Prison](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#pampering_in_prison)
* [Snow Cones](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#snow_cones)
* [Nude Calendar](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#nude_calendar)
* [Bagger for a Day](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#bagger_for_a_day)
* [Smoothies](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#smoothies)
* [Pennies From Heaven](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#pennies_from_heaven)
* [What’s in the Box Auction](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#whats_in_the_box_auction)
* [Wacky Hat Day](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#wacky_hat_day)
* [Business Fundraisers](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#business_fundraisers)
* [Christmas Carolers](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#christmas_carolers)
* [Funny Photo Contest](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#funny_photo_contest)
* [Butler Auction](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#butler_auction)
* [Face Painting](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#face_painting)
* [Festival Fundraiser Ideas](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#festival_fundraiser_ideas)
* [Door to Door Scavenger Hunt](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#door_to_door_scavenger_hunt)
* [Christmas Cookie Baking](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#christmas_cookie_baking)
* [Car Smash](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#car_smash)
* [Teacher (or Boss) Payback](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#teacher_or_boss_payback)
* [Karaoke Night](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#karaoke_night)
* [Harvest Fest](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#harvest_fest)
* [Paint the Curb](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#paint_the_curb)
* [Guest Speaker Seminars](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#guest_speaker_seminars)
* [Holiday Flower Sale](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#holiday_flower_sale)
* [Super Sub Sale](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#super_sub_sale)
* [Movie Marathon](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#movie_marathon)
* [Scramble Golf Tournament](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#scramble_golf_tournament)
* [Ballroom Dancing Lessons](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#ballroom_dancing_lessons)
* [Scrapbook Crop](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#scrapbook_crop)
* [Hugs and Kisses](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#hugs_and_kisses)
* [Silly Sweepstakes](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#silly_sweepstakes)
* [Ice Cream Social](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#ice_cream_social)
* [Field Day](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#field_day)
* [Doggie Parade](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#doggie_parade)
* [Holiday Card Fundraiser](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#holiday_card_fundraiser)
* [Perfume Fundraiser](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#perfume_fundraiser)
* [Photos With Santa](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#photos_with_santa)
* [Snack Bar or Pantry](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#snack_bar_or_pantry)
* [Talk like a Pirate Day](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#talk_like_a_pirate_day)
* [Deposit Bottle Collection](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#deposit_bottle_collection)
* [Chili Cook-off](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#chili_cook-off)
* [Car Detailing](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#car_detailing)
* [Winery or Brewpub Bus Tour](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#winery_or_brewpub_bus_tour)
* [Sadie Hawkins Day Dance](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#sadie_hawkins_day_dance)
* [Baby and Kids’ Resale](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#baby_and_kids_resale)
* [Bidding for Blue Plate Specials](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#bidding_for_blue_plate_specials)
* [Campaign for Fun](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#campaign_for_fun)
* [Trivia Night](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#trivia_night)
* [Bargain Basement Evening Gowns](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#bargain_basement_evening_gowns)
* [Local Celebrity Auction](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#local_celebrity_auction)
* [Pin it On (Flower Corsages)](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#pin_it_on_flower_corsages)
* [Grown Up Spelling Bee](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#grown_up_spelling_bee)
* [Pizza Night](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#pizza_night)
* [Sponsor my As and Bs (Grades)](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#sponsor_my_as_and_bs_grades)
* [Big Truck and Tractor Rally](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#big_truck_and_tractor_rally)
* [Cardboard Regatta](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#cardboard_regatta)
* [All Saints Day Cleanup](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#all_saints_day_cleanup)
* [Coffee Table Art Book](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#coffee_table_art_book)
* [Consignment Sale](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#consignment_sale)
* [Hand-Painted Umbrellas](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#hand-painted_umbrellas)
* [Popcorn Tasting](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#popcorn_tasting)
* [Traditional Raffle](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#traditional_raffle)
* [Car Wash Fundraiser Ideas](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#car_wash_fundraiser_ideas)
* [Holiday Shopping in One Night](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#holiday_shopping_in_one_night)
* [Gourd Tossing](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#gourd_tossing)
* [Register for Text Donations](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#register_for_text_donations)
* [Wrap It Up!](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#wrap_it_up)
* [CFL Bulbs](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#cfl_bulbs)
* [Cooking With Your Charity](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#cooking_with_your_charity)
* [Kissing Contest](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#kissing_contest)
* [Duckie Race](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#duckie_race)
* [Traveling Hobo Band](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#traveling_hobo_band)
* [Woman Fashion Show](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#woman_fashion_show)
* [Mailbox Painting](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#mailbox_painting)
* [Miniature Golf Marathon](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#miniature_golf_marathon)
* [Tractor Pull](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#tractor_pull)
* [Garage Sale / Yard Sale](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#garage_sale_yard_sale)
* [Overnight Zoo or Garden](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#overnight_zoo_or_garden)
* [Photo Scanning](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#photo_scanning)
* [Shaken or Stirred?](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#shaken_or_stirred)
* [Christmas Light Removal](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#christmas_light_removal)
* [Gold Buying Fundraiser](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#gold_buying_fundraiser)
* [Haunted Tour Bus](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#haunted_tour_bus)
* [Luxury or Rugged Test Drive](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#luxury_or_rugged_test_drive)
* [Services Auction](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#services_auction)
* [Time in the Slammer](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#time_in_the_slammer)
* [Cooking Class](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#cooking_class)
* [Pawfect Art Show](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#pawfect_art_show)
* [Rake It Up](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#rake_it_up)
* [Death by Chocolate](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#death_by_chocolate)
* [Dog Bakery](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#dog_bakery)
* [Fill’er Up](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#filler_up)
* [Luau Fundraiser Ideas](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#luau_fundraiser_ideas)
* [Reserved Seats](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#reserved_seats)
* [Going to the Dogs](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#going_to_the_dogs)
* [Giddy Up!](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#giddy_up)
* [No Dirty Dishes For a Week](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#no_dirty_dishes_for_a_week)
* [We Bake For You](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#we_bake_for_you)
* [Windshield Washing](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#windshield_washing)
* [Show Up In Your Jammies Day](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#show_up_in_your_jammies_day)
* [Spend the Day With Your Feet Up](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#spend_the_day_with_your_feet_up)
* [Waiting for Dollars](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#waiting_for_dollars)
* [Love from Home Packages](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#love_from_home_packages)
* [Pants, Who Needs Pants Day?](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#pants_who_needs_pants_day)
* [Theater Night](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#theater_night)
* [Dreaming of a Green Christmas](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#dreaming_of_a_green_christmas)
* [Guided Nature Hike](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#guided_nature_hike)
* [Local Series of Poker](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#local_series_of_poker)
* [Fall Color Tour](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#fall_color_tour)
* [Ice Hole Swim](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#ice_hole_swim)
* [Language Classes](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#language_classes)
* [Slip Into Something Comfortable](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#slip_into_something_comfortable)
* [Social Media Class](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#social_media_class)
* [Reverse Raffles](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#reverse_raffles)
* [On the Air](https://www.fundraiserinsight.org/ideas/#on_the_air)

**From dojiggy.com**

**Fundraising Event Ideas:**

1. **Golf Tournaments** – [Charity golf tournaments](https://www.golfregistrations.com/how-to-organize-a-charity-golf-tournament/) are always popular Rotary fundraisers. Enhance fundraising opportunities by making your tournament a Golf Marathon, selling sponsorships, raffle tickets, and adding a charity auction.
2. **Miniature Golf Tournaments** – If your club doesn’t have a strong group of golfers to help recruit participants for a tournament, why not try a mini-golf tournament instead? The nice thing about this is that most everyone can bring the family and play.
3. **Walkathons and Fun Runs** – Walkathon fundraisers are another healthy Rotary Club fundraising idea that most everyone can enjoy. Add a holiday theme like [this Rotary Club does](https://rotaryjinglebelljog.dojiggy.io/rotaryjinglebelljog), to make it more fun! Virtual walkathons are also an option during COVID.
4. **Dinners and BBQs**-Plated dinners and BBQs are an old-standby for Rotary Club fundraising. The Rotary Club of Burlington hosts a popular Lobsterfest each year. These can be formal events, but usually, they are casual family affairs with music and entertainment to match the dinner theme.
5. **Duck Races** – Rubber duck races are a popular Rotary fundraiser. The idea is to sell rubber ducks and race them. The winning duck’s owner gets the pot or another prize and fun is had by all. These events are generally combined with food and entertainment, making them a highlight for members and the community at large.
6. **Casino Nights** – Casino nights and [charity poker tournaments](https://www.dojiggy.com/charity-poker-events/) can be lucrative fundraisers. First, you’ll also want to check on state and local laws and regulations to ensure that you’ll be able to host a charity poker or gaming event. Next, you’ll need to have some poker experts and a large space for hosting the event. Many fraternity lodges (such as Shriner’s or VFW lodges) have the necessary permits in place, and they may also have the supplies you need.
7. **Clay Shoots** – [Sporting clay shoots or skeet fundraisers](https://www.dojiggy.com/blog/plan-a-successful-sporting-clay-shooting-fundraiser/) can be good Rotary fundraisers if you have a nice shooting range in your area. Think safety first! Be sure to include vests and ear plugs for all shooters. Talk to the shooting complex and follow their lead here.
8. **Bikeathons** – For bikeathons, cyclists bike a predetermined course and commit to raising money for your organization. [Bike-a-thon fundraisers](https://www.dojiggy.com/s/bike-a-thon/)work well because almost everyone enjoys riding a bike. They are a great family event, while also offering a venue for avid cyclists to participate. Bikers may collect pledges per completed mile or kilometer or contributors may choose to donate a set donation amount to the benefiting organization or charity in support of a biker’s efforts.
9. **Gourmet Pancake Breakfasts** –  The nice thing about a [breakfast fundraiser](https://www.dojiggy.com/s/how-to-hold-a-breakfast-fundraiser/) is that it does not take nearly the amount of time to organize as larger fundraising events, but it still raises significant funds while bringing members of your organization and the community together in a social setting. Many Rotarians will line up to flip pancakes!
10. **Polar Plunges** – With a [polar plunge fundraiser,](https://www.dojiggy.com/blog/10-simple-steps-to-plan-a-polar-bear-plunge-fundraiser/) Rotarians take the plunge into frigid or icy waters to raise awareness for a charitable cause. One of the most appealing reasons to host a polar plunge is that it attracts quite the attention of the media and local community.

**From District 7090 website:**

Effective Fundraising Ideas

*Posted by Anne Bermingham*

Crazy, Creative Fundraising

A person with long hair

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Ever wondered how other Rotary Clubs in District 7090 raise funds? There are a lot of effective techniques. At the District 7090 conference last October, a group of Rotarians got together to share some of these ways. Here are just some of the ideas that were shared:

* Rotary Club of Grimsby – has an annual Fantasy of Trees.  For two weeks, these beautifully decorated Christmas trees are on display at the Grimsby Museum. They raffle the trees off and raise $15,000 in one day for the activities of the club.
* Rotary Club of Hamilton AM – has an annual BBQ Auction each August. There are several sponsors and many silent and live auction items. Around 400 tickets are sold. They consistently yield $80,000+ from this one event.
* The Rotary Club of Grand Island has a Shred-It event. You bring your old financial / tax / personal papers to the central bin. The event typically raises $5,000 a year.
* The Rotary Club of Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus has a Chili cook-off. They charge $15 a ticket. Attendees vote on best chili.  There are sponsors and there is a lot of bragging rights that go to the winners.  They raise $15,000 in this one event.
* The Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise has a Hot Havana Night in June.  They sell 100 tickets at $75 a plate. Live and silent auction.  Raised $25,000.
* The Rotary Club of Niagara on the Lake holds an Ice Wine Cocktail Evening at the end of September. It is catered and usually takes place in a private home. They sell 100 tickets and raise $20,000.
* Rotary Club of Fort Erie has a LobsterFest.  In the first year, they had over 200 people in attendance. Tickets were $40 a person. Town contributed hall for free. Big community event.
* Rotary Club of Ancaster AM puts on Autumn Stroll where ticket holders can stroll through the Dundas Valley Conservation Area and stop at tables to sip wines and experience food creations from local restaurants. Tickets are $110. Raises $50,000.
* Rotary Club of Lincoln has a Lamplighter Tour in November of each year. The participants move from historic site to site – often people’s homes. They see plays being performed and hear stories being told.  The event showcases the talent and rich heritage and culture of the area while raising $25,000 for the club.

There are many others from Elimination Draws to Snowmobile Races to Pasta Dinners.  Rotarians are creative and effective when it comes to raising money.