



The Ambassador

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District Conference – Service and Shenanigans

The Rotary District Conference was held in Brantford Oct 12-14. The annual conference that is open to all Rotarians in our District included great speakers, great friends and an experience that is worth every minute.

As part of our ongoing buzz for our 100th Anniversary, our Rotary Club had a booth at the “House of Friendship Room” promoting our Gala.

In addition, our Rotary Club hosted a Hospitality Suite on the Friday night. Our suite was themed after a Speakeasy. We had notoriously good beer “Sleeman”, jugs of wine and a specialty drink called “The PH”. The Speakeasy was a huge success! We had people in and out of the room all night and finally closed the room down at 1:30 a.m.! All of the guests enjoyed the beverages, food and a few people even played a few hands of Black Jack.

All of the committee members dressed up as mobsters and dames. It was a class act seeing “Twinkletoes Gordon, Nuts Cutler, Big John Duffy, Pretty Boy Jordan, and Adam the Man”.

The ladies also did a great job...sweet cheeks! These characters made the Speakeasy a huge success.

Special thanks to the committee for putting together a great event. There were several other Hospitality Suites sponsored by other Rotary Clubs in our District. Each Hospitality Suite was judged and the winning Rotary Club would receive a Paul Harris Fellowship.

The word on the street is that the Rotary Club of Hamilton had one top notch suite and they can't wait to see what we do next year!

Editor's Note:

It was announced at the conference dinner that the Rotary Club of Hamilton was the winner of the best hospitality suite at the conference and the recipient of a Paul Harris credit of \$1,000. Congrats, all who participated, on an outstanding job!



L to R are The award-winning crew from the 'speakeasy' at the hospitality suite at the District Conference : John Duffy, Jordan Hambleton, Colleen Burke, Adam Oldfield and Paul Gordon.

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Polio Report

STATUS REPORT: 99% POLIO-FREE - New website launched

Rotary has created a virtual home – endpolionow.org – where people can rally together to finish the fight against polio. The website is available in English, with other languages to follow. Key features include:

- Compelling stories you can share about polio eradication;
- Interactive, dynamic graphics that help you tell the story;
- How your and others' donations can be used to fight polio;



• How to use your social media status to share Rotary's polio story and calculate your "social worth";

• Links to polio communications resources that will help you educate and inspire others to 'end polio now'.

"To achieve a polio-free world, Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative need your support to spread the word," says Robert S. Scott, Chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "Together, we must educate and activate individuals, organizations, and most importantly, governments, to keep up the

fight to end polio now. Robust and coordinated digital outreach is necessary to reach our goal."

You are encouraged to visit www.endpolionow.org, interact with its features, and share it with others through your own websites, blogs, and social media channels.

"We are 'this close' to making history by eradicating this crippling disease once and for all," says Scott. "Case counts have never been lower; the number of countries affected has never been fewer – the time to beat polio is now."

www.endpolio.org

Peace
Through Service
Sakuji Tanaka
Rotary International President
2012-13

World Community Service Committee

Santa Claus Parade

Hamilton Rotary Club will participate in the Hamilton Santa Claus parade on Saturday, Nov. 10th at 1:00 p.m.

Rotarians wishing to join in the parade are asked to stay tuned for further details on where to meet!

Of course, our fire engine will be featured.



Submitted by: Rebecca Beatty

International Service Priorities:

The WCS Committee reviewed the top international priorities as determined through the Rotary Club of Hamilton (RCH) visioning process. The prioritized list below indicates the committee's emphasis; however, should other opportunities present themselves, the committee remains open to additional initiatives.

- Build bridges between our literacy work in Hamilton and international (8) + ABC's and Rice (4) + Road Race
- Mobilize new water/sanitation fund supported

by key outside donor and other partners (4)

- First national library in Liberia in partnership with Rotary Club of Monrovia (6)
- Team Rotary has visited projects internationally (6)

Get Ready, Get Set, Get Reading....Road Race for the 100th Anniversary

Rotary members recently chose their preferred logo for the 100th Anniversary road race. Saturday October 5, 2013 has been chosen for race day and Pier 4 Park will be booked for the event. Committee Chair, Maria Harrison, is working on several event day partnerships and literacy

initiatives including: book giveaways to kids, partnering with the Hamilton Public Library, and involving Cathy Weaver or other local schools in addition to the Inner City Youth Initiatives Committee. If you are interested in participating or assisting, please speak with Maria.

Monrovia Library Project:

There is agreement among the committee members and RCH that the Monrovia Library project, as introduced to us by "Empowerment Squared", lines up with the objectives of the club. The RCH has agreed to provide support to Empowerment Squared subject to a due diligence process. The Rotary Club of Hamilton will accept donations

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Lincoln Alexander (1922 – 2012)

Lincoln MacCauley Alexander, PC CC Ont CD QC (January 21, 1922 – October 19, 2012) was a Canadian politician and statesman who served as a Member of Parliament in the House of Commons, the federal Minister of Labour, and later as the 24th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, from 1985 to 1991. Alexander was also a Governor of the Canadian Unity Council.

Alexander was born in Toronto, to Mae Rose and Lincoln Alexander, Sr., who emigrated from Jamaica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, respectively. He first distinguished himself in service to Canada in the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War. Alexander graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto in 1953.

In 1968, Alexander ran in the Canadian federal election as the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada candidate in the Hamilton West electoral district. He won, becoming Canada's first black Member of Parliament. He held the seat through four successive elections until stepping down in 1980.

While in office, he spoke to the press about then Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's alleged profanity in the fuddle duddle incident and was an observer to the United Nations in 1976 and 1978. In the brief government headed by Joe Clark from 1979 to 1980,

Alexander served as Minister of Labour. He resigned his seat in 1980 to serve as chairman of the Ontario Worker's Compensation Board.

In 1985, on the advice of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Governor General Jeanne Sauvé appointed Alexander as Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. He became the first black person to serve in a Vice-Regal position in Canada. During his appointment, he focused attention on education and youth issues.

In 1992, Alexander was appointed to the Order of Ontario. He also became a Companion of the Order of Canada. From 1991 to 2007, he served as Chancellor of the University of Guelph. His term exceeded that of any of his predecessors, and he assumed the office of Chancellor Emeritus.

In 2000, Alexander was named Chair of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation, where he remained an active spokesman on race relations and veterans' issues. Until the time of his death, he was the Honorary Patron of the Hamilton branch of St. John Ambulance, as well as Honorary Chief of the Hamilton Police Service.

In November 2006, his autobiography *Go to School, You're a Little Black Boy: The Honourable Lincoln M. Alexander: A Memoir* was

published.

Alexander died in his sleep on the morning of October 19, 2012, at the age of 90. The national and provincial flags outside the Ontario Legislative Building were flown at half-mast and tributes were given by various viceroys and politicians. His body lay in state, first inside the Ontario Legislative Building at Queen's Park, followed by Hamilton City Hall. A state funeral was held in his honour at Hamilton Place. Hundreds of people lined the streets to pay their respects.

He was survived by his second wife Marni and son Keith from his marriage to his first wife Yvonne Harrison (predeceased in 1999).



Mr. Alexander, known to many as Linc, was a well-known and respected Hamiltonian. There are schools, rooms, buildings and facilities all named after him, as well as the Lincoln Alexander Expressway. Linc was an Honorary member of the Rotary Club of Hamilton and a Paul Harris Fellow.



Norm Levitt visits with Lincoln Alexander at a Rotary meeting.



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**Rotary Board Meetings
2012/2013
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

- Monday, Nov. 12, 2012
- Monday, Dec. 10, 2012
- Monday, Jan. 14, 2013
- Monday, Feb. 11, 2013
- Monday, Mar. 11, 2013
- Monday, Apr. 8, 2013
- Monday, May 13, 2013
- Monday, June 10, 2013

Location of meetings:

**Dodsworth & Brown
Robinson Chapel
15 West Ave. N.,
Hamilton, ON L8L 5B9**

which will later be dispersed directly to the Rotary Club of Monrovia, until such time as Empowerment Squared receives charitable status through the Canadian Revenue Agency.

Adeel Zafar will initiate a conversation with the Rotary Club of Monrovia. The HRC will use the Rotary International grant application as a form of agreement.

Group Study Exchange (GSE) program:

Our Club hosted a GSE networking dinner at Mark Mindorff's house on October 16 for the visiting GSE group from the Philippines.

This very interesting group included Pahm Balaabas, police officer and a former member of the Philippines President's Security Detail; Arcie Mallari, Jan Sauve McGill Scholar and expert in Child development; Francezca Kwe, University Professor in Creative Writing; Anna Roque, ex DJ and Marketing Guru responsible for Asus Philippines, marketing of Asus Ultrabooks, notebooks, net book and tablet computers. The Rotarian Team Leader is Alfredo Campo. Alfredo is a civil Engineer who is very active in water supply development projects, partnering with clubs as far apart as Boulder, Colorado, USA and Boonah, Queensland, Australia.



About the Newsletter

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Advertising in the Ambassador

The cost of distributing the Ambassador is subsidized through business card size ads. The cost of an ad is \$200/year .

Please send your business card as a jpeg file to the email above. The number of times each ad runs will depend on the number of ads received. Each ad will be run a minimum of twice.

The Ambassador Team

Welcome and thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with bringing the Ambassador to our club membership on a monthly basis.

First shout out goes to Janet McNaught who acted as editor for years. Janet deserves a little break from the publishing business and we understand she is lending her considerable talents to other committees in our club.

Second is Heather Scott who has stepped up to be our new editor. Heather is doing a great job amidst a busy schedule with a young family.

And, as if Alex Moroz doesn't have enough to do, he has offered to bring periodic updates to the club on a number of matters, not the least of which are frequent

updates on the progress of our 100th anniversary committee.

Joan Heels is our proofreading guru. Heaven help us if we should spell someone's name incorrectly - but we know Joan will catch all manner of sins.

Rebecca Beatty has volunteered to be the 'reporter' for the World Community Service Committee. This is awesome - not only is Rebecca a relatively new member who is already hooked up with a committee, but she is willing to act as a scribe to bring us news of this committee's good work. Rebecca is setting a great example and we hope other committees soon follow suit with their own scribe who will get their committees the awareness they deserve.

Thanks to one and all.