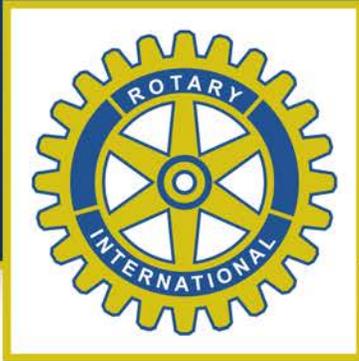


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PEOPLE YOU MAY KNOW



Christopher Cutler
President



Peter Quaglia
President Elect



Alex Moroz
Sgt-at-Arms

Message from the President

It is with great pleasure and not without significant humility that I begin this Rotary year as your club president. I am especially honoured to have the privilege of sharing our 100th anniversary year with my predecessor Bob Munroe. Some of you may have already heard me joke that if this club can survive my year as president than we are surely good for another hundred. In fact I am reminded of the old saying and I paraphrase Groucho Marx, "I refuse to belong to any club that would have me as its president." But in this instance I am willing to make an exception. This year's RI theme as selected by our new Rotary International President Ron Burton is *Engage Rotary, Change Lives*.

As President Burton himself explains;

"The Rotary club meeting you walk into today might, at first glance, seem very different from the weekly meetings of 50 years ago. And if you could pay a visit to every one of Rotary's 34,000 clubs, you'd see men and women from all different backgrounds, speaking just about every one of the world's languages, involved in service projects from the local to the global. You'd see clubs that are getting together to repair a neighborhood playground this weekend, while working in partnership with other clubs to install sanitary facilities in a school thousands of miles away. And you'd see a group of people who are absolutely committed to making the world a better place, in ways large and small....the foundation that Rotary is built on hasn't changed. Rotary is based, as it's always been, on our core values: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity and leadership. These are the values that define us as Rotarians: they're the values we live by, and the values we strive to bring to the communities we serve. Every one of us in Rotary is here because we were invited, and because we made a choice to accept that invitation.

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Every day since then, we've been faced with another choice: whether to just be a member or truly a Rotarian. Being a Rotarian is a commitment that goes far beyond just showing up at meetings once a week when you make the decision to truly engage Rotary — to bring Rotary service and Rotary values into every day of your life — that is when you start to see the incredible impact that you can have. That's when you find the inspiration, the excitement, and the power to truly change lives. And no one's life will be changed more than your own."

This is not a club of secret handshakes or passwords or of special privileges or of unfair advantages. The only opportunities it really offers is that of giving, of sharing, of fellowship and friendship with those who agree like you that service above self still does matter.

A young person in the community shared with me recently this question, "Why is it that few people place any limits if any on their wants but so many if not all place limits on what they are willing to give."

This is not the Rotary Way. It is not our way in the Rotary Club of Hamilton. Our membership is, along with service to others, the vital life blood of our club. Members as President Burton has already outlined have an opportunity to, as this year's Rotary International theme states, Engage Rotary, Change Lives.

I have chosen Members Matter as the theme of my year, 2013-2014, as president of the club. Consequently my goal, in the broadest sense, is to assist each member of the Rotary Club of Hamilton in experiencing a Rotary moment.

To that end I will be proposing the appointment during this year of a Club-based training officer to ensure that all members new and old alike will have the opportunity to receive the exposure to Rotary training that they need to more fully participate in the club and the wider world of Rotary. This will begin with the implementation of a club leadership and mentorship plan in support of the tremendous work of Glen Norton and his membership team over the last two years. I believe that it is absolutely fundamental and even essential that our club represents the diversity of the community we purport to serve. Through our membership committee and through your invitations to membership together we can make this happen.

I challenge each of us to invite at least one person to attend Rotary as your guest during this Rotary year. In turn I would challenge each of us to invite one person, whether you are ultimately successful or not, to join our club.

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Among just a few of our new initiatives during 2013-2014:

- We will redouble and reboot our fundraising efforts in a significant manner. To that end I am pleased to announce that under the leadership of our new Fundraising Director Kevin Anstee, Cynthia Janzen and Chelsea Crealock have accepted to provide leadership to our signature fundraising event Spring Uncorked. Further I am equally pleased to announce that Paul Gordon has agreed to provide leadership as Chair of our annual Rotary Golf event. I cannot thank enough his predecessor Anne Bermingham and her team for their tremendous work on this event
- We will demonstrate a significant commitment to Rotary Youth programming through the appointment of Nancy Harkness as Chair of the Youth Leadership committee who will provide leadership in our efforts to implement the full menu of Rotary youth leadership programming from Early act through Interact to Rotoract and RYLA
- I will encourage the board to look at ways beyond social media to encouraging participation in our clubs meetings including the holding of regular social meetings in both the early morning and early evening to facilitate those whose work hours stand as a barrier to attending meetings.
- To strengthen our relationship with our namesake park the Jackie Washington Rotary Park and the neighbourhood it serves, we will work with local residents in establishing, as an annual tribute to Jackie Washington, a community concert in the park to begin in September of 2013.
- We have and continue to establish ourselves as a community leader in children's literacy with the addition during the past year of Telling Tales: Canada's premiere children's literacy festival to our club's stewardship under the leadership of new club member Susan Jasper.
- Rotary Summer Literacy with almost 3,000 participants from across the community is the city's number one summer opportunity for reading remediation and literacy support for children
- We will continue our partnership with the Wever Hub in delivering the largest after school program for children operating out of a city recreational centre in the City of Hamilton.

I look forward to serving you this year and in delivering together on the promise of 100 years of Service above Self as we continue to celebrate our club's centenary.

Christopher Cutler

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Pioneers of Rotary – These vignettes showcase some of the contributions the men and women of the Rotary Club of Hamilton have made in the past century.

100 Years of Laughter

One thing that I have noticed during my short time here at Rotary is how much Rotarians, at least Hamilton Rotarians, love to laugh. Not a meeting goes by without barbs thrown back and forth and with good humour all around.

While perusing the history of the club, it seems that humour has been an important part of our club's history.

In the early days, it certainly was not all business. Club members enjoyed skits at every meeting. At one meeting Dr. Walter Thompson, a dentist, gave his classification talk. The members had a dentist chair on the platform and a "patient" in the chair having his teeth pulled. The acting dentist had a pair of blacksmith tongs for forceps. The mock extraction was accompanied by yells and screams of the patient.

In 1916, the era of prohibition, another stunt took place. Bill Forster secured a large two gallon whiskey bottle and made a three foot long coffin to hold it. Four pallbearers paraded through the room accompanied by funeral music. Rotarian C.H. Cunningham was the officiating clergyman. That

same year, a member was to give his classification talk (in those days they sold hard liquor) and a bottle of whiskey was placed at each setting. At the end of the meal, Warner Howell dressed as Carrie Nation, appeared carrying a small hatchet. He pounded up and down the tables, smashing bottles and throwing them to the floor, after which he delivered a temperance lecture.

My favourite story took place in 1933 when Rotarian Jack Flatt invited Rotarians to see a cock-fight at his home overlooking Dundas. While the boys were pre-occupied, the police raided the house, as per-arranged. Everyone scrambled to escape, but Jack locked all the doors. The police started taking names and everybody tried to hide. Some months elapsed before Jack was completely forgiven. In fact, several Rotarian friends never forgave him.

Rotary is fellowship and fellowship involved jokes, barbs, stunts, and laughter. Good humour is alive and well at the Rotary Club of Hamilton and I am sure it is one factor that has kept our club together for 100 years.

By Julie Shea

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Garden Party

The Club's annual Garden Party, held June 11 at Beverly Golf & Country Club, was the opportunity to say thank you and goodbye to President Bob Munroe and to welcome President Christopher Cutler.

Nancy Harkness was presented with the New Member of the Year Award and Larry Woods was given a Paul Harris Fellowship as was Lisa Kiriakopolous, Manager, Parent Engagement and Early Learning at the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board. Dave Gruggen, Jim Commerford and Pearl Wolfe were presented with the Presidential Award of Merit.



Bob Munroe presents the official gavel to new President Christopher Cutler.



David Simpson and Jim Commerford present the Paul Harris Fellowship Award to Larry Woods.



Susan Jasper presents the Paul Harris Fellowship Award to Lisa Kiriakopolous, Manager, Parent Engagement and Early Learning at the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board. Lisa handles the massive job of coordinating the buses that bring the children to the Telling Tales festival.



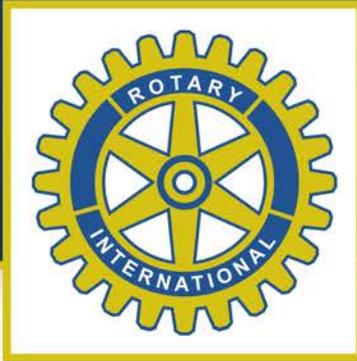
President Chris Cutler presents the New Member of the Year award to Nancy Harkness



A good time was had by all. Here Mindy Tweedle, Ute Winer, David and Joanne McCallum and Julie Shea enjoyed the fellowship at the Garden Party.

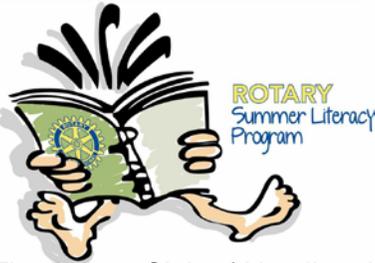
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Rotary Summer Literacy Program

The Rotary Club of Hamilton is proud to offer children in Kindergarten to Grade 5 the Rotary Summer Literacy Program. The program runs from Thursday July 4th to Friday August 9th, 2013 at Cathy Wever School

Program participants will join our staff from 9:00 am to 2:15 pm Monday through Friday (Session 1 begins on Thursday July 4th, the second week of session 3 begins on Tuesday August 6th). The Rotary Summer Literacy Program focuses on Literacy, providing participants with engaging modeled, shared, guided, and independent reading and writing activities. **Children who attend our program maintain and/or improve their literacy skills.** Over the course of a day the child will also have the choice of many different day camp activities. Most importantly, the program focuses on making learning fun!

This year the Rotary Summer Literacy Program will offer the following exciting afternoon program options: **Sports and Games:** Get active this summer: Floorball, Basketball and Soccer are standard features with a mix of classic camp games; **Arts and Crafts:** From creative crafts to digital photography your visually artistic child will get his/her artistic juices flowing. Clear room on the fridge! **Drama:** Hurray for Hollywood! Join our team for an action-packed session of movie making, play writing, dramatic fun! **Music:** Learn to be a real-life guitar hero, vocal legend or instrumental phenomena. Participants will enjoy a fun filled session of guitars, recorders and vocals. **Dance:** Is hip-hop your thing? Ever wondered about ballet? Boogie down and get your groove on with our dynamic dance team! **Animation:** Students will develop their own digital voice as they create comics, cartoons and other works of art. **The Rotary Summer Literacy Program is free!**

The City of Hamilton, Telling Tales, YMCA, Hamilton Public Library, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and the Rotary Club of Hamilton sponsor the Rotary Summer Literacy Program. Rotary volunteers will be greeting participants each morning.

The Rotary Summer Literacy program is only possible through your support of the Rotary Sunshine Fund!



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Marking 100 years of Service

A special meeting of the Rotary Club of Hamilton was held June 20 to recognize the first official meeting of the members of the club in July, 1913. To commemorate this special anniversary, the meeting was held at Jackie Washington Rotary Park to plant a commemorative tree to celebrate 100 years of service.

During the early years of Rotary, Rotarians held picnics and BBQs rather than regular meetings in the summer and during our 100th anniversary year, the Club will do the same.



Alex Moroz, 100th Anniversary chair; Peter Qualgia, President Elect; and Christopher Cutler, Incoming President participate in the commemorative tree planting.



Members of the Rotary Club of Hamilton celebrate 100 years of service locally and around the world.



Past presidents participated in cutting the cake.
L to R: David Simpson, Jim Commerford, Pearl Wolfe, John Clinton, Paul Gibel and Marie Robbins.

2013-2014 Board of Directors' Meetings

Dodsworth and Brown,
Robinson Chapel
**15 West Avenue North,
Hamilton ON L8L 5B9**

Second Monday of the month
at 5 p.m.

Monday, July 8, 2013

Monday, August 12, 2013

Monday, September 9, 2013

Tuesday, October 8, 2013

Monday, November 11, 2013

Monday, December 9, 2013

Monday, January 13, 2014

Monday, February 10, 2014

Monday, March 10, 2014

Monday, April 14, 2014

Monday, May 12, 2014

Monday, June 9, 2014

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Janet Walsh and Irene Hubar make the rounds at Wine, Nine and Dine in May

Calendar of Events



July

- Thursday July 4** – Incoming President Chris Cutler
- Thursday July 11** – BBQ at Rotary Summer Literacy, Cathy Wever School at noon
- Thursday July 18** – Dr. Laurel Trainer, “Music, Sound and Communication for Health: A transformational new LIVE Lab at McMaster University”
- Thursday July 25** – BBQ at Rotary Summer Literacy, Cathy Wever School at noon

August

- Thursday August 1** -Thursday, August 1 A birthday party celebration! Don't miss this special meeting to celebrate the official day in 1913 that our Rotary Club received its Charter from Rotary International.
@12:00pm
- Thursday August 8** – BBQ at Rotary Summer Literacy, Cathy Wever school at noon
@12:00pm
- Thursday August 15** – Cancelled due to Cruise on Hamilton Harbour Queen on August 14
- Thursday August 22** - Ron Denham, WASH (Water Sanitation Hygiene)

How to send an email through ClubRunner

Log into ClubRunner . You can find a link to ClubRunner on the homepage of our clubs website at www.rotaryclubhamilton.ca

On the “Admin” page of ClubRunner under “My ClubRunner” look for “Email Message Centre”

Click on “Email Message Centre” and click on “Compose new message”

Select “Active & Honorary Members” and “Other User” from the distribution list

Fill in the “Subject” field

You can type the message into the editor or paste from Word (follow screen instructions)

Deselect “Send a list of recipients as an attachment”

Click Send (you can also test your message by sending yourself a draft).

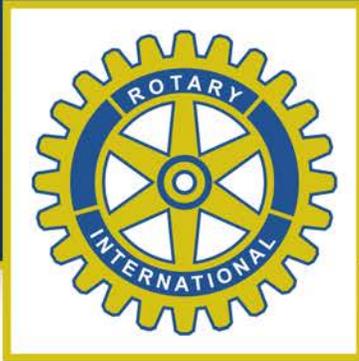
The Website

Thanks to Rotarian Adam Oldfield and his staff from fpm3 for donating the re-design of our website and for hosting it and helping with maintenance. Check it out – it has lots of information of interest to members and photo albums of recent events.

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World Community Service Update

The WCS committee has partnered with Empowerment Squared in a new initiative which will link the training of individuals from Liberia to the Rotary Literacy Program. This program will serve as a preamble to the Liberian Learning Center project that our Committee has been discussing for about a year. Three individuals from Liberia have been selected to visit Hamilton for a seven-week period and will be hosted by the Liberian Community. They will participate in the Rotary program at Cathy Wever School for the summer, and upon their return to Liberia, it is our hope that they are able to begin the planning for a similar program at a location adjacent to the future site of the Liberian Learning Centre. The following summer, we expect that a few volunteers from the Literacy Program here, could assist in Liberia next summer. A stipend will be paid to the three individuals by the RCH, and the cost of the airfare has been generously secured through other sources by the Liberian Ambassador.

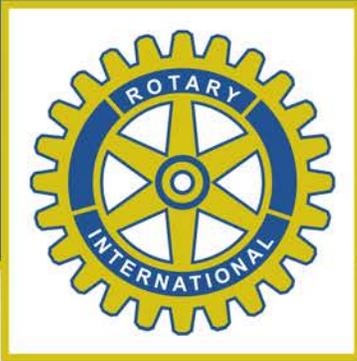
In addition, the committee recently agreed to support Ms. Anupa Jyoti Prashad, who will be travelling to Chennai, India where she will be involved with the local Global Health Delivery and Program Assessment to be implemented in partnership with the "Unite for Sight" organization and through the Pranav Eye Foundation in Chennai, India. The program facilitates the removal of known barriers to eye care among individuals in rural parts of India; the recipient will be directly involved with local ophthalmologists and optometrists, and will assist with basic healthcare tasks such as performing visual acuity screenings, and patient intake. The funds will be used towards volunteer expenses, eyeglasses, and sunglasses.



Rotarians enjoyed a series of fireside chats at the home of President Bob Munroe.

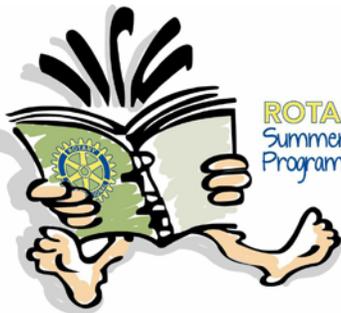
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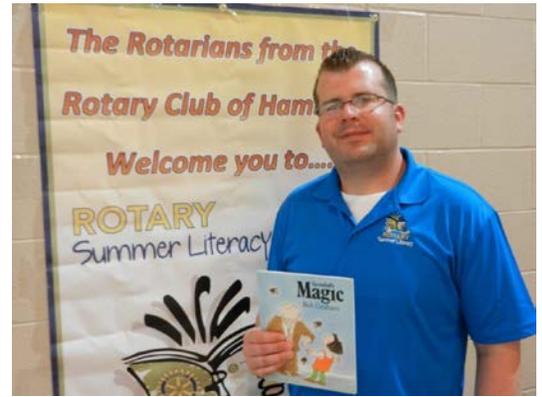
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ROTARY
Summer Literacy
Program

ROTARIAN of the Day!



Rob Blunsden, teacher at Cathy Wever School heads up the Rotary Summer Literacy Program

JULY	Thursday	Thursday
	4	11
	Friday	Tuesday
	5	12
	Monday	
	8	
	Tuesday	
	9	
	Wednesday	Friday
	10	

JULY	Monday	Monday
	15	22
	Tuesday	Tuesday
	16	23
	Wednesday	Wednesday
	17	24
	Thursday	Thursday
	18	25
	Friday	Friday
	29	26

JULY/AUGUST	Monday	Monday
	29	off
	Tuesday	Tuesday
	30	6
	Wednesday	Wednesday
	31	7
	Thursday	Thursday
	1	8
	Friday	Friday
	2	9

Sign up today!

We need Rotarians for the Rotary Summer Literacy Program! What better way to start your day off with energetic and enthusiastic children who attend our Rotary Summer Literacy Program.

The Rotarian of the Day will help greet parents and children at the Rotary Summer Literacy Program. After attendance, the Rotarian of the Day will be part of the morning read along.

The Rotarian of the Day needs to be at Cathy Wever School at 8:15am till 9:30am. It is a fun way to start your day and you will get to help launch our Rotary Summer Literacy Program each day!

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Date Selected: _____ Second Choice: _____

Please email the completed form or details to amoroz@cogeco.ca

You will be contacted to confirm your date selection. Thanks for volunteering!



RON D. BURTON
Rotary International President
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Sunshine Fund Members Appeal

A new Rotary Year and it is the launch of the Sunshine Fund Members' Appeal.

We want to reach **100%** of members' participation during the 2013-14 Rotary year. To do so we need your contribution.

We need your support to continue the good work of Rotary. The Sunshine Fund Members Appeal is an opportunity for every Rotarian to confirm their commitment to the projects and initiatives that Rotary support.

Help us reach our goals of 100% members support and to raise \$15,000 to benefit our community.

New this year is the opportunity to include your Sunshine Fund donation as part of your membership dues. Complete the donation part of the dues invoice or this donor form today and help us reach our goals!

Thank you in advance for your support of the campaign. Every contribution makes a difference.

Alex Moroz

Chair – Sunshine Fund Appeal

[Pledge Form](#)

Name: _____

Yes I would like to support the Sunshine Fund Appeal
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