



# The Ambassador

The official weekly publication of the Rotary Club of Hamilton, Feb. 3, 2005 edition

## Florence's Message

The speaker this week is Dr. Bill Evans, President of the Juravinski Cancer Centre. His topic is "Challenges of Cancer Care in Hamilton and Ontario".

Please make sure you read Rotarian Doug Bell's article in last week's Ambassador about his personal experience as a patient at the Juravinski Cancer Centre. You can find back issues of the Club newsletter in our Club's website at [www.rotaryclubhamilton.ca](http://www.rotaryclubhamilton.ca).

### A FEW REMINDERS:

Speaker for Next Week on February 10th, 2005: Chris Delaney is the speaker. Chris is a legally blind cyclist.

### Rotary Centennial Gala Event:

The 12 Hamilton area Rotary Clubs have coordinated this fellowship event to celebrate Rotary's 100th Anniversary.

To promote Rotary and develop membership, please invite a prospective new member to this event. The committee also extends a welcome invitation to all Rotarian spouses, partners or friends.

Please note that if you cannot attend this event, you will not be able to do a makeup in this area as all the meetings have been cancelled for that week by the 12 Hamilton area Rotary Clubs in lieu of this gala event.

Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2005

Location: Liuna Station

Time: cocktails at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Dress code: business attire

Ticket Cost: \$50 per person. Please see Ginny Mattuzzi & Irene Hubar to purchase your tickets. Please note that other Rotary Clubs have already sold their tickets...so please purchase your ticket at the luncheon meeting tomorrow or as soon as possible. Please make cheques payable to the Rotary Club of Hamilton.

### Guess Who's Coming To Dinner on Sat. Feb. 5th:

The Chair of this event David Buckley would like to remind the members involved in this fellowship event that the second dinner is this coming Saturday, February 5th.

Hosts: Your guest will arrive at 7:00 p.m.

Guests: Be by your phones on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. to get your instructions.

Have Fun!!!

### Spring Uncorked Event

Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2005

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Liuna Station, 360 James St. N. in Hamilton

Tickets: \$100 per person, tax receipt to be issued. Tickets are available now! Please see Geoffrey Stephenson to purchase your tickets.

### Centennial District 7090 Conference - May 13, 14 & 15, 2005:

"Centennial Governor Charlotte's District Conference team is busy planning the upcoming conference. The plan is to have a conference such as has never been before! Shortly, a registration package will be going out to all Club Presidents, but in the interim, we thought you might like to know more about where it will be held.....world renowned Chautauqua Institution is an experience like none other.....Centennial District 7090 Conference will be an experience like no other conference too.....COME EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF ROTARY IN A MAGICAL SETTING!!!!!!".

### 2004-2005 Membership Dues:

Further to President Paul Gibel's and Treasurer Norm Preece's presentation to you on the Club's budget for 2004-2005, please note that the balance of \$60 is now owing for your membership dues of \$350. This will be your final payment for the 2004-2005 membership dues. Please note that the Board has decided that you can have the option of paying by credit card if you wish. Otherwise, please make your cheques payable to the Rotary Club of Hamilton. Your immediate attention to this is appreciated. Thank you.

### Rotary Foundation & Annual Giving:

If you have not yet made your contribution to the Annual Giving Campaign, you can still do so by submitting your cheque or credit card number to the Rotary Office.

Contribution forms will be available at the Rotary luncheon this week for your privacy and convenience. Please make cheques payable to Rotary Foundation Canada. Thank you.

### ATTENDANCE:

Please remember to give me your makeups this week either at the Rotary meeting tomorrow or by email, or voice mail so that I can include them in our Club's January attendance report to the district. Please, please make sure you register your attendance at the Rotary luncheon meetings. I found 7 people that I actually spoke to that had not registered. So let's keep improving our Club attendance by making sure you register at the Rotary luncheon meetings and by submitting your makeups.

Information on other Rotary Club meetings can be found through the Rotary International website at [www.rotaryinternational.org](http://www.rotaryinternational.org) or if you are doing makeups in our district, please visit the district website which has changed to [www.rotary7090.org](http://www.rotary7090.org).

Regards,

Florence Rosato

Administrator of the Rotary Club of Hamilton

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January 10, 2005  
President Paul Gibel  
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Dear President Gibel:

The Rotary Club of Hamilton Mountain is holding its 25th Annual Paul Harris Fellowship Award presentation evening on March 2, 2005. Paul Harris Fellowship is the highest honour given by Rotary International to any individual. Originating in 1980, this gala event is held in order that the Rotary Club of Hamilton Mountain can honour one volunteer adult citizen and one youth from Hamilton Mountain community for their contribution of service to our community.

The award presentation will be made at the dinner on Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at Michelangelo's, 1555 Upper Ottawa Street, Hamilton. Cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40.00 per person. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Hamilton Mountain, I extend you a cordial invitation to attend this gala evening and we hope that you will honour us with your presence and thereby support the efforts of our Club to pay tribute to our Paul Harris recipients.

Yours very truly,  
Jay Barmar  
President

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Tickets: Clement Feirerabend 905-385-3254  
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*The Session of Central Presbyterian Church  
requests the pleasure of your company  
at a retirement dinner in honour of  
The Rev. Dr. Alan McPherson  
Saturday, April 16, 2005  
at the Hamilton Golf and Country Club  
232 Golf Links Road, Ancaster*

*Cash Bar and reception 6:00 pm  
Dinner to follow  
Black tie  
(optional)  
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## **CELEBRATING ROTARY'S CENTENNIAL**

Come join us for a historic event to celebrate 100 Years of Rotary.

All of the 12 Hamilton Rotary clubs have joined together (which is no small accomplishment in itself) to put on a gala and we would like to see all of you attend. The basic information is on the flyer which is included in this Amabassador. This will be the only Rotary meeting in Hamilton that week as all 12 clubs have cancelled their regular meetings in order to have as many Rotarians as possible attend this event.

We will have music by the Hamilton All Star Jazz Band, thanks to Russ Weil and two great speakers. Georgina Steinsky-Schwartz is the President of the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy and a speaker who is in great demand. We have received extremely favourable comments about her presentations from all who have heard her speak before. We will also get to hear from a former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Adam Nagler, who is currently working as an assistant to Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty. It should be a great night. The tickets will be available at our meetings.

Remember that there will not be a meeting on February 24 so you can use the money from this to reduce your cost of attending the gala which is being run on a break even basis.

We would also encourage you to bring anyone who might be a prospective members to see what Rotary is all about.

Come join us to celebrate "A Century of Service and A New Century of Success."

Paul Gibel

## **Would You Like to Help the District Conference be the Best Ever?**

Centennial Club Presidents 04-05!

It would be most appreciated if you, as Club President, could make this known to your club members in whatever fashion works for your club. We do not want to impact any of your fundraisers, so I know that this can be touchy. But, we also know that there are many different ways that businesses like to help. A sponsorship will give a company exposure to about 500 - 600 individuals. If you are a Rotarian affiliated with a business that may want to be recognized as a conference sponsor, we would love to have your help. There are many opportunities to sponsor.....ranging from a corporate sponsor at \$5,000 to a co-corporate sponsor at \$2,500. In addition to being recognized in the program, we will put your name in our press releases as well as providing you with space to display your corporate banners at the conference.

If you would like to sponsor but would like something not quite so dear, there will be room in the conference program to advertise your business. If anyone in your clubs is interested, a business card ad is \$100, a 1/2 page ad (twice the size of a business card ad) is \$200 and a full page ad is \$400.

If interested in sponsoring our centennial celebration, please let us know by calling 716.484.8814 or emailing to [phutton@netsync.net](mailto:phutton@netsync.net)

Thanks,

Pene and Chris, Co-chairs

# The 12 Rotary Clubs of Hamilton

*presents*

# *100 Years of Rotary*

**LIUNA Station**

6:00 Cocktails

6:30 Dinner

Speakers: **Georgina Steinsky - Schwartz**,  
President of the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy  
**Adam Nagler**, Rotary Scholar

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2005

**\$50.00**  
per person



## From our Scribe

### We Have It GOOD

Hamiltonians sometimes feel badly about our downtown and the loss of so many find companies, which is understandable. The downtown area west of James Street is much better than many of the cities your Scribe has visited.

There are City Hall, the Family Court House, the Education Centre, the new Federal building, Hamilton Place, the Convention Centre, the new Art Gallery, Copps Coliseum, Whitehern and Jackson Square (still a busy mall, giving service to a large part of our population who would have a hard time to make it up to Limeridge and can't afford their prices).

Apart from the buildings alone, we should be so proud of our culture. In December your Scribe and company attended four events at Hamilton Place or Theatre Aquarius ? The Vinyl Cafe Show (sell out), The John McDermott Show (sell out), the Sound of Music (wonderful) and The Tribute to Vienna on New Year's Day. Wonderful events enjoyed by so many of our citizens.

Last Friday, your Scribe left his office at about 6:00 p.m. The mall was packed with families heading for the Hilary Duff concert at Copps. Another sell out.

We should be thankful for the far-seeing citizens and politicians who built Hamilton Place, Copps Coliseum and beautiful Theatre Aquarius. Your Scribe will find time some day soon and find out who they were.

Your Scribe

### Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Reminder

**Saturday February 5 - The Second Dinner**

**Hosts - Your guests will arrive at 7.00 PM**

**Guests - Be by your phones Saturday morning at 10.00 AM to get your instructions**

**Have fun!**

**Dave Buckley**



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## Historical Note

### Some Famous Rotarians from the Past

Marconi, the inventor of radio, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, Humanitarian Explorer, Jean Sibelius, Composer, Admiral Richard Byrd (who traveled to both the North and South poles carrying a Rotary Flag), Dr. Charles Mayo (Mayo Clinic) and Winston Churchill.

## Think Green!

In the depth of a good old fashioned Canadian winter, isn't it great to think about warm breezes and green fairways?? Yes, fellow Rotarians, it isn't too early to start thinking about the Rotary Club of Hamilton's Annual Charity Golf Tournament for 2005.

The purpose of the tournament is to raise funds to finance the charitable work of Rotary in our community and to stage a successful fun and fellowship event for Rotary members and guests.

The tournament date is Tuesday, June 7, 2005 – with a shotgun start at 12:30 pm. It will be held again at the Dundas Valley Golf and Curling Club and the entry fee is \$175. (same as last year.)

We are particularly counting on your support as corporate sponsors for the event as well as hole sponsors and prize donors. Please also let us know if you know of any 'prospects' for any of those categories. Please contact anyone on the golf tournament committee if you have any suggestions. And remember – spring can't be too far away.....

Pearl Wolfe  
Golf Tournament Committee

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### Silent Auction and Raffle

Brian Mullan

Dear President Paul Gibel,

The members of the Rotary Clubs in Salem join me in THANKING YOU and your Club Members for having sponsored the project for modernising Eight Under Privileged Schools in Salem. The project will benefit over 16,000 students year after year. No sooner we receive the fund, we will communicate to you and try to complete the project during this Rotary Year. Photographs of the Schools before and after the implementation will be sent.

I also wish to express my sincere gratitude for having contributed \$ 5,000 towards Tsunami Fund. We will acknowledge it as soon as we receive it. It will be properly used and accounted for. For your reference, I am attaching few of the photographs taken by me of the Tsunami affected Nagapattinam of our D 2980.

President Paul, you must visit us one day to see the remarkable changes that had taken place in the field of Literacy with the Funds provided from Rotary Club of Hamilton.

With Warm Regards,  
Puru  
PDG P.V. Purushothaman.



Bonjour a Tous!

The New Year brings thoughts and reflections of the past year for most people. For me, 2004 was amazing, and 2005 I am sure will prove to be even more wonderful! I must thank Rotary International and in particular my Canada/U.S. District 7090 and my Bretagne District in France. I also thank my schools and teachers both at Hillfield-Strathallan College in Hamilton Ontario and College Lucee Ste. Anne D'Auray in Morbihan France, as well as my fabulous families in both Canada and France for giving me such exceptional opportunities!

Je m'apelle Mark Robbins, the Rotary exchange student on a one year exchange to Bretagne, France. Tan is the exchange student from Thailand who is "replacing" me for this year in my family and at school.

My experiences have been amazing. I live with three different host families throughout the year, each in different small towns near Sainte Anne D'Auray where I go to school. My travel opportunities include Brittany, Normandy, St. Malo, Rennes, Nantes, Vannes Lorient, Carnac, Paris, Marseilles, Lyon, Cote D'Azur and other places in France. As part of my European History course at school, we visited Munich and Berlin in Germany in October, where we saw and learned about the famous Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie etc. Next month as part of the same course, we will be travelling to Poland to visit some prisoner of war camps there. I have had the opportunity to spend time over the Christmas vacation with my second host family in Paris and then travelled to Turin in northern Italy to spend the New Year with Marco & his family (a former exchange student who lived with us in Canada ten years ago). Several times while there we were able to go skiing in the Alps.

In the next few months I will be travelling on a fishing vessel from France to Ireland, travelling with Rotary students around southwestern Europe, and will be joining my parents for a one week conference in Paris at the end of May. No doubt other adventures and experience will also arise.

On December 26th I was shocked to hear of the devastation in Asia caused by the tsunami... I immediately thought of my host brother Tanyaton from Phuket, Thailand and called Canada, waking up the family very early in the morning to inform everyone as best I could regarding the tragic events. Fortunately, Tan was able to reach his family by telephone immediately to find that they were all fine. His father, a surgeon, is practically living at the hospital to help. In my own way, the band that I belong to in Pluvigner is helping by joining in several community concerts in my town and others in the area to help raise funds for the disaster areas.

The many challenges and experiences are invaluable and I look forward to sharing some of them at Rotary, at school, and with friends and family when I return later this year. I also hope to be able to arrange an exchange between some students at my school in France and students at my school in Canada. One of the goals of the Rotary Youth Exchange Programme is to help to "create world peace through understanding" and I think that encouraging this school exchanges will help to achieve this goal. I know that I have made friends with many people from around the world, and already I have a much greater awareness and understanding of others from my experiences.

Again I wish to express my appreciation  
A Bientot... Mark Robbins.



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The newsletter is distributed by email each Thursday, and printed for distribution the following week.

You can help save the club money for mailing and printing costs if you are able to download the electronic version, and no longer need to pick up a printed copy at our weekly meetings.

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## Rotary Calendar of Events.

3-Feb Dr. Bill Evans, President, Juravinski Cancer Center: "Challenges of Cancer Care in Hamilton and Ontario.

10-Feb Chris Delaney: Legally blind cyclist

17-Feb Jeff Manishen: Media Privilege & the Court

24-Mar Dana Robbins: The Spectator Story

February 5: Guess who's Coming to Dinner

May 7: Guess who's Coming to Dinner

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