



The Ambassador

The official weekly publication of the Rotary Club of Hamilton, Feb. 10, 2005 edition

Florence's Message

President Paul Gibel will be chairing this week's meeting. While Peter Quaglia is on vacation, the Sergeant-at-Arms Elect Pearl Wolfe will be taking on his role for a few weeks. Pearl has asked that if anyone has news to report or maybe wishes to "snitch", to please feel free to contact her by email at pwolfe@rmhhamilton.ca.

The speaker this week is Chris Delaney; a legally blind cyclist.

A FEW REMINDERS:

Speaker for Next Week on February 17th, 2005: Jeff Manishen and his topic is "Media Privilege & the Court".

The 12 Rotary Clubs of Hamilton presents "**100 YEARS of ROTARY**"...**a Century of Service...A New Century of Success!!!**

Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2005

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

Location: Liuna Station

Time: cocktails at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Dress code: business attire

Ticket Cost: \$50 per person.

Please see Ginny Mattuzzi & Irene Hubar to purchase your tickets.

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To promote Rotary and develop membership, please invite a prospective new member to this special gala celebrating 100 years of Rotary. 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 Rotary meetings have been cancelled for that week by the 12 Hamilton area Rotary Clubs in lieu of this special event.

Spring Uncorked

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.

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

Let's try to improve our attendance percentage by making sure that you at least register your attendance at our regular meetings (10 members that I am aware of forgot to register last week), submit your makeups, and submit your committee meeting attendance credits.

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

Regards,

Florence Rosato

Administrator of the Rotary Club of Hamilton

Club Charter: August 1st, 1913

Temporary Rotary Office location & Luncheon Meeting location from now until the end of May 2005:

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From our Scribe

Some Great Rotarians

A list of former Club Presidents came across your Scribe's desk a few days ago. A few names stuck out as some great men.

In 1968 our President was Hugo Ewart, a wonderful doctor. Early in World War II, he joined the Canadian Army Medical Services overseas and rose to be at the very top of that very important service. Following the war, he returned to private practice. Shortly after, he was asked to be the Executive Director of the Hamilton Sanatorium. He made many moves to improve conditions and treatments at the San. The development of Antibiotics began to eliminate Tuberculosis so Hugo and his Board gradually changed the operation to the very fine Chedoke Acute Care Hospital.

Hugo also established the Rehab Centre on the Chedoke Campus which is still an outstanding unit. It will be transferred in a year or two to the General Hospital Campus.

The last patients at the Sanatorium were Eskimos from the far north. While there, as a gift for an in-house bingo game run by Ex-Mayor Jack MacDonald, the Eskimos created and donated the many carvings which make up a world famous collection at the Rehab Centre.

When Hugo organized Chedoke Hospital, McMaster Hospital had not yet opened. After it's opening, Hugo could see that two hospitals on the mountain were not required. The fine nurses' residence on the Chedoke Campus, built during Hugo's regime, carried on for some years and was under the direction of our John Frid through the Mohawk Nursing Regime. A few years ago, it was sold at a good price to Columbia School for one of their residences.

Through all the changes Hugo was a positive, energetic person. His wonderful wife, Boggs, now lives in Highgate Residence in Ancaster.
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A Note from Anne Bermingham

Just a note to say thank you to all of my friends in Rotary for the lovely flowers that arrived this past Friday. What a nice gesture. I have had five long weeks in which I have been suffering from a progressive relapse due to my MS. It has been scary and frustrating. However, things are finally turning around. I finally had to try a treatment in which I received steroids by IV - with nurses coming to the house. It seems to be doing the trick and finally the MS seems to be going slowly back into remission. But I am quite sure that your flowers are part of the cure as well. Thank you. Thank you. I hope to be able to return to Rotary soon.

Project Caring

I had a nice visit with Bert Nelson last Thursday. Despite his problems he is very cheerful and enjoys company. Why not drop in to see him soon.

Bob Wilson



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Inner City Initiatives Committee

COMMITTEE MERGER

Merger of the Inner City Initiatives and Youth Committees was discussed. The terms of reference need changing as does the name of the new group. In discussing the terms of reference some of the issues raised included the following:

- * avoid stereotyping the people to whom we provide assistance
- * possible retention of the name of the former committees
- * prevent the name or terms of reference from placing unnecessary constraints on our work
- * assure that our club is not exposed to any adverse activities

It was agreed that Don Jaffrey and Alex Moroz will develop proposed terms of reference which they will present at the February meeting of the ICIC.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The committee considered where its future activities should be concentrated. Some of the opportunities include:

- * Support of the Mom's Group
- * Support of a Keith Community Resource Centre
- * Help to improve the Mars Park (North Central Community park) facilities
- * Establish contact with the Hamilton Wentworth School Board, rather than with individual school principals
- * Develop working contacts with an organization like Tim Horton's
- * Assist in the creation of affordable housing projects
- * RYLA
- * Support Easter Seals, Christmas Party and Jazz on Mars events
- * YSAN
- * Junior Achievement
- * Develop working contacts with McMaster University and Mohawk College to create scholarships for deserving north-end students
- * Assist with school breakfast programs
- * Provide student travel funds
- * Explore volunteering needs at schools other than Benetto

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Ski Day

The Rotary Club of Ellicottville is holding their ski day on Thurs Feb 17th. All the clubs in the district have been invited to participate. Conditions are at their very best and I think those skiing members of our club would enjoy.

At this point, it looks as though our own Club may not be having a ski day this year, so Rotarians might consider participating in this event.

Accommodations are at a premium, but former Rotarian Jim Buchanan owns the Jefferson Inn in Ellicottville and might well offer a break to those who would be interested in staying there. Also the Ellicottville Inn and the Black Dog Lodge could be another alternatives for accommodations. Phone numbers are; Jefferson Inn 716-699-5859
Ellicottville Inn 716-699-2373
Black Dog Lodge 716-699-6900

A few Rotarians from our Club have signed up, if you would like to join them, please contact Tom Gallagher for further details.
t.gallagher@sympatico.ca

Membership Matters

Ever wonder who we're 'missing' in our club? From time to time, a section will appear in the Ambassador that will indicate classifications which are currently vacant. If you know anyone in these areas, you may want to contact them and discuss potential membership in Rotary. Thanks!

Art-Film Production
Associations – Chamber of Commerce
Associations – Employment Service - Disabled
Associations – Mental Health
Associations – Vocational Rehabilitation
Associations – Business Improvement Area
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2004-2005 Committees

COMMUNITY SERVICE – DIRECTOR OKSANA FISHER

Donation Advisory Committee: This Committee manages a budget to assist individuals in great need and who have exhausted all other sources of assistance in our community and to support campership programs.
Committee Chair: John Millar

Inner City Initiatives and Youth Committee: This committee works to carry out the interests of the Rotary Club of Hamilton in making a positive difference for inner city children and their families in Hamilton. Annual events include a community party at an inner city park, a school Christmas party and reading program. Additionally, this committee recently joined with the

Youth Committee that is active in promoting Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), the Easter Seals Christmas Party, Junior Achievement, Youth Photo contest, McMaster Rotaract Club and Youth Achievement Awards.
Committee Chairs: Don Jaffray

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE DIRECTOR – ADRIENNE DAVIDSON

World Community Service: This committee has developed a detailed format for the evaluation of Project Proposals from around the world against Criteria for Projects.
Committee Chair: Adrienne Davidson

Rotary Foundation Committee: This committee promotes and supports the activities of our Rotary Foundation. This includes educating members on the role of the Rotary Foundation and encouraging our members to donate to the Rotary Foundation through Paul Harris Fellowships and the Annual Giving Program.
Committee Chair: David Simpson

Youth Exchange Committee: Our club sponsors two local students to go aboard for a year and hosts two inbound students from overseas. This Committee is responsible for promoting the Exchange Program to the local high schools, recruiting prospective exchangees and selecting suitable candidates. All qualified students and their parents are interviewed both locally and at the district level. Selected exchangees are assigned a councilor who serves as liaison between Rotary club, host family & community at large. The committee arranges for host families for our incoming students and assists with special events and trips.
Committee co-chairs: Rick Broadfoot and John Duffy

CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR – GEOFFREY STEPHENSON

Attendance Committee: This committee checks our attendance records and contacts club members who have missed three consecutive meetings to make sure they are all right and to encourage them to make up their attendance. This committee also reports prolonged absences to the Director as well as helping to mark perfect attendance achievements by club members.
Committee Chair: Bill Filer.

Membership Committee: This committee is responsible to: help identify and attract new members, arrange for the mentoring of new members, arrange a New Members Day, classification talks, fireside chats, leave of absences, resignations, and classifications.
Chair: Pearl Wolfe

Project Caring: This committee is responsible for contact with members who are sick, provide transport to Rotary Meetings for members who are not mobile enough on their own, sending cards and flowers on behalf of the club, a visitation program for members who are shut-in, update the President on a weekly basis of club members who are ill and/or needing visits.
Committee Chair: Bob Wilson

Membership Recognition Committee: This committee arranges for the recognition of members for their years of service in the Club.
Committee Chair: Bill Lister

CLUB PROGRAM DIRECTOR – CYNTHIA JANZEN

Weekly Program Committee: This committee is responsible for recruiting speakers, coordinating people to introduce and thank the speakers and generally ensure that the program schedule is informative and value added for members.
Committee chair: Cynthia Janzen

Summer BBQ Committee: This Committee arranges a summer BBQ that is a fellowship event for Rotarians and their families.
Committee Chair: Larry Woods

Garden Party Committee: This event is held in June and is the social event that marks the end of the term of one Rotary President and the beginning of another.
Committee Chair: Hank Wright

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR – JOHN CLINTON

Communications Committee: This committee looks after internal communications within the club using our weekly

newsletter, the Ambassador, our e-mail "Mailing List" and Club Website. Members of this committee perform various tasks including: club archivist and history, biographies of new members, the membership roster.

Committee Chair: Janet McNaught

Public Relations Committee: The goal of this committee is to get the message of the Rotary Club of Hamilton out into the public. It includes media relations, public relations and messages to our district and other Rotarians in the area.

Committee Chair: John Clinton

Fire Engine Committee: This committee keeps the club's antique fire truck clean and in good repair. Committee members take the fire truck to parades as well as public and private functions. The main purpose of the Fire Truck is to publicize the Rotary Club of Hamilton and entertain children.

Committee Chair: Keith Green

FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR – JOE URBAN

Sunshine Fund Committee: Each year, our club holds an annual appeal for donations from our own members to raise \$20,000 for our Sunshine Fund. The committee hopes to have 100% of our membership giving to this annual appeal.

Committee Chair: Joe Urban

Spring Uncorked Committee: This is a fundraising event consisting of an evening of excellent entertainment, exquisite food and exceptional wine in the ambiance of a special setting.

Committee Chair: Robert Beres

Golf Event Committee: This is Hamilton's longest running charity golf tournament. Held in early June at the Dundas Valley Golf Club, this event provides a great social event for golfers of all abilities and has become a major fundraiser for our club.

Committee Co-Chairs: Keith McIntyre & Pearl Wolfe

Vocational Director – Madelaine Steller

Currently working on a several initiatives "to be announced".

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

Spring Uncorked 2005

LIUNA Station

April 5, 2005

7:00 P.M.

Cost \$100 per person (\$75 Tax Receipt)

Time to think about spring, enough of this snow and cold!

The committee is working hard this year at make Spring Uncorked 2005 a real success. We received excellent feedback for the participants last year and will be incorporating some of the changes this year.

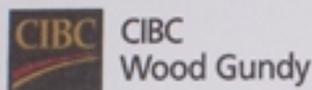
The biggest change will be a "ticket". We have printed actual tickets this year.

Geoff Stephenson and his committee are again handling Tickets and registration and will have tickets for purchase at our Feb 3rd meeting. The order forms are still the best method of registering for tickets.

We are planning on introducing some exciting new wineries and restaurants this year. Keep watch for the announcements over the next couple of weeks.

Our next committee meeting is on Feb 2nd, 2005 @ 4:00 P.M., (RP Beres office, 1685 Main St W) if you are interested in helping out please attend.

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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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