



The Ambassador

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FLORENCE'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

The speaker at this week's meeting is the Honorable John Gerritson, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and his topic is "Greenbelt Legislation".

Important Program Note!!!

Minister Gerritson will begin his speech promptly at 12:30 p.m. instead of 1:00 p.m. as he has to be in attendance for the "question & answer period" at the Legislature in Toronto at 2:00 p.m.

Please make every effort to arrive and be seated before 12 noon!!!

FUNDRAISING EVENT:

The Rotary Club of Hamilton's ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOUR-NAMEMENT:

Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2005
Place: Dundas Valley Golf & Curling Club
Time: 11:30 a.m. Registration & Light Lunch
1:00 p.m. Tee Off (shotgun start)
6:00 p.m. Cocktail & Fellowship Hour
7:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner

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Cost: \$175 per person

Jack Wallace will be making a brief announcement at the Rotary Luncheon this week regarding the Golf Tournament's Hole Sponsor Campaign. Please check out other information on the Golf Tournament in our Club newsletter this week or pick up a brochure at the Rotary Lunch-eons.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER:

Board of Directors' Meeting:
Monday, April 18, 2005 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at MacGillivray, 33 Main St. E., Hamilton.

Membership Dues:

The balance of your membership fee for 2004-2005 is now overdue. Thank you to all of you that have paid your dues. If you have not, then please make your cheque for \$60 payable to the Rotary Club of Hamilton and submit it as soon as you can. Please note that you also have the option of paying by credit card (Visa or MasterCard).

Luncheon Ticket Price:

\$18 per ticket
\$180 for a booklet of 10 prepaid tickets (for those of you that purchased their booklets at \$150, please make sure that you compensate the Rotary Club by submitting the additional \$3 per ticket)
If you have a food allergy, please let me know so that I can inform the caterer.

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ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year's Annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, June 7th, 2005 at the picturesque and classic Dundas Valley Golf Club.

All Club members are urged to support this fundraising event whose proceeds will assist us in carrying out important Rotary service projects in our community.

Entry forms will be available at each Thursday luncheon meeting and members are urged to line up a foursome of business associates, clients or friends to ensure we achieve our goal of 144 golfers.

The entry fee of \$175 includes lunch, green fee, electric cart, sleeve of balls, the famous Dundas Valley Buffet Dinner and a chance to win a host of prizes including a 2005 Cadillac CTS for a hole-in-one.

A silent auction along with valuable raffle prizes will also be included in what promises to be an outstanding day of golf on one of Ontario's finest golf courses.

There are a number of sponsorship and prize donation opportunities which we ask you to consider to make this one of our most successful fund raising events of the Rotary year. These include:

- Corporate foursome - \$1,000
- Hole Sponsor - \$150
- Silent Auction Donor - \$100 and up
- Prize table Donor - \$25 and up

Make sure you register your foursome early as this tournament will fill up very quickly.

Thank You To Rotary Friends and Family from Bill Nelson

On behalf of Marjorie and myself, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to all, for your kind thoughts and prayers for our family as a result of the tragic loss of our eldest granddaughter Lindsay Giacomelli in Calgary. She was a vibrant young 20 year old woman in 3rd year at Univ of Calgary ballet/history program and loved music and dance.

Daughter Leslie, husband Gerald and children Nick and Stephanie have received incredible support from everywhere and are a strong family as they face the future together.

Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, they really brighten up our room I am recuperating nicely from my heart attack and the Angioplasty, unfortunately I have to go back in Hospital in about 7 weeks for further procedures.

In the meantime I will be out to Rotary when they let me drive again. Also thanks for the phone calls and E mail messages. Sorry I missed my 40th Anniversary but I will try to be there for my 50th.

Regards to everyone
Bob Wilson

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Prizes, Prizes, Prizes!

I need the help of each and every member of our club. I am counting on each of you to obtain a prize for the upcoming golf tournament.

Ideally, the value should be in the neighbourhood of \$25.00, but whatever you can bring to me will be gratefully accepted. A sleeve of balls, an umbrella, a prize that you won last year but don't want, all of these would be ideal.

Please bring your offering to a Rotary meeting during the next few weeks, I'll be there to accept.

Tom Gallagher
(official golf tournament prize collector)

Update on Electronic Communications and the Ambassador

Our mailing list was set up several years ago by Marcel Mongeon. It is hosted on the McMaster University servers, at no cost to the Club. The primary purpose of the mailing list was to distribute the Ambassador, but it is also very useful for other notices about Club events, and for Florence's Weekly Notices. This is an "automatic" mailing, one message sent to the list address: rotary-1@mailman.mcmaster.ca is distributed to everyone on the list. Subscribers include members of our Club, other Rotarians in Hamilton, and people at District level. If you use email, and are not currently subscribed to the list, please contact me, John Clinton, or Florence Rosato, to have your name added.

The Ambassador is produced each week, depending almost entirely on email support. Club members send me email notices which are published each week. If you have any notices about club events, or anything you would like to inform Club members about, please send me the information. It can be a full article, an idea for an article, or just some quick point form notes. I am always happy to edit or write up something from your ideas. I would also like to thank our regular contributors: John Shea, our Scribe, who always has interesting and amusing anecdotes about his travels and Rotary; Mark Mindorff, our Club Historian, and Bob Wilson, who regularly sends Project Caring Reports.

Once the Ambassador is designed each week, I export it as a PDF file, and upload it to our site on a server in Montreal. This was originally provided for our TV Auction inventory, and is now used for our newsletter, and is provided at no cost to the club, thanks to arrangements made by John Clinton and Kevin Thom at the Mouse Academy.

The link to that PDF file is distributed by John Clinton each week in a message to the mailing list, and is also posted on our Club website.

<http://www.rotaryclubhamilton.ca>

There are also Ambassador archives on that website, you will find links to newsletters from the previous 2 years of Rotary, which you can download.

The Ambassador is also available in printed form. For many years, Keith Green printed the weekly newsletter for the Club, at cost. Ambassador ads helped defray the cost of this printing, and mailing to absent Rotarians. Because of changing technology, we had a lot of problems continuing to print this way, so we asked Club members to read, their downloaded electronic version, and print a copy if they preferred to have a hard copy. We also realized that there are some club members who do not use email, and there are printed copies available for them at each meeting. We now have a team of volunteers who print the Ambassador each week, donating their time and resources so there is no cost to the Club. I would like to thank our Printing Team; Bob Leek, Paul Gibel, Ed Giancola, and Irene Hubar.

I would also like to thank the many Rotarians who, through their ads, continue to support the Ambassador and the Rotary Club. Please take a note of their ads in this issue.

We still need to refine our system for Ambassador distribution.

A while ago, we circulated a list, asking for names of people who still require a printed copy of the Ambassador. Our intention is to provide everyone with a copy, either through email distribution, or a printed copy at meetings. That list still includes people who have active email that they are using fairly regularly. I would ask that you give some thought to your own ability to download, read, and print your own copy of the Ambassador. I do realize that there are some reasons that you may not be able to do this, but if you are reading this issue on your computer, and your name is on that list to request a printed copy be provided at the meetings, please consider taking your name off that list.

We have a new system for distribution of printed Ambassadors. Beginning next week, if you are on the "Hard copy" distribution list, your Ambassador will be in an accordion file under your name. Each week, we will ask that you take your copy from the file. If you have been away for a length of time, your copies will be mailed to you, so you can still keep up with Rotary news.

Thanks for all of the support from Club members, and for the constant input of articles and news items.

Janet McNaught
Ambassador Editor

POLIO and ROTARY

.... In 1985, when Rotary launched its eradication program, there were an estimated 350,000 new cases of polio in 125 countries. Last year, 1,263 cases were reported. More than one million Rotary members have volunteered their time or donated money to immunize two billion children in 122 countries. In 1988, Rotary money and its example were a catalyst for a global eradication drive joined by the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. In 2000 Rotary teamed up with the United Nations Foundation to raise \$100 million in private money for the program. By the time the world is certified polio-free - probably 2008 - Rotary will have contributed \$600 million to its eradication effort.

An economist of our acquaintance calls Rotary's effort the most effective private healthcare initiative ever. A vaccine-company CEO recently volunteered to us that the work of Rotary and the Gates Foundation, both private groups, has been more effective than any government promoting vaccines to save lives. It's become fashionable in some quarters to deride civic volunteerism, but Rotary's unsung Polio effort deserves the Nobel Peace Prize."

Friday June 10, 2005 will be the annual Jazz on Mars event. We need Rotarians to assist with the set up that morning and during the day. We hope to have bands from area high schools and hold a BBQ for the parents group. The event will start at 1:00pm and go till 7:30pm. We hope to turn the early evening part into a community social event with a few performances from local groups. The Rotary Fire Truck will be there and many more surprises.

The event will be co-chaired by Alex Moroz and new Rotarian Mike Rehill. Cable 14 has agreed to assist us in promoting this event, the students at Sir John A MacDonald and volunteers from the Keith Neighborhood Project will assist in the organization of this event. We need Rotarians to help out that day.

If you are interested in joining the event committee, please email Alex Moroz at alex@artgalleryofhamilton.com. There is a lot of work to be done and we are only 70 days away.

Mark your calendars for Friday June 10, 2005 for Jazz on Mars!!!!

Sponsorship Opportunities

- LEAD SPONSOR** \$5,000
 - Complimentary burrito
 - Exclusive hole signage
 - Introduction at dinner
 - Company banner display
 - Main listing in dinner program
- DINNER SPONSOR** \$2,500
 - Two complimentary drinks
 - Exclusive hole signage
 - Introduction at dinner
 - Company signage displayed
 - Key listing in dinner program
- LUNCH SPONSOR** \$1,500
 - Company name prominently displayed
 - Introduction at Lunch Sponsor
 - Company name in dinner program
 - Company name on sponsor board
- CART SPONSOR** \$1,500
 - Company name on all carts
 - Introduction at Cart Sponsor
 - Company name in dinner program
 - Company name on sponsor board
- PUTTING CONTEST & CLOSEST TO PIN SPONSOR** \$1,000
 - Company name at designated area
 - Introduction at dinner
 - Company name in dinner program
 - Company name on sponsor board
- WINE SPONSOR** \$1,000
 - Company name at each table
 - Introduction at dinner
 - Company name in dinner program
 - Company name on sponsor board
- STRAIGHTEST DRIVE SPONSOR** ... \$1,000
 - Company name at tee & fairway
 - Introduction at dinner
 - Company name in dinner program
 - Company name on sponsor board
- HOLE SPONSOR** \$150
 - Company name at tee
 - Company name in dinner program
- CORPORATE FOURSOME** \$1,000
 - Four green-tees with cart
 - Company name at tee and green
 - Company name in dinner program
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 - Recognition on bid sheet
- PRIZE TABLE DONOR** \$25 and up
 - Your business card on gift



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- Corporate Foursome \$1,000
- Hole Sponsor \$150
- Silent Auction Donor \$100 and up
- Prize Table Donor \$25 and up

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ROTARY CLUB OF HAMILTON

2005

Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Dundas Valley Golf & Curling Club
 Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Come out in support of
 Rotary Youth Projects

From our Scribe

"Not Worth It!"

For many years upon entering a plane, when flying somewhere and walking through First Class and getting those sophisticated looks on the way to the back, Mrs. Scribe always said, "We must fly First Class sometime."

It happened when we were offered a good deal to fly up front coming back from Florida on April 1st. We blew the wad and looked forward to a classy experience.

Great ? we were checked in before the mob and were boarded first Oh boy! Once seated in the big seats, we looked forward to the trip. Your scribe was the only person in the class with a suit jacket on. There goes the class. Sure, we got a pillow and the cabin attendant passed around peanuts and chips, twice instead of once and sure, we were offered a drink. Your scribe had a light beer on the first lap of our trip and tea on the other. In your scribe's opinion, the cabin attendants on the three legs of our trip showed little interest in the front cabin: "apology": they hung up our coats.

Perhaps the trip itself created a bit of disillusionment. Left Sarasota at 1:35 p.m., hit Charlotte at 2:55 p.m. On to New York's La Guardia, arriving at 4:45 p.m. and due out at 7:55 p.m. Actually left New York at 12:00 a.m., arriving in Buffalo at 12:55 a.m. Just under 8 hours sitting in La Guardia. Had a good reasonably priced supper in the airport. Read nearly a whole book. Brought my hard copy of First Off The Tee ? Golfers ask about this!

Huge crowds travelling by air. It was the end of one spring break. Second largest crowd ever seen in an airport at Charlotte. People sitting and sleeping on the floor: no seats left.

Americans are travelling like slobs at least from the holiday areas, sweat shirts, tee shirts, jeans and back packs. Huge carry on bags. One lad carried a set of golf clubs aboard. Don't know where he put them.

Still a fun trip from a different holiday. Poorish weather, two attacks of acute bronchitis, several good nine hole golf games and lots of good food - up 3 lbs.

By the way, the extra cash for first class was wasted.

Your Scribe

New Member Proposals

The following has been proposed for membership in the club.

Week one Notification

Carolyn Gray:
Vice-President, Community Services and Economic Development at Mohawk College.
Proposed by MaryLynn West-Moynes

If she is accepted as a member, it is intended that she will become the "regular" member for Mohawk College when it becomes a Corporate Member of the club.

These membership proposals will be published for two consecutive weeks in the Ambassador. If you have any comments about these prospective members, please contact the Membership Committee chair Geoff Stephenson

From your Sergeant-at-Arms

One of the long standing traditions at Rotary is to recognize members for their personal, professional and civic accomplishments. Having a photograph published in the newspaper, being named to a board of directors or an important promotion would all be good examples. A noteworthy accomplishment by the spouse or other close family may also subject a member to sanction. The member is asked to briefly stand at a regular meeting and then be fined a nominal amount by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Assessing fines on club members is not always a form of punishment. Fines, which are generally a modest amount, are used in a fun way to acknowledge good things that happen to members and also help increase overall funds. REMEMBER.....all monies go to the Presidents fund.....and not into the pocket of your Sergeant-at-Arms. Let your conscience be your guide....if you've been fined and you don't pay....someone is watching! Apply the Four-Way test....or do you know it?

Make certain the Sergeant-at-Arms doesn't over look someone and miss an opportunity to fund the club's worthy initiatives. Report member milestones to Sergeant-at-Arms at **Rotaryrat@hotmail.com**

Thank you too all who have been great sports over the course of the summer and a BIG thanks to all you "Rats"keep em comin!!!! Remember.....we're having fun!

Yours in Rotary;
Peter Quaglia



The Ambassador

The Ambassador is the weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hamilton.. Deadline for articles is Monday each week for publication the following Thursday.

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.

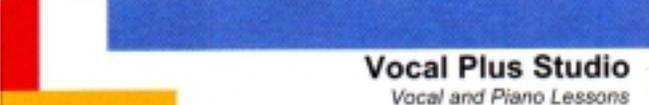
- 31-Mar McMaster University's expansion plans
- 7-Apr Duncan Gillespie, What's happening at HECFI?
- 14-Apr Honorable J. Gerritson
Greenbelt Legislation
- 27-Apr Dr. Peter Steer Children's Hospital
- 5-May Exchange students
- 19-May Gordie Tapp
- 26-May Past President's Day
- 16-Jun John Fisher: Ontario's Garbage Crisis
- 23-Jun Swan Song - Paul Gibel
- 30-Jun Meeting cancelled : Garden Party
- April 5 Spring Uncorked
- May 7: Guess who's Coming to Dinner
- June 7 Golf Tournament

Official Greeters For 2005

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| March - Bill Filer | August - Cuppy Katz |
| April - Tom Gallagher | September - Alan McPherson |
| May - Doug Wright | October - Ginny Mattuzzi |
| June - Mike Orlander | November - Marie Robbins |
| July - Bruno Bricoli | December - David Simpson |

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